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*2508 SECURITY STAFF AT CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

How many incidents requiring the intervention of security staff occurred at the Calvary Mater Hospital in 2015?

Answer—

Security staff are called to assist 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, including escorting visitors from site.

*2509 SECURITY STAFF AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

How many incidents requiring the intervention of security staff occurred at the John Hunter Hospital in 2015?

Answer—

Security staff are called to assist 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, including escorting visitors from site.

*2510 HOSPITAL SECURITY ACTION PLAN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

When can we expect the Hospital Security Action Plan to deliver real, systemic change to the New South Wales health system so that staff and patients will be safe?

Answer—

NSW Health organisations take their Workplace Health and Safety obligations seriously. NSW Health already has a comprehensive policy and legislative framework facilitating a system wide approach to security to ensure that staff, patients and those who interact with the NSW health system are safe.

Work has commenced to progress the Hospital Security 12-point Action Plan which is intended to address emerging issues around security in hospital emergency departments, such as the increasing prevalence of presentations involving "ice" and other psycho stimulants, and ensure NSW Health's policies and practices remain robust and responsive to these emerging issues.

*2511 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

In light of Mission Australia's report finding 1 in 7 of Australia's youth are at risk of homelessness:

- (1) What measures are being considered to reduce youth homelessness?
- (2) What is the current spending allocation directed towards prevention and early intervention strategies for youth at risk of homelessness?

Answer—

(1) In 2015–16, the NSW Government is investing \$55 million in 52 youth-specific homelessness services.

Through the Premier's Priorities, the Government will increase the proportion of young people who successfully move from Specialist Homelessness Services to long-term accommodation by 10%.

(2) All homelessness service providers are contracted to deliver a range of service responses, including prevention and early intervention.

*2513 YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

What steps is the Government taking to provide opportunities for young entrepreneurs under the age of 18 to develop and monetise new ideas?

Answer—

There is substantial work underway across the government and as Minister for Innovation I am working closely with my colleagues the Minister for Industry and the Minister for Skills to provide opportunities for young entrepreneurs in New South Wales

On 24 March 2015, The NSW Government launched public consultation to inform a NSW Government Innovation Strategy. Consultation via an innovative community engagement platform has been designed to be 'user friendly' and is mobile optimised to encourage genuine feedback from a diverse range of community stakeholders, including young entrepreneurs.

In addition, we have partnered with the Advocate for Children & Young People, on direct consultation with young people – resulting in over 40 submissions - on what Innovation means to them. This feedback will also inform the NSW Government Innovation Strategy.

*2514 REPLACEMENT OF INTERCITY TRAINS—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

In relation to the replacement of the aging V-set rolling stock:

- (1) What physical design parameters (i.e the specific maximum or minimum figures for width/height/length) have been mandated in the Government's tender for new rolling stock?
- (2) Are there any plans for the OSCAR rolling stock (which presently services the Blue Mountains line as west as Springwood) to be withdrawn from Blue Mountains line service and reconfigured for suburban services?

Answer—

- (1) The new intercity fleet will need to meet certain design specifications to ensure its effective running on the existing network. This will include aligning with station platforms and being compliant with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport.
- (2) Once the new intercity trains are servicing the Central Coast, Newcastle, Blue Mountains and Illawarra lines, the OSCAR fleet will be made available for Sydney suburban services.

*2515 GOLD OPAL CARDS—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the cost of producing and distributing each Opal card?
- (2) How many Gold Opal cards are in circulation?
- (3) How many Gold Opal cards have been issued to aged pensioners?

Answer—

As of 23 March 2016, more than 960,000 Gold Opal cards have been issued to eligible seniors and pensioners across New South Wales.

*2516 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Have any further extensions to the lease on the premises presently occupied by the Springwood Motor Registry been negotiated and settled upon or does it lapse on 30 April 2016 as earlier advised (reference LA Q1682)?
 - (a) If the lease lapses, will the Motor Registry close down at that time?
- (2) How many permanent staff are employed at the Springwood Motor Registry?
- (3) How many permanent staff are employed at the Lithgow Service NSW centre?
- (4) Will all permanent staff presently employed by the Government in the Springwood Motor Registry be employed automatically and continuously during and after any conversion and/or relocation of the Motor Registry to a Service NSW centre?

Answer—

- (1) The current lease has been extended through to 16 October 2016 to allow the motor registry to continue to operate until a suitable Service NSW site is located.
- (2) As at 29 February 2016, there were 4 staff members at the Springwood motor registry.
- (3) As at 29 February 2016, there were 10 staff members at the Lithgow Service Centre.
- (4) Roads and Maritime staff have the opportunity to apply for positions with Service NSW through a priority assessment process which was signed off by the Public Service Association (PSA) in the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) in March 2013. This was confirmed through a round of hearings in the IRC in late 2014. Service NSW and Roads and Maritime provide support to assist staff who are applying for Service NSW jobs.

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*2517 REINTRODUCTION OF TOLLS ON THE M4 MOTORWAY—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What will the cost of the tolls in each direction be for Blue Mountains motorists driving between:
 - (a) The city?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Penrith?
 - (d) The airport?
- (2) How frequently will the tolls be re-indexed higher (i.e. annually, triennially?)
- (3) What are the specific locations (i.e. at which exits/entries to the M4) of the 14 proposed new toll gates?
- (4) What is the current average travel time for motorists driving from Penrith to the City via the M4?
- (5) What is the anticipated average travel time for motorists travelling from Penrith to the City via toll-free roads (i.e. Great Western Highway or Parramatta Road) once tolls are reapplied on the M4?
- (6) Will the Government privatise the Government owned Sydney Motorway Corporation?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) and (5) This information is available on the WestConnex website.
- (4) This information is available in the Roads and Maritime Services Roads Report, which is available on the RMS website.
- (6) The NSW Government has no plans to sell its shareholding in Sydney Motorway Corporation.

*2518 KEIRAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are you and/or the Department of Education aware of recent vandalism that has taken place at the Keiraville Public School?
- (2) Will the school be allocated the appropriate funding for the installation of security fencing?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A number of strategies were provided to the school after its most recent report of break-and-enter in November 2015. A number of the recommendations have been implemented by the school.

*2519 AUSTINMER PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns raised by the Austinmer School Community regarding the urgent need for school building upgrades?
 - (a) If so, will these urgent school building upgrades be delivered?
 - (i) If so, when are these works planned to start?
 - (ii) If these works have not been planned, then why not?

Answer—

The Department is in the process of reviewing the educational facilities at Austinmer Public School and surrounding schools. Any capital works projects considered necessary to address future demand will be nominated for inclusion in a forward program of works and considered for funding against competing Priorities across the State.

*2520 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much of the \$100 million in the Illawarra Infrastructure fund has been spent as at 25 February 2016?
- (2) For each of the projects that were allocated funds, can you explain what stage the project is up to?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) A reconciliation of Restart NSW will be available in the budget. Construction information is best directed to the relevant agency for each project.

*2521 ADHC AND HOME CARE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

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

Answer—

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

*2522 DUNMORE STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Have public consultations started in regard to the future use of the decommissioned Dunmore Station?
 - (a) If so, on what date?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Which organisations have been involved in the consultations?
- (3) What have been the outcomes of the consultations?
- (4) When will a decision be made on the future use of the Dunmore Station?

Answer—

Consultation was undertaken with a range of stakeholders, including Dunmore residents, Shellharbour Council, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Illawarra Light Railway Museum Society, Australian Railway Historic Society, Tongarra Heritage Society, Train Works and National Trust of Australia.

Consultation took place between July and September last year, and a decision was subsequently made to maintain the site and review its use in five years.

*2523 RESTART ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Ms Anna Watson asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many of the approved projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund have actually commenced construction as at 8 March 2016?
- (2) How much of the \$100 million allocated under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund has been spent as at 8 March 2016?
- (3) What are the reasons for the delays in starting the projects funded under the Restart Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?

Answer—

(1) to (3) A reconciliation of Restart NSW will be available in the budget. Construction information is best directed to the relevant agency for each project.

*2524 CROOME REGIONAL SPORTING COMPLEX—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Did any Illawarra based architects tender for the contract ultimately awarded to Brewster Hjorth Architects for the detailed design of the reconfigured Croome Regional Sporting Complex as part of the proposed Albion Park Rail Bypass?
- (2) What is the total value of the contract awarded to Brewster Hjorth Architects?

Answer—

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services selected tenderers from a NSW Government panel of approved architects. Brewster Hjorth is sub-contracting some of this work to local Illawarra firms.
- (2) Please refer to the Roads and Maritime Services and NSW eTendering websites

*2525 FUTURE OF MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Government had further discussions with the Commonwealth in relation to the future of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link project since the failure of the registrations of interest process in November 2015?
 - (a) If so, with whom have discussions been held and on what dates?
 - (b) If not, why not?

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- (2) What consideration is the Government giving to funding this construction of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link project under the Fixing Country Rail program?
(3) When will a final decision be made on the source of funding for construction of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link project?

Answer—

Transport for NSW undertook a Registration of Interest (RoI) process to identify private sector interest in constructing, operating and maintaining the Maldon to Dombarton railway on a commercially sustainable basis, without NSW Government funding. Transport for NSW received two responses to the RoI. After extensive consideration, Transport for NSW's RoI Evaluation Committee found neither RoI sufficiently met all the published evaluation criteria. The RoI process was managed by an independent RoI manager.

The RoI process has provided Transport for NSW with the contemporary commercial and technical approaches industry would seek to apply to the construction, operation and maintenance of this dedicated freight railway line. This information will be used to inform any future procurement process and the development of funding solutions from the NSW Government, Australian Government or the private sector.

A potential source of NSW Government funding is the Fixing Country Rail program, part of Rebuilding NSW.

On 4 April 2016, the NSW Government invited Expressions of Interest for the \$15 million Fixing Country Rail pilot. The Pilot kick starts the \$400 million Fixing Country Rail program to improve railway infrastructure in regional NSW.

Fixing Country Rail will complement the NSW Government's flagship project Fixing Country Roads, and is all about removing freight pinch points on the country rail network. The program will fund upgrades such as rail sidings, passing loops, opening unused rail lines and track upgrades that enable use of faster, longer and heavier trains.

The program will be vital to supporting efficient and reliable freight to move products from paddock to port thereby reducing costs for producers and local businesses. Expressions of Interest for the Fixing Country Rail Pilot close on 6 May and funding will be made available from June.

Since 2011, more than \$1 billion into the operation and maintenance of the rail Country Regional Network.

Transport for NSW is administering Fixing Country Rail and consulting with NSW Government agencies, local government, Commonwealth Government agencies and independent experts.

- *2526 INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT NOISE BARRIERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What are the criteria for the installation of permanent noise barriers along busy motorways to ameliorate noise pollution for residential estates?

Answer—

Please refer to Roads and Maritime Services' and the Environment Protection Authority's websites.

- *2527 LITTERING TARGETS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Has the Government met the 2016 target in 'NSW 2021: A plan to make NSW number one' to have a reduction of approximately 40 per cent in the number of littered items by 2016, based on 2011-12 data?

Answer—

Data regarding NSW litter reduction in 2016-17 will not be available until August 2017 when the National Litter Index Report is released.

Keeping our Environment Clean is a new Premier's Priority announced in September 2015. The Premier's priority target is to reduce the volume of litter in NSW by 40% by 2020.

- *2528 ELECTRICITY BLACKOUTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How many electricity blackouts occurred in the Granville electorate between 1 July 2014 and 30 July 2015?
(2) How many electricity blackouts occurred in the Granville electorate between 1 July 2015 and 8 March 2016?

- (3) How many electricity blackouts occurred in the following postcode areas between 1 July 2014 and 30 July 2015:
- (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?
- (4) How many electricity blackouts occurred in the following postcode areas between 1 July 2015 and 8 March 2016:
- (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

(1) While Endeavour Energy does not record the number of unplanned interruptions on state or federal electoral boundaries, it does collect this data by local government area (LGA).

While a portion of the Granville electorate is within the Parramatta City LGA, the more significant portion is within the Holroyd LGA. The data in this answer therefore uses the results from the Holroyd LGA as it reflects the overall reliability experience of most customers living in the Granville electorate.

System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) is the average outage duration for each customer which is used internationally as a key indicator of the reliability performance of electricity networks. SAIDI is calculated as the sum of all minutes customers are without supply divided by the total number of customers served by the network.

There were a total of 116 unplanned interruptions between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 in the Holroyd LGA resulting in an average interruption duration (unplanned SAIDI) of 94.6 minutes without supply per customer over the 12 month period.

This result compared favourably to the average unplanned SAIDI across the Endeavour Energy network of 104 minutes in 2014-15 and was similar to the reliability performance of the network servicing the neighbouring Fairfield LGA for the same period.

(2) Please note that reliability results are only currently available for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 January 2016.

There were a total of 92 unplanned interruptions between 1 July 2015 to 31 January 2016 in the Holroyd LGA. This resulted in an average interruption duration (unplanned SAIDI) of 38.5 minutes without supply per customer over the period.

This result was similar to the reliability performance of the network servicing the neighbouring Fairfield LGA for the same period.

(3) See answer to 1 above.

(4) See answer to 2 above

*2529 SERVICE NSW—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many contacts were made by phone by residents of the following postcode areas to the Service NSW call centre in the year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015:
- (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?
- (2) How many contacts made by phone by residents of the following postcode areas to the Service NSW call centre were not completed in the year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015:
- (a) 2124;
 - (b) 2142;
 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?

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- (a) 2124;
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 - (c) 2145;
 - (d) 2160;
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

The number of customer contacts made by telephone to Service NSW by residents in the postcodes listed is not available.

In the 2014/15 financial year over 3.2 million calls were made to the Service NSW contact centres. In the financial year 2015/16 to 8 March 2016, over 2.1 million calls were made to the Service NSW contact centres.

*2530 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What was the average waiting time for a person wishing to take a driving test at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry in February 2016?

Answer—

In February 2016, the average customer wait time for a driver test at Mount Druitt motor registry was 23 days. On 24 March 2016, driver testing at the Mount Druitt motor registry ceased.

Customers can now access driver testing services at the nearby high capacity driver testing hub at Blacktown Service Centre which provides up to 450 driver tests per week with the capacity to provide additional tests if required. In February 2016, the average customer wait time for driver testing at the Blacktown Service Centre was 5 days.

*2531 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much extra money is required by the Department of Justice to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within the existing administrative budget.

*2532 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2533 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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*2534 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Planning—

(1) How much extra money is required by the Department of Planning and Environment to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges which commenced on 4 January 2016?

(2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?

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Answer—

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*2535 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

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*2536 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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*2537 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) How much extra money is required by the Department of Primary Industries to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges which commenced on 4 January 2016?

(2) Has the Department applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?

(a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

Postal charges continue to be met from within the Department of Primary Industry's existing budget.

*2538 DRIVER LICENCE TESTS AT MOUNT DRUITT MOTOR REGISTRY—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What is the total number of driver licence tests taken at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry during 2015?

(2) What is the total number of driver licence tests taken at the Mount Druitt Motor Registry during the months of January and February 2016?

Answer—

In 2015, there were 6066 driver tests booked at the Mount Druitt motor registry. In January and February 2016, 1014 driver tests were booked at the Mount Druitt motor registry.

*2539 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING A CHILD AT RISK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What is your reply to the email of Sun-Jae An of Charislaw sent to you on 16 February 2016 concerning a child at risk case?

Answer—

I am advised that for privacy reasons, the NSW Police Force does not comment on individual's personal information, including correspondence.

Any individual can contact the relevant office to enquiry about their correspondence

*2540 REPORTS RELATING TO CONTROLLED POLICE OPERATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What action will you take in relation to the large number of conduct reports and notifications of the receipt of reports by New South Wales Police relating to controlled operations that are not provided within the statutory time frame and referred to in the Ombudsman's Law Enforcement (Controlled Operation) Act 1997 Annual Report 2014-15?

Answer—

I am advised that the Ombudsman has already raised this issue directly with the Police Commissioner.

*2541 LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES) AMENDMENT ACT 2014—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Why are Schedules 1, 3, 4 and 5.4 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment Act 2014 uncommenced?

Answer—

The Attorney General is the Minister responsible for the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment Act 2014 (LEPRA).

*2542 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCE COMMITTEE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is your response to the recommendation of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Reference Committee that the State enact criminal offences for the recording or sharing of intimate images without consent and for threatening to do so?

Answer—

The Government is considering recommendations of a report from the Commonwealth Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Reference Committee.

*2543 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Why won't you adopt the recommendations of the Productivity Commission to lift the ban on contingency fees on legal costs?

Answer—

The Government will consider representations on the issue from stakeholders if put forward.

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*2548 TOLLS ON THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE AND SYDNEY HARBOUR TUNNEL—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When is the next scheduled indexation of tolls on the Harbour Bridge and Harbour Tunnel due to occur?
- (2) During the period 2014-15 (calendar or financial year) how many motorists paid a Harbour Bridge or Harbour Tunnel toll of:
 - (a) \$4 between 6:30 am and 9:30 am or 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm on weekdays;
 - (b) \$3 between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm on weekdays;
 - (c) \$2.50 between 7:00 pm and 6:30 am on weekdays;
 - (d) \$3 on weekends;
 - (e) \$2.50 on weekends?
- (3) On average, how many southbound journeys over the Harbour Bridge and through the Harbour Tunnel are made by motorists each calendar or financial year?
- (4) On average, what is the aggregate value of all tolls collected across both the Harbour Bridge and Harbour Tunnel each calendar or financial year?

Answer—

- (1) There is currently no scheduled indexation of tolls on the Harbour Bridge or Harbour Tunnel.
- (2) Number of motorists charged in financial year 2014-15:
 - (a) 11,945,248;
 - (b) 11,279,271;
 - (c) 6,363,499;
 - (d) 7,074,074;
 - (e) 2,190,922.
- (3) The average number of southbound journeys, from financial year 2009-10 to 2014-15, is just under 42.8 million.
- (4) The average value of tolls, from financial year 2009-10 to 2014-15, is around \$125 million.

*2549 PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much of the \$100 million Illawarra Infrastructure Fund has been fully spent by successful project proponents as of 1 March 2016?
- (2) Can the Treasurer provide the name of each project funded, the amount of money spent on each project and the date each project will be finished (in table form)?

Answer—

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(1) and (2) A reconciliation of Restart NSW will be available in the budget. Construction information is best directed to the relevant agency for each project.

*2550 GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many reports were made to the Graffiti Hotline from the Wollongong Local Government Area between 1 November 2014 and 1 January 2016?
- (2) What was the total number of reports made to the Graffiti Hotline between 1 November 2014 and 1 January 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that information concerning the Graffiti Hotline can be found at: http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/Pages/cpd/protectcommunity/graffitivandalism/graffiti_hotline.aspx

*2551 BULLI HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health—

When will construction commence on the upgrade of Bulli Hospital?

Answer—

In March 2015, the NSW Government committed \$33.8 million towards the transformation of the Bulli Hospital into an Aged Care Centre of Excellence.

I refer you to LA 1549, and LA 0002 on this matter

*2552 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When will the grass along the length of Memorial Drive between Corrimal and Bulli be mowed?
- (2) How many times per year will this stretch be scheduled for full maintenance?
- (3) What specific weed maintenance is carried out and when was it last undertaken?
- (4) When a report of graffiti is reported on the barrier walls of Memorial Drive what is the target time for removal?
 - (a) If this target is not met, are there any imposed implications for contractors?

Answer—

- (1) The grass was mowed the week commencing 14 March 2016. It is due to be mowed again in May.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services undertakes roadside vegetation maintenance of its assets between four and eight times per year.
- (3) Weeds around guardrail posts, sign posts and guideposts are sprayed with herbicide approximately four times per year. This was last done on Memorial Drive during the week commencing 14 March 2016.
- (4) Roads and Maritime aims to remove graffiti within seven days of receiving a complaint

*2553 SERVICE NSW CORRIMAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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

Answer—

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

*2555 CORRESPONDENCE TO BARBARA ADAMOVICH (HUGHES)—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

What is your response to the letter to you by Barbara Adamovich (Hughes) sent to you by email on 19 February 2016?

Answer—

I have written to Ms Adamovich in response to her letter. Departmental officers have been working with Ms Adamovich and her family to ensure the necessary supports are in place.

*2556 SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) In relation to the Service NSW centres at Parramatta, Auburn, Wetherill Park and Blacktown, what is the average wait time at each centre to conduct the following transactions:
 - (a) Driver licence renewals;
 - (b) Car registration renewals;
 - (c) Birth certificate applications;
 - (d) NSW Housing rental payments?
- (2) How many transactions have been conducted (on a monthly basis) at each office since the office opened?
- (3) In relation to the Silverwater driver test centre, what is the range of waiting periods to book a driving test each month over the last twelve months to 9 March 2016?

Answer—

The approximate overall average customer wait times as at 23 March 2016 and the approximate monthly average number of customers served since each service centre opened are listed below:

- Parramatta Service Centre:
8.5 minutes - 13,700 customers served
- Auburn Service Centre:
10 minutes – 13,000 customers served
- Wetherill Park Service Centre:
7.5 minutes – 18,400 customers served
- Blacktown Service Centre:
8 minutes – 22,200 customers served

The Silverwater Driver Testing Centre opened on 14 December 2015 and the average customer wait time since opening to 9 March 2016 was around 9 days.

*2557 RAILWAY STATION STAFF—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) station staff were located at the following stations as at 31 January 2014:
 - (a) Wentworthville;
 - (b) Westmead;
 - (c) Granville;
 - (d) Clyde;
 - (e) Merrylands;
 - (f) Guildford?
- (2) How many FTE station staff were located at the following stations as at 31 January 2016:
 - (a) Wentworthville;
 - (b) Westmead;
 - (c) Granville;
 - (d) Clyde;
 - (e) Merrylands;
 - (f) Guildford?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to alter the FTE station staff at each station over the next twelve months from 9 March 2016?
 - (a) If so, what are the Government's plans?

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Answer—

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

*2558 URBANGROWTH—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How does UrbanGrowth work with the Government to ensure future residents of its planning projects have access to needed educational facilities?
- (2) How does UrbanGrowth work with the Government so that its planning projects provide educational facilities to meet the growing needs in adjacent areas?
- (3) What proposals are being considered for schools in:
 - (a) The Granville precinct component of the Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Program?
 - (b) The Greater Parramatta to Olympic Park Urban Renewal Area?

Answer—

(1) to (2) UrbanGrowth NSW works closely with other NSW Government agencies such as Transport for NSW, the Department of Education and Training, NSW Health and public utilities to ensure local infrastructure and services can respond to future needs.

(3) a. UrbanGrowth NSW has worked with the Department of Education to identify public school requirements for the Granville Precinct as part of the Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Program. The need for an additional 16 primary school teaching spaces and 11 secondary school teaching spaces and associated support facilities in the Granville Precinct has been identified as a result of this work.

The Department of Education will progress detailed school asset planning to assess where and when these places are required. UrbanGrowth NSW will work with Department of Planning and Department of School Education to finalise planning for schools.

b. I have asked the Greater Sydney Commission to develop the Olympic Corridor Plan in conjunction with the Parramatta Light Rail and the revitalisation and activation of the Parramatta region as Sydney's second CBD through integrated land use decision making, which will include planning for future education needs.

*2559 PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What is the process used to determine the rental thresholds for the Private Rental Subsidy Scheme?
- (2) How does the Government respond to community criticism that these thresholds do not accurately reflect market rental prices in New South Wales (particularly the Inner West) causing considerable stress for tenants looking for a rental home and leaving them with very few rental options?

Answer—

Information on the Private Rental Subsidy Scheme and private rental assistance is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: <http://www.housingpathways.nsw.gov.au>

*2560 RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Why were residents along the proposed Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor not letterboxed to inform them of the Government's plans?
- (2) What did the Government do to ensure non-English speaking residents along the proposed corridor were informed about the proposed rezoning changes?
- (3) Will the Government re-open the exhibition period for the proposed rezoning considering many residents were not informed and should have an opportunity to respond?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning and Environment used a variety of communication channels to provide the community along the proposed Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor with information about the draft Corridor Strategy and to seek their comment on the proposal. These included a project website, social media campaign, community drop-in events, an online survey, media releases, advertising at train stations and in local newspapers, and media coverage in television news broadcasts and both local and major Sydney metropolitan newspapers.
- (2) Key information about the draft Corridor Strategy was translated into Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Greek, Portuguese and Vietnamese and was made available on-line and at the community drop-in

events. Advertisements in Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese were placed in local community newspapers.

- (3) The exhibition process ran from 14 October 2015 until 7 February 2016, giving the community more than three months to have their say. The Department of Planning and Environment will host an additional series of community design workshops during April and May to provide councils and community groups with the opportunity to work with planners from the Department to further clarify and improve the plans. Following these workshops, a revised Corridor Strategy will be released for public comment in the second half of 2016.

*2561 MARRICKVILLE STATION UPGRADE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the timeline for completion of the Marrickville Station upgrade?
- (2) What was the planned timeline for completion of the Marrickville Station upgrade?
- (3) What is the current budget for completion of the Marrickville Station upgrade?
- (4) What was the planned budget for the completion of the Marrickville Station upgrade?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the access provisions made for the duration of the construction of the upgrade make it impossible for those with a mobility impairment to access the city-bound platform and causes significant inconvenience for city-bound passengers?
- (6) How were these access provisions decided?

Answer—

The upgrade of Marrickville Station is on schedule and within budget.

At the completion of the upgrade, Marrickville Station will be fully accessible for the first time. Temporary pedestrian access arrangements were reviewed by Sydney Trains and the contractor during the design stage of the project and the least disruptive option was chosen.

*2562 COMPLAINTS ABOUT INNER WEST BUS SERVICES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many complaints has Transport for NSW received regarding changes made to the Inner West bus services timetable in 2015?
- (2) How many complaints has Transport for NSW received regarding the additional cost to customers required to change modes of transport on account of the Government's changes to bus service timetables and routes?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the media release, "Customer satisfaction hits new highs" dated 23 March 2016.

*2563 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What measures has the Government taken to curtail land speculation by property developers along the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor since releasing its draft plans?
- (2) Is the Government aware that developers have been door knocking local residents and providing misleading information about the plans and the need for homeowners to sell?

Answer—

- (1) The draft strategy is publicly available and provides transparent information about how the corridor will change and develop over the next 20 years which land owners and property developers can use to inform real estate investment decisions. Once the strategy is finalised, a direction under section 117 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act will be put in place to guide rezoning proposals.

- (2) Any complaints about the conduct of real estate agents should be made to the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

*2564 SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS PROGRAM—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) Can the Minister confirm that all schools in the Summer Hill electorate have received at least one flashing set of lights as promised under the School Flashing Lights Program?
- (2) When assessing the roll-out of the second phase of the program, is foot traffic the only criteria used to decide the priority in which schools are provided with flashing lights for secondary pedestrian crossings?

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- (a) If not, what are the other criteria?
- (3) Has the second crossing at Marrickville West Public School across Beauchamp Street been assigned a construction date?

Answer—

The NSW Government has ensured that all schools in NSW, including those in Summer Hill, have at least one set of school zone flashing lights. We have also announced a \$5 million program for the installation of additional sets of flashing lights outside at least 400 schools with multiple busy entrances.

Marrickville West Public School has submitted a nomination for an additional set of school zone flashing lights. Transport for NSW and Roads & Maritime Services are currently working with schools and councils to ensure that the additional flashing lights are installed where their road safety benefits will be maximised.

The School Pedestrian Risk Model is used to inform where to install additional sets of flashing lights. The model is not limited to foot traffic alone – it also assesses factors such as the speed limit, vehicle volumes, lane numbers, sight distance and the type of pedestrian facilities installed. All nominations from schools will be assessed and prioritised using the same model.

*2565 ANZAC PARADE MOORE PARK DIVERSION FOR LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What approval has been given to the temporary diversion of Anzac Parade over Moore Park during construction of the light rail project?
 - (a) How did this occur?
 - (b) When was this given?
- (2) What further approval processes are required before the diversion can go ahead?
- (3) What community consultation occurred prior to 17 February (when the plan was first announced in the media)?
 - (a) Who was this with?
- (4) When was the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust first informed?
 - (a) How did this occur?
- (5) When was the City of Sydney first informed?
 - (a) How did this occur?
- (6) When were cycling groups first informed?
 - (a) How did this occur?
- (7) How long is the diversion expected to last?
- (8) How much land will be alienated for the diversion?
- (9) How long will Moore Park be alienated from public use to prepare and construct the diversion?
- (10) How much land will be alienated for preparation and construction works?
- (11) How long will Moore Park be alienated to remediate the land after the diversion?
- (12) How much land will be alienated for remediation works?
- (13) What limits have been placed on the diversion?
- (14) What fencing will occur around the diverted road, construction and remediation sites?
- (15) What trees will need to be removed?
- (16) What commitments have been made for the remediation after construction?
- (17) By how many months will the diversion reduce the construction time of the light rail project?
- (18) What compensation has been offered to the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust specifically for this diversion, given other compensation is for loss of land and other alienation previously approved?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning and Environment approved the diversion after considering a range of traffic staging options associated with the cut and cover tunnel under Anzac Parade.
 - (a) The Department of Planning and Environment wrote to Transport for NSW.
 - (b) 22 December 2015
- (2) Approval for the Construction Transport Management Plan is required by Roads and Maritime Services and the CBD Coordination Office.
- (3) Community consultation on the change was undertaken in December 2014.
 - (a) The Modification Report was publicly exhibited between 3 December and 17 December 2014.
- (4) Around five months before the final decision was made.

- (a) In regular meetings between the project team and the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.
- (5) December 2014.
 - (a) Occurred concurrent to the public exhibition of the Modification Report.
- (6) December 2014.
 - (a) Occurred concurrent to the public exhibition of the Modification Report.
- (7) 8 months.
- (8) Described in the Environmental Impact Statement.
- (9) 3 months for preparation and 8 months for construction of the tunnel.
- (10) See answer to question 8.
- (11) Land will be rehabilitated as soon as possible in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- (12) See answer to question 8.
- (13) The speed limit will be 40 kilometres per hour at all times, to ensure safety for all road users as they adjust to new road conditions.
- (14) A mixture of hoarding and fencing types will be used around the construction area, as well as steel barriers on the road diversion to improve safety.
- (15) Three *Harpephyllum caffrum* or 'Kaffir Plum' trees and one semi-mature fig tree will be removed from the east side of Anzac Parade. All other tree removals required for the diversion have already been completed.
- (16) The Anzac Parade traffic diversion will be converted to end-state operational arrangements which will include tree plantings, grass, a light rail stop, tunnel entrance, busway and light rail tracks.
- (17) Use of the temporary road will significantly reduce the impact to traffic along the busy connection between the city and the south-east as well as reducing the construction timetable by up to eight months.
- (18) This information is publicly available.

*2567 CYCLING FINES—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—

What is being done to respond to the strong criticism to aspects of the new New South Wales cycling laws, specifically red light fines rising from \$71 to \$425 and fines for riding without a helmet rising from \$71 to \$319?

Answer—

The reforms were developed in close consultation with key stakeholders via a series of roundtables. Unfortunately, every stakeholder could not get 100 per cent of what they wanted. Good government is about making decisions that balance the needs of everyone, not just the wants of a few.

One of the changes that came out of the roundtables was the increased fines. With cycling injuries remaining high in NSW, the Government had no choice but to look at tougher deterrents and increased enforcement to improve safety for cyclists and other road users like pedestrians.

We don't want to see another dollar in fines, but we do hope to see a reduction in cyclist injuries and fatalities. It's pretty straightforward – if you do the right thing, you have nothing to worry about.

*2568 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Did the Government commit \$4 million in 2015-16 to continue planning and pre-construction to widen the Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough?

(a) If yes, what has been the outcome of this process?

(2) What is being done to address the traffic congestion problems on this road?

(3) Will the Government commit to the Hillsborough Road upgrades?

Answer—

The Government announced \$4 million for planning along Hillsborough Road in 2015.

Roads and Maritime Services is currently completing a traffic study for Hillsborough Road, and a wider corridor strategy for State roads between Warners Bay and Charlestown, including Hillsborough Road.

*2569 CHARLESTOWN FIRE STATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Is the Government aware that the building Charlestown firefighters currently operate from is

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outdated and not functional for today's firefighting requirements?

(2) Is the Government aware of the range of maintenance problems in the building including the infiltration of rain water which requires buckets to be placed around the station during wet weather events?

(3) When will the Government announce plans to upgrade the Charlestown Fire Station?

Answer—

Fire & Rescue NSW has advised me that Charlestown Fire Station operates efficiently and there has been no disruption of service to the community. Some repairs have been carried out over the past three years and regular maintenance inspections are taking place.

*2570 TAFE NSW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) How much spending was allocated to TAFE NSW in the 2014/2015 budget?

(2) How much spending was allocated to TAFE NSW in the 2013/2014 budget?

(3) How much was spent on 'executive leadership team positions' for TAFE NSW in the 2014/2015 budget?

(a) If so, why?

(4) What is the Minister's plan to address the skills shortage in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) The TAFE NSW 2014/15 expenditure budget was \$1,861,539 billion.

(2) The TAFE NSW 2013/14 expenditure budget was \$1,842,896 billion.

(3) Information on TAFE NSW Executive positions can be found on page 112 of the TAFE NSW Annual Report: https://www.tafensw.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/11696/TAFE-NSW-Annual-Report-2014-2015.pdf

a. remuneration for senior executive personnel is determined by the NSW Public Service Commission.

(4) The NSW Government is addressing the skills shortage in New South Wales by:

- building a Vocational Education system which directs funding towards qualifications that are linked to jobs, creates training opportunities for more people across NSW and opens up free training to the most vulnerable in society
- investing in TAFE NSW as the public provider while supporting TAFE as it transforms into an efficient, flexible and modern vocational education and training institution.

Subsidising qualifications that are linked to jobs, creating more training opportunities and providing free training to those who need it

Under Smart and Skilled, the NSW Government funds over 740 qualifications that have been identified as supporting jobs which are in demand or in critical niche sectors.

The NSW Government is committed to a vocational education sector that trains students for the future, at a time when the economy and jobs are changing rapidly. Our efforts are focused on improving the jobs prospects and livelihoods of the people of NSW.

The NSW Government is addressing the skills shortage in NSW by increasing opportunities to train and participate. Measures implemented since 1 January 2015 include:

- Investing \$2.3 billion in vocational training and education, supporting over 510,000 training places this financial year.
- \$25 million Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarship, delivering 25,000 scholarships for students to encourage them to enrol in qualifications in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These disciplines make up three-quarters of Australia's fastest growing occupations.
- \$10 million to train 2,000 people for work in disability and community services
- Investing up to \$100 million to increase training options for employers, and support over 47,000 training places for apprentices and trainees.
- Investing a further \$10 million into pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships, targeting school leavers.
- Capped fees for traineeships at \$1,000 from this year; meaning that over 85 per cent of traineeships qualifications on the NSW Skills List are cheaper for students than they were in 2015, with the average saving being \$1,128
- More than halved student fees for seven Foundation Skills qualifications.
- Capped fees for apprenticeships at \$2,000 from 2015.
- \$48 million in fee-free training for young, disadvantaged people, including those from social housing.

- Widening training opportunities to more disadvantaged groups, including young people from out of home care, or retrenched workers in key industry sectors.

There are early signs that this investment is working.

Our \$10 million pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships program was fully subscribed in just seven months, with over 3,800 people taking up free places.

Nearly 20,000 young people are training under our fee-free scholarship program, with over 1,900 of these people coming from social housing.

Our \$100 million investment into apprenticeships and traineeships has seen a turnaround in approvals this year. NSW Department of Industry approvals data for the March 2016 calendar year shows that apprenticeships and traineeships are up by nearly nine per cent compared to the same period last year.

In 2015, there were modest increases in some fees, but this has allowed the NSW Government to create more subsidised places than ever before while opening up free training to more people than ever before.

Fees remain affordable in NSW. The NSW Government pays an average of 90 per cent of the cost of foundation skills, 75 per cent of Certificate II-III, 70 per cent of Certificate IV and 60 per cent of Diplomas.

There has been no increase in fees for students undertaking government-subsidised training under Smart and Skilled in 2016. In November 2015 I announced that fees

for government-subsidised vocational education and training in 2016 will be fixed at the 2015 levels for the majority of qualifications. The 12-month fee freeze is providing confidence and certainty for students.

Claims made by the Opposition that fees for basic courses cost \$4,000 are false. The maximum fee for a Certificate I is \$220, or \$80 concession.

The NSW Government is giving employers more flexibility to choose the training providers who can best deliver government subsidised apprenticeships and traineeships in NSW.

The Opposition believes that all Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses should be free, courses like basket weaving and even hula hooping. This ignores the reality of responsible economic management. Within the next three years, NSW will need 25,000 new skilled workers in the disability sector to support the rollout of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Investing in TAFE NSW as the public provider

The NSW Government is investing over \$1.9 billion in TAFE NSW, a \$122 million increase on last year. This Government's \$2.3 billion investment in both VET and TAFE is a record investment, and is over 11 per cent higher than Labor's last budget.

Under this Government, TAFE's share of total VET expenditure in NSW increased from 82 per cent to 85 per cent this year. Under Labor, more funding was provided to private providers – direct funding doubled from \$100 million in 2005 to \$200 million in 2010.

There is a good story to tell about how the NSW Government, through its \$1.9 billion investment in TAFE, is addressing the skills shortage in NSW.

Leveraging the NSW Government's \$100 million capital works allocation, TAFE NSW is investing in modern, industry-standard facilities, establishing specialist industry centres of excellence and developing online learning portals to provide students with access to training on the latest equipment and technology.

This also helps ensure industry has the skilled workers needed to meet the NSW Government's record \$60 billion infrastructure building program.

The NSW Government is focused on building a strong, modern TAFE that will continue to innovate and train students for not only the jobs of today but those needed in the future.

For example, we have made a \$9 million investment into a new state-of-the-art automotive technology centre that will open at Wetherill Park College in 2016. This will be the largest automotive and heavy vehicle training hub in Sydney.

The NSW Government has made further investments in TAFE facilities in Western Sydney, in the Hunter, in Western NSW, including at:

- Kurri Kurri Campus - Plant and Heavy Vehicle Training Centre – an investment of \$12 million
- Maitland Campus - Centre for Dry Wall Plastering and Associated Trades – worth nearly \$10 million
- Tamworth Campus - Community Services, Health, Plumbing and Disabilities Facilities – worth \$11.1 million
- Albury Campus - New Connected Learning Facilities an investment of \$7.1 million

- Nepean College (Kingswood Campus) - Health and Support Services Facilities worth \$26.4 million.

From 2004 to 2011, under Labor, TAFE's proportion of classroom-based training dropped by 24 per cent to 63 per cent while over the same period, employment-based delivery increased from virtually zero to 16 per cent, and electronic based/online delivery from zero to 18 per cent. This demonstrates that the needs of students and industry have been changing for many years, a fact ignored by successive Labor governments.

TAFE NSW is now responding to this new reality. An example of TAFE's shift towards blended training delivery is at Kingscliff TAFE on the North Coast, where shipping containers have been converted into mobile learning spaces called Portable On-Site Delivery Spaces or PODs. These PODs are used to deliver training in Civil Construction to support jobs on the Pacific Highway construction.

The North Coast TAFE Pacific Highway program has seen more than 800 people complete TAFE Courses in Civil Construction related areas since 2015.

A further example is at the Barangaroo Skills Exchange, an onsite TAFE training centre at Barangaroo, TAFE has partnered with Lendlease and Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council. TAFE coordinates and manages all training activity at Barangaroo, the largest urban renewal project in Australia. 650 apprentices have progressed through this program, and nearly 10,000 workers have undergone training in this centre, achieving nearly 16,000 training outcomes.

More needs to be done to ensure a strong, sustainable TAFE NSW

More needs to be done to ensure TAFE NSW is able to meet the skills needs of NSW in the coming years.

The education and training sector now is radically different to what it was just a decade ago. It is being driven by the rapid adoption and accessibility of new technology, as well as the needs of today's students. TAFE estimates that 57 per cent of all of their students are working, and therefore require greater flexibility in training delivery.

Students are looking for providers that deliver training linked to job outcomes using new ways of teaching and learning that allow for flexibility and accessibility.

Competition for students is higher than it has ever been. Today, TAFE NSW is facing competition from every direction, including private for-profit and not-for profit training providers, community education providers, schools, industry associations and universities.

The uncapping of university places in 2012, and more recently, universities significantly lowering their ATAR entry requirements presents an immediate threat to TAFE's future viability.

Domestically, large private VET providers are in a position to win commercial students from TAFE NSW if it fails to modernise in line with student expectations and industry requirements.

TAFE NSW must adapt now or it will not survive in this new competitive environment to train students for the jobs of tomorrow.

Sixteen years under Labor drove TAFE's operating costs up, such that somewhere between 40 cents and 60 cents in every dollar allocated to TAFE going towards overheads. This means less money going towards frontline teachers and on course delivery, locking people out of training and education opportunities.

TAFE middle management costs in NSW are up to 35 per cent higher than at TAFEs in other states, and 50 per cent higher than at private providers.

Money is being wasted on administration costs, rather than spent on education and training for students in NSW. Every dollar spent on backroom inefficiencies and overheads is a dollar which is taken away from someone who wants to take their first step to get a job; retrain to re-enter the workforce; or upskill to get a better job - and the people of NSW deserve better.

What is the NSW Government doing?

The NSW Government is investing in TAFE - the 2015/16 Budget includes a record \$1.9 billion investment in TAFE along with over \$100 million in new and ongoing major capital works.

We are building a stronger, more efficient, sustainable TAFE NSW so we can give more people the opportunity to train, re-train, or upskill.

We have a new Managing Director, a new Chair and a new Board to the NSW TAFE Commission, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to work with us to make TAFE NSW a more efficient, competitive, and effective training and education provider and help steer the much needed reform.

The new Managing Director is considering ways to reduce TAFE's overheads so that more money goes towards students through additional front line teaching resources.

*2571 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many appeals have been lodged to 9 March 2016 for applications for the School Student Transport scheme for student transport in 2016?
- (2) How many appeals were lodged in 2015 for appeals to applications made for transport to school at the beginning of 2015?

Answer—

Less than 0.3% of applications were appealed in both years.

*2572 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), are officers who assess appeals for applications based in Newcastle or the Hunter?
- (2) Is the assessment of applications under the SSTS now undertaken in Sydney?
 - (a) If so, when did the assessment of applications stop being done from Newcastle or the Hunter?
- (3) When an appeal is lodged, will an officer of the Department of Transport physically attend the location and measure the distance and safety of the location?
 - (a) If not, how is the assessment done?

Answer—

School Student Transport Scheme appeals are decided by an independent panel comprising representatives from the Department of Education and parent groups.

If requested, Transport for NSW provides advice to the appeals panel and utilises a range of tools to assess claims. Staff based in Wollongong and Newcastle, and soon in offices in Dubbo, Tamworth, Coffs Harbour, Queanbeyan and Wagga Wagga, provide on the ground assistance by conducting site visits when required.

*2573 GOLD OPAL CARD—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Gold Opal cards have been distributed since their introduction?
 - (a) What was the number of pensioner tickets purchased across New South Wales for the period January and February 2015?
 - (b) What was the number of trips taken by pensioners on Opal cards across New South Wales for the same period in January and February 2016?

Answer—

- (1) Please refer to my previous answer, LA 2515.
 - (a) Almost 3.6 million.
 - (b) More than 12.5 million Gold Opal trips.

*2574 VANDALISM AT SCHOOLS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which Government schools in the Maitland electorate have suffered break-ins or vandalism damage in the past 12 months to 9 March 2016?
- (2) On how many occasions have each of these schools been broken into?
- (3) Are any of these schools fitted with security systems such as CCTV?
 - (a) If so, which schools have such systems fitted?

Answer—

The publication of this information would compromise the level of security that can be provided to our schools.

*2575 DISABILITY UNITS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which schools (both Government and Non-Government) in the Maitland electorate have special units for students with physical or intellectual disabilities?
- (2) How many students are enrolled in each of these special units?

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Answer—

(1) 10 of the 22 government schools in the Maitland electorate have specialist intellectual and multi-categorical support classes with the capacity to support students with physical or intellectual disability.

The Department of Education does not hold this data for non-government schools.

(2) There are a total of 262 students enrolled in specialist intellectual and multi-categorical support classes.

*2576 HOSPITALS IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

Considering that according to JBA Urban Development Consultants, the Maitland Local Government Area is experiencing the fastest growth rate of any area in New South Wales with the population set to expand by 48 per cent to over 100,000 people in the next 15 years, will:

- (1) The new Maitland Hospital be fit to handle such a growth in population of over 40,000 people?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) With such a large projected growth in population, why is the existing Maitland Hospital earmarked to be shut down?
- (3) How does the Minister intend to manage future health requirements in Maitland?

Answer—

Mr Michael Di Rienzo, Chief Executive, Hunter New England Local Health District (HNE LHD) has advised that plans for the new Maitland Hospital will accommodate growth predictions for the Maitland Local Government Area.

*2577 TRUST MERGERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What savings will be made by the Government over the Treasurer's recent announcement to merge the 76 trusts in New South Wales into one?
- (2) What is the current cost to the Government of leaving the existing trusts in place?
- (3) If the Government chooses to merge these trusts, what will the impact be on councils which currently fund the upkeep of services on these sites?
- (4) How will the Government guarantee local community input into the management of local sites such as Walka Water Works?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The Government made an election commitment to eliminate unnecessary duplication across government, including consolidation of government agencies, bodies, boards and committees and streamlining administration and governance arrangements.

The Government has sort advice from an expert panel and is currently considering recommendations.

No decisions have been made but the Government's primary objective is to ensure the interests of local communities and the future of local assets is protected and enhanced.

*2578 BUCHANAN ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the Government upgrade Buchanan Road from a local road to a state road, considering it is a major exit from the Hunter Expressway, and that commercial premises in the area are increasing and Maitland has a projected population growth of over 48 per cent in the 15 years following 2016?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime Services has been liaising with Maitland City Council and Cessnock City Council about the future classification of Buchanan Road.

Under the Road Classification guidelines, Buchanan Road satisfies the requirements of a Regional Road but not a State Road.

*2579 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many people who are on the waiting list for public housing in the electorate of Auburn have been waiting for:
 - (a) One to two years;

- (b) Two to five years;
 - (c) Five to ten years;
 - (d) More than ten years?
- (2) How many people in the Auburn electorate are waiting for priority housing?
- (a) How long have these people been waiting?

Answer—

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

*2580 TEACHERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many teaching vacancies exist within the following public schools in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (2) What is the proportion of vacancies expressed as a percentage of the total teachers employed at the following public schools in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (3) How many casual teaching positions are unfilled at the following public schools in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

New South Wales public schools are provided with a staffing entitlement of permanent positions. If a teaching position in a school does not have a permanent occupant, the principal will generally engage a suitably qualified casual or temporary employee. The responsibility for employing casual and temporary teachers to cover long term and short term teacher relief lies with the school principal.

*2581 TEACHER SICK LEAVE IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many teaching days were lost in 2012 due to sick leave at the following public schools in the

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electorate of Auburn:

- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (2) How many teaching days were lost in 2013 due to sick leave at the following public schools in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (3) How many teaching days were lost in 2014 due to sick leave at the following public schools in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (4) How many teaching days were lost in 2015 due to sick leave at the following public schools in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

NSW Public schools are provided with a staffing entitlement of permanent positions. If a teaching position in a school does not have a permanent occupant, the Principal will generally engage a suitably qualified casual or temporary employee. The responsibility for employing casual and temporary teachers to cover long term and short term relief needs lies with the school principal.

*2582 EARLY STAGE TEACHERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

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- (1) What is the total number of Early Stage One Teachers in the following public primary schools in the electorate of Auburn?
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Sunning Hill School?
- (2) What is the total number of Stage One Teachers in the following public primary schools in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (3) What is the total number of Stage Two Teachers in the following public primary schools in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?
- (4) What is the total number of Stage Three Teachers in the following public primary schools in the electorate of Auburn?
- (a) Auburn North Public School;
 - (b) Auburn Public School;
 - (c) Auburn West Public School;
 - (d) Berala Public School;
 - (e) Blaxcell Street Public School;
 - (f) Granville East Public School;
 - (g) Lidcombe Public School;
 - (h) Newington Public School;
 - (i) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (j) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (k) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

NSW public schools are provided with a staffing entitlement of permanent positions. Principals make decisions at a local level regarding the staffing of teachers on stages based on the best interests of students.

*2583 STATE DEBT RECOVERY OFFICE ACTIONS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many drivers who reside in the electorate of Auburn have had their licences cancelled or

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suspended by the State Debt Recovery Office in:

- (a) 2012 to 2013;
 - (b) 2013 to 2014;
 - (c) 2014 to 2015?
- (2) How many vehicles that were registered in the electorate of Auburn had their registration cancelled in:
- (a) 2012 to 2013;
 - (b) 2013 to 2014;
 - (c) 2014 to 2015?
- (3) How many residents in the electorate of Auburn had their assets seized or amounts deducted from their salary in:
- (a) 2012 to 2013;
 - (b) 2013 to 2014;
 - (c) 2014 to 2015?

Answer—

Year	Licences suspended	Registrations cancelled	Assets Seized	Wage Deducted
2012-13	6,335	2,592	2	3
2013-14	7,479	2,607	0	67
2014-15	6,191	2,511	0	88

*2584 ROAD BRIDGES 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) When was the last full structural inspection completed on the following road bridges over railway lines in the electorate of Auburn:
- (a) Railway Street bridge in Homebush West;
 - (b) Church Street bridge in Lidcombe;
 - (c) Barker Road bridge, Rookwood;
 - (d) Railway Street bridge, Lidcombe;
 - (e) Station Road bridge, Auburn;
 - (f) The Crescent bridge, Auburn;
 - (g) Jenkins Street bridge, Regents Park;
 - (h) Auburn Road bridge, Regents Park?
- (2) Following the last full structural inspection of road bridges over railway lines in the electorate of Auburn, what specific issues and structural deficiencies were identified at the following locations:
- (a) Railway Street bridge in Homebush West;
 - (b) Church Street bridge in Lidcombe;
 - (c) Barker Road bridge, Rookwood;
 - (d) Railway Street bridge, Lidcombe;
 - (e) Station Road bridge, Auburn;
 - (f) The Crescent bridge, Auburn;
 - (g) Jenkins Street bridge, Regents Park;
 - (h) Auburn Road bridge, Regents Park?
- (3) When is the next full structural inspection of road bridges over railway lines in the electorate of Auburn due at the following locations:
- (a) Railway Street bridge in Homebush West;
 - (b) Church Street bridge in Lidcombe;
 - (c) Barker Road bridge, Rookwood;
 - (d) Railway Street bridge, Lidcombe;
 - (e) Station Road bridge, Auburn;
 - (f) Auburn Road bridge, Regents Park?

Answer—

Routine maintenance inspections are regularly carried out to identify and address potential issues. Detailed inspections and mid-cycle inspections are undertaken on four year cycles so that each bridge is inspected every two years.

*2585 AUSTRALIA AVENUE ROUNDABOUT IN HOMEBUSH WEST—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) In the past four years to 9 March 2016, how many deaths (pedestrian or motor vehicle) have occurred at the Australia Avenue Roundabout in Homebush West?
- (2) In the past four years to 9 March 2016, how many serious injuries (pedestrian or motor vehicle) have occurred at the Australia Avenue Roundabout in Homebush West?
- (3) In the past four years to 9 March 2016, how many injuries (pedestrian or motor vehicle) have occurred at the Australia Avenue Roundabout in Homebush West?
- (4) In the past four years to 9 March 2016, how many traffic incidents (where no injuries were recorded) have occurred at the Australia Avenue Roundabout in Homebush West?
- (5) In the past four years to 9 March 2016, has the Department of Roads and Maritime Services conducted any traffic counts at the Australia Avenue Roundabout in Homebush West?
 - (a) If so, what have been the results of each survey?
 - (b) If no traffic counts have been conducted, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (4) This information is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

(5) The NSW Government has committed \$2 million towards improvements at this location. As part of investigations to reduce congestion at the roundabout, Roads and Maritime Services conducted a traffic count in October 2015.

*2586 RAILWAY BRIDGES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When was the last full structural inspection completed on the following railway bridges in the electorate of Auburn:
 - (a) Church Street, Lidcombe;
 - (b) Olympic Drive, Lidcombe (two railway bridges);
 - (c) Bridge Street, Lidcombe;
 - (d) Vaughn Street, Lidcombe;
 - (e) Kerrs Road, Berala?
- (2) Following the last full structural inspection of railway bridges in the electorate of Auburn, what specific issues and structural deficiencies were identified at the following locations:
 - (a) Church Street, Lidcombe;
 - (b) Olympic Drive, Lidcombe (two railway bridges);
 - (c) Bridge Street, Lidcombe;
 - (d) Vaughn Street, Lidcombe;
 - (e) Kerrs Road, Berala?
- (3) When is the next full structural inspection of road bridges over railway lines in the electorate of Auburn due at the following locations:
 - (a) Church Street, Lidcombe;
 - (b) Olympic Drive, Lidcombe (two railway bridges);
 - (c) Bridge Street, Lidcombe;
 - (d) Vaughn Street, Lidcombe;
 - (e) Kerrs Road, Berala?

Answer—

Routine maintenance inspections are regularly carried out to identify and address potential issues. Detailed inspections and mid-cycle inspections are undertaken on four year cycles so that each bridge is inspected every two years.

*2587 COMPLAINTS REGARDING INCORRECT INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many complaints have the Office of State Revenue received regarding infringement notices issued for incorrect vehicles for the following financial years:

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- (a) July 2013-14;
- (b) July 2014-15;
- (c) July 2015 to February 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that the Office of State Revenue maintains a register of complaints, however the register does not identify when a complaint relates to an incorrect registration number.

*2588 CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FUND—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What was the Government contribution, excluding red and speed light camera revenue, to the Community Road Safety Fund in:
 - (a) 2013-14;
 - (b) 2014-15,
 - (c) Total for 2015-16 as at 9 March 2015?

Answer—

(1) In 2012, the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government established the Community Road Safety Fund. Every cent from speed and red light camera fines flow into the Fund.

As a result, speed and red light camera fines are now hypothecated to the Community Road Safety Fund (not into a Consolidated Fund) and used to fund road safety programs. These programs include:

- Flashing lights for school zones. Today, every eligible school in the state has at least one set of flashing lights.
- The roll-out of high-visibility NSW Police highway patrol vehicles (550 to date).
- Creation of the NSW Police Motorcycle Response Team to service the Sydney and Parramatta CBDs (24 police officers in total); helping to ease traffic congestion and improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Road safety engineering works such as shoulder widening on the Kings Highway.
- Heavy vehicle (truck) compliance and enforcement operations.
- Education campaigns such as Mobile Drug Testing and Get Your Hand Off It.

Excluding fines from speed and red light offence cameras, the NSW Government has invested towards enhanced road safety:

- (a) \$106.8 million in 2013-14
- (b) \$91.3 million in 2014-15
- (c) Revenue information for 2015-16 will be available after 30 June 2016.

*2589 PROJECTS FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What projects will be funded as part of the WestConnex enabling works?
 - (a) What are the budgets for each project?

Answer—

Information about WestConnex enabling works allocation is available in the NSW Government budget papers.

*2590 VALUE OF TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What was the Value of Travel Time Savings (VTTS) used in preparation for the WestConnex business case?
- (2) In which year was the VTTS value referenced to?
- (3) What was the VTTS used in Stream 1 of the WestConnex Road Traffic Model (WRTM)?
- (4) What was the VTTS used in Stream 2 of the WRTM?
- (5) What was the VTTS used in the modelling prepared for the M4 East Environmental Impact Statement?
- (6) What is the VTTS being used in the modelling prepared for the WestConnex Stage 2 Environmental

Impact Statement?

(7) Why is the VTTS used no longer published in the Government's reports?

Answer—

Information relating to the WestConnex Road Traffic Model that is not commercially sensitive is available in the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case.

*2591 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE REPAINT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What is the total cost of the Government's current maintenance plan to repaint the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

(2) What is the Government's current expected completion date for this work?

Answer—

(1) The annual maintenance budget for the Sydney Harbour Bridge is \$19.6 million.

(2) Maintenance work is ongoing.

*2592 PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many properties have been acquired as part of WestConnex:

(a) For Stage 1;

(b) For Stage 2;

(c) For Stage 3?

(2) What was the cost of acquiring properties as part of WestConnex:

(a) For Stage 1;

(b) For Stage 2;

(c) For Stage 3?

Answer—

Please refer to my previous answer, LA 0019

*2593 BENEFITS OF THE WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Why were the benefits of WestConnex increased from \$15 billion in the 'WestConnex - Sydney's next motorway priority - October 2012' to \$25.4 billion in the 'WestConnex - Business Case Executive Summary - September 2013'?

(2) Why did the proportion of benefits change to significantly increase operating benefits?

(3) Why were non-standard benefits to productivity benefits used in the executive summary despite this being against government guidelines?

Answer—

In October 2012, Infrastructure NSW proposed WestConnex as Sydney's next motorway priority. Since then, WestConnex has been through significantly more comprehensive project development including detailed planning, design, traffic modelling and economic analysis, as would be expected for such a large and complex project.

In November 2015, the NSW Government released the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case, showing a strong economic case for the project. The economic assessment conducted for the business case update showed the project has a Cost Benefit Ratio of 1.88 including wider economic impacts and 1.71 without wider economic impacts.

*2595 STORM AT BERKELEY VALE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Will the Minister provide a formal response to my letter (reference 015/16/cw) dated 19 January 2016 and declare the storm, which struck the Berkeley Vale area on 14 January 2016, a natural disaster?

Answer—

I am advised a response has been provided .

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*2596 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Will the Minister be making a response to my letter dated 6 October 2015 (reference 133/15/mp) and 2 March 2016 (reference 133/15/cw) and three telephone calls to your office (on 9 February 2016, 17 February 2016 and 2 March 2016) regarding the time taken for lottery winnings to reach a constituent in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised a response has been issued to Mr Mehan in which indicates the constituent's matter has been resolved.

*2598 STATIONMASTERS COTTAGE AT OURIMBAH STATION—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Is the stationmasters cottage located adjacent to Ourimbah Railway Station the property of, or controlled by, Transport for NSW?

(a) If not, when was the property sold or transferred to another controlling entity?

(b) If controlled by Transport for NSW, why is the property vacant and not included in the current refurbishment of the station?

Answer—

The Ourimbah Stationmasters Cottage is owned by RailCorp. It was not included in the Ourimbah Station refurbishments as the outcomes of a Conservation Strategy, endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW, deemed it not suitable for retention.

*2599 NIAGARA PARK RAILWAY STATION—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Will the Niagara Park Railway Station benefit from the Transport Access Program over the next:

(a) Twelve months from 8 March 2016?

(b) Four years from 8 March 2016?

Answer—

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

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

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*2600 SOLAR PANEL POWERED CAMERAS ON APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Are the solar panel powered cameras located on Appin Road, Rosemeadow, the property of Roads and Maritime Services and for their subsequent use?

Answer—

No.

*2601 COST OF A SYDNEY METRO TICKET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What will be the projected cost of an adult ticket from Bankstown to Barangaroo on the Sydney Metro once the project is completed?

Answer—

Sydney Metro fares will be set as per the rest of the public transport network.

*2602 PINCH POINTS AT INTERSECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) With reference to LA Q0080, have the detailed investigations begun into fixing the pinch points at the intersections of:
 - (a) Fairford Road, Stacey Street and Macauley Avenue in Bankstown;
 - (i) If not, then why not?
 - (b) Stacey Street, Stanley Street and Salvia Avenue in Bankstown?
 - (i) If not, then why not?
- (2) Will construction on fixing these pinch points commence in 2016?
 - (a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime Services started investigations on Stacey Street, Bankstown, between Macauley Avenue and Stanley Street as part of the Gateway to the South Pinch Points Program in late 2015.

Investigations are continuing and design work has commenced to identify the works required to improve these intersections.

Construction will be scheduled following successful completion of project development and design, and community consultation.

*2603 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What are the addresses of social housing properties within the following electorates which have been sold in each of the three years prior to 10 March 2016:
 - (a) Campbelltown;
 - (b) Camden;
 - (c) Liverpool;
 - (d) Macquarie Fields;
 - (e) Holsworthy?
- (2) What was the sale amount of each social housing property that was sold in the following electorates:
 - (a) Campbelltown;
 - (b) Camden;
 - (c) Liverpool;
 - (d) Macquarie Fields;
 - (e) Holsworthy?

Answer—

Sales information about social housing properties is available through Land Property Information (LPI). Further information about social housing can also be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2604 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What are the addresses of social housing properties within the following electorates which have been sold in each of the three years prior to 10 March 2016:
 - (a) Gosford;
 - (b) Wyong;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Terrigal;
 - (e) Swansea?
- (2) What was the sale amount for each social housing property that was sold in the following electorates:
 - (a) Gosford;
 - (b) Wyong;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Terrigal;
 - (e) Swansea?

Answer—

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Sales information is available through Land and Property Information (LPI). Further information about social housing can also be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2605 FUNDING FOR WUNDARRA SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What oversight have you or your office provided to Wundarra Services in the 12 months prior to 10 March 2016 to ensure that contractual obligations with respect to the more than \$2 million in public funding provided are being effectively met?

(a) If not, then why not?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) oversees all out-of-home care (OOHC) agencies using the FACS contract governance framework.

*2606 TELOPIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What is the total number of units to be built at the Telopia Housing development?

(a) What is the breakdown of these units between:

- (i) Private dwellings;
- (ii) Social housing;
- (iii) Affordable housing?

(b) How many of the planned private dwellings are to be:

- (i) One bedroom units;
- (ii) Two bedroom units;
- (iii) Three bedroom units;
- (iv) Four or more bedroom units?

(c) How many of the planned social housing dwellings are to be:

- (i) One bedroom units;
- (ii) Two bedroom units;
- (iii) Three or more bedroom units?

(d) How many of the planned affordable housing dwellings are to be:

- (i) One bedroom units;
- (ii) Two bedroom units;
- (iii) Three or more bedroom units?

Answer—

The NSW Government and Parramatta City Council are working together to develop a master plan to guide the redevelopment of the Telopea precinct.

*2607 CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

On how many occasions in each of the past five years to 10 March 2016 has a pub been utilised by Family and Community Services as a means of crisis accommodation?

Answer—

FACS sources the most appropriate accommodation option available in the location required by the client and works with them to assess their longer term needs.

*2608 SALE OF 35-47 WILSON LANE, DARLINGTON—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Why were the social housing properties at 35-47 Wilson Lane, Darlington, recently sold?

(2) Who was the purchaser of these properties?

(3) What was the overall sale amount?

(4) How much of the overall sale amount has been redirected to increasing social housing stock within the vicinity of the Sydney Central Business District?

Answer—

The private owners approached NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and a decision was jointly made to sell the property.

Proceeds from the sale of social housing properties are reinvested in the social housing system.

*2609 SALE OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What are the addresses of social housing properties within the following electorates which have been sold in each of the three years prior to 10 March 2016:
 - (a) Blue Mountains;
 - (b) Londonderry;
 - (c) Mt Druitt;
 - (d) Mulgoa;
 - (e) Penrith?
- (2) What was the sale amount for each social housing property that was sold in the following electorates:
 - (a) Blue Mountains;
 - (b) Londonderry;
 - (c) Mt Druitt;
 - (d) Mulgoa;
 - (e) Penrith?

Answer—

Sales information about social housing properties is available through Land Property Information (LPI). Further information about social housing can also be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2610 WOMEN'S FAMILY LAW SUPPORT SERVICE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Has any funding agreement been reached to maintain funding to the Women's Family Law Support Service in the Family Court?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to a question without notice from the Member for Balmain on 10 March 2016.

*2611 SAFER PATHWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Kate Washington 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 intend to expand the Safer Pathways program beyond the current six launch sites:
 - (a) If so, when will the expansion occur?
 - (b) If so, which Local Area Commands will be next on the rollout?
 - (c) If so, will the expanded sites host a model which is the same as is currently operating in the launch sites?
 - (i) If not, how will they differ?

Answer—

The Government will announce any planned expansion of Safer Pathway in due course.

*2612 PETROLEUM LICENCE 458—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) Is the Government aware of the plans of the current owner of Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 458?
- (2) Is there any mining or investigative activity currently being undertaken within PEL 458?
 - (a) If so, what are the details of the nature and location of the activity?
- (3) If there is no current mining or investigative activity, does the Government anticipate coal seam gas mining will occur within PEL 458?
- (4) Will the Government consider a buy-back of PEL 458 given its coverage of significant residential, commercial and agricultural areas?
 - (a) If so, when is this likely to occur?

Answer—

(1) The authority PEL 458 is a current petroleum exploration licence that is due to expire on 6 June 2016. If the title holder elects to apply for renewal of the authority, they will be required to submit their renewal

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application not earlier than two months and not later than one month before the authority ceases to have effect (ie: between 6 April and 6 May 2016). However, the Government cannot verify the intentions of the title holder in respect of renewal of the authority, or in respect of the intended work program for the renewal period, until an application for renewal is received.

(2) The authority PEL 458 is subject to a current work program which was submitted and approved at the last renewal of this authority. The authority is a petroleum exploration licence, which authorises the title holder to conduct petroleum exploration activities but not mining or production activities. There are no mining or production activities being conducted within PEL 458.

The title holder was authorised to conduct petroleum exploration activities in the current renewal period (June 2011 to June 2016), which included principally community consultation, technical evaluations, and drilling to test for coal seam gas (CSG) potential. The title holder has not conducted any drilling activities during the current term of tenure to investigate the CSG potential of this authority.

Activities on the ground have been limited to community consultation and rehabilitation, including plug and abandonment, of the existing Fullerton-3 exploration well.

(3) The Government cannot anticipate the intentions of the title holder in respect of PEL 458, the potential future exploration proposals of the title holder. The Government can advise that CSG activity exclusion zones will be enforced. These exclusion zones include the equine and viticulture critical industry cluster lands, 2km exclusion zones around residential, rural village and residential growth area lands and 2.8 million hectares of biophysical strategic agricultural land.

(4) The Buy-back Scheme under the NSW Gas Plan ceased on 30 September 2015. The Government stated that it would assess, on a case by case basis, any request from a title holder, received after that date.

*2613 MULTILINGUAL POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many Police Officers in New South Wales speak a language other than English?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

1,514 Police Officers have voluntarily advised that they speak a language other than English.

*2614 PROVISIONS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What provisions are in place for the New South Wales Police to engage with multiculturally and linguistically diverse communities throughout the state?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force website and annual reports feature detailed information on police policies and services in regard to policing in a culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse society.

*2615 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS IN WESTERN AND SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What is the allocated number of Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs) in each of the following Local Area Commands (LACs):

- (a) Bankstown LAC;
- (b) Parramatta LAC;
- (c) Holroyd LAC;
- (d) Fairfield LAC;
- (e) Cabramatta LAC;
- (f) Green Valley LAC;
- (g) Liverpool LAC;
- (h) Blacktown LAC;
- (i) Mount Druitt LAC;
- (j) Penrith LAC;
- (k) Campbelltown LAC?

Answer—

All Local Area Commands have Domestic Violence Liaison Officers. The NSW Government committed to increasing NSW Police Force officers by 2018 including a team dedicated to tackling domestic and family violence. The NSW Police Force is currently in the process of rolling out these positions.

*2616 STRATEGIES TO ENCOURAGE ENROLLMENT IN THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What new strategies has the Government implemented in order to promote and encourage young adults to look towards the New South Wales Police Force as a fulfilling career choice?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) uses a number of strategies to promote policing as a career including but not limited to:

- a regularly updated, mobile-compatible multimedia recruitment website at www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment;
- promotion via the Charles Sturt University website;
- promotion via NSWPF approved Facebook pages;
- participation with various NSWPF Media Units in TV/radio visits to the Police Academy;
- collaboration with TAFE Western for the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program;
- participation in the Community Awareness of Policing Program;
- attendance at marketing and career events.

*2617 GRADUATES FROM THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE ACADEMY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many cohorts graduated from the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn in:

- (a) 2010;
- (b) 2011;
- (c) 2012;
- (d) 2013;
- (e) 2014;
- (f) 2015?

Answer—

New Probationary Constables are deployed in May, August and December each year to replace and add to existing police numbers. There are therefore three cohorts per year.

*2618 PROJECTED GRADUATES FROM THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE ACADEMY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many cohorts are projected to graduate from the New South Wales Police Academy in Goulburn in:

- (a) 2016;
- (b) 2017?

Answer—

There will be three cohorts graduating in 2016 and 2017.

*2619 POLICE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

Will any Local Area Commands be required to change their name as a result of council amalgamations?

Answer—

The council boundary review process is still ongoing. No decision has been made on any merger proposal.

*2620 STRATEGIES FOR NSW POLICE FORCE WORKING WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What strategies have the NSW Police Force put in place to work with Aboriginal communities across

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Answer—

The NSW Police Force website, www.police.nsw.gov.au, contains detailed information on this subject.

*2621 NUMBERS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFICERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many Domestic Violence Liaison Officers are there across New South Wales for each of the years from 2014 to 2016 (to 10 March 2016)?

Answer—

All Local Area Commands have at least one Domestic Violence Liaison Officer position, deployed according to operational need.

On 5 March 2015 the Government committed to increasing the NSW Police Force by 310 officers by 2018. The NSW Police Force is currently in the process of rolling out these positions.

*2623 PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR WESTCONNEX IN ST PETERS—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) Can the Minister explain why properties have been compulsorily acquired by Roads and Maritime Services in St. Peters given that work on that stage of WestConnex is not scheduled to commence until 2017?
- (2) Can the Minister explain why the Newtown police are patrolling empty properties that have been acquired by WestConnex and asking residents to inform them if these properties are populated by squatters?
- (3) Has Roads and Maritime Services rented out any properties that have been compulsorily acquired for WestConnex prior to work commencing?
- (4) Does Roads and Maritime Services intend to rent out any properties that have been compulsorily acquired for WestConnex?

Answer—

(1) Properties have been compulsorily acquired for the New M5 in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 to provide site access to builders to ensure completion by December 2019.

(2) Some vacant properties have been patrolled to ensure the safety of the community.

(3) and (4) Please refer to my previous response, LA 2307.

*2624 BUSES IN THE METROPOLITAN AND OUTER SYDNEY AREAS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Can the Minister give an indication of when the ongoing roll out of accessible State Transit and contracted buses in the metropolitan and outer Sydney areas will be complete?
- (2) When will buses on the 428 route and other routes servicing Newtown be fully accessible?

Answer—

Since coming to Government, more than 1,000 new buses have been introduced at a cost of more than \$450 million. All new buses introduced into service are accessible. State Transit and private bus operators in the metropolitan and outer Sydney areas currently exceed the legislated minimum accessibility requirements.

*2625 NEW M5 AND M4 EAST—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Can the Minister explain how Roads and Maritime Services plan to address the fact that WestConnex Environmental Impact Statement documents for the New M5 and M4 East indicate that there will be a significant increase in local trip generation which needs to be 'accommodated in the network'?
- (2) How does the Minister justify approving the M4 East considering the lack of any detailed analysis of the impact on local roads outside the WestConnex scope of works?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the traffic modelling for the M4 East is accurate considering that the company responsible for this modelling, AECOM, has publicly stated it will no longer provide traffic modelling given the lawsuits against it regarding the highly inaccurate modelling done for the Brisbane Clem7 tunnel?

- (4) Have the Minister and the Department of Planning properly accounted for the severe and lasting impact that the construction and operations of the M4 East will have on local communities and schools, childcare centres and sports fields which are adjacent to the route?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, being the Minister responsible for Roads and Maritime Services.
- (2) The EIS for the M4 East included a detailed traffic and transport assessment which included an assessment of traffic impacts on local roads and intersections that are in proximity to the tunnel interchanges. The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Report from the Department of Planning and Environment considered local traffic impacts. Conditions of the consent are also directed toward local traffic impacts.
- (3) The Department of Planning and Environment reviewed the traffic predictions in making its recommendation on the project. The conditions of approval include a series of requirements to manage traffic once the tunnels commence operation. The approval requires implementation of a Road Network Performance Review Plan to protect local amenity and access.
- (4) The Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of the project included a detailed consideration of social impacts. The conditions of approval protect local amenity, and require the project to provide a net increase in trees, and in comparable and functional open space. In addition, a Community and Social Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with the relevant council and communities, that sets out initiatives to enhance open space and accessibility of the public realm, and provide support to local community groups and community initiatives. Noise, traffic, air, and flora and fauna impacts will be controlled in accordance with detailed construction and operational environmental management plans.

*2626 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELOCATION OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Did the Minister or the Minister's office initially request a tethered cow (or cows) be included/present when the announcement was made at the Western Sydney University (WSU) Hawkesbury campus on 18 November 2015 concerning the relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to the site?
 - (a) If yes, why did the Minister or the Minister's office formally advise WSU that the tethered cow was no longer required?

Answer—

The announcement was arranged and scheduled for 18 November 2015.

*2627 LAND IN GLENFIELD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

Will the Minister hold a public inquiry, similar to that convened by Mal Peters, into his proposal to sell off the land at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Glenfield?

Answer—

No.

*2628 SPLIT OR SHARE SUBJECTS IN STATE HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Which State high schools in the Macquarie Fields electorate split or share subject classes between different teachers?
- (2) For each high school that splits or shares subject classes across a number of teachers:
 - (a) How many individual classes are split for each of the Years 7 to 12?
 - (b) What subjects are split?
 - (c) How many teachers instruct each class?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not collect this data centrally.

*2629 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Did representatives from Western Sydney University (the University) meet with the Minister or make representations relating to the retention of the 'Hurlstone' school name to be retained at Glenfield?
 - (a) If a meeting or representations occurred:

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- (i) When did the meeting occur?
- (ii) When were representations received?
- (2) Has the University stated to the Minister that it does not require nor necessarily support the moving of the 'Hurlstone' name to the proposed new high school at its Hawkesbury campus?
 - (a) If yes, what is the Minister's response to the University's position of retaining the 'Hurlstone' name at Glenfield?

Answer—

(1) to (2) The new Hurlstone Agricultural High School will remain synonymous with high quality agricultural studies.

The name of the academically selective high school at Glenfield will be determined following community consultation.

*2630 PAT MAHONY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What role or position did Pat Mahony hold within the Minister's Department on 18 November 2015?
- (2) What work was Mr Mahony employed to complete on 18 November 2015?
- (3) Is Mr Mahony still employed by the Department?
 - (a) If yes, what work is he currently completing?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Mr Mahony is a retired Director, Public Schools NSW, and is employed by the Department of Education in a casual capacity.

*2631 SALE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND AND SITES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

What public school land and sites is the Minister currently planning to sell?

Answer—

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

*2632 MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY HAWKESBURY CAMPUS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Who attended the Minister's meeting/visit to the University of Western Sydney, (UWS) now Western Sydney University (WSU), Hawkesbury Campus on 20 May 2015?
- (2) Was the primary purpose of this visit/meeting to discuss the closure of Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield and its transfer to the UWS (now WSU) at Hawkesbury?
 - (a) If yes, why didn't the Minister list this as the purpose of his meeting in his publicly available meeting diary rather than 'Meeting regarding education delivery'?
- (3) What purpose does the Minister's publicly available diary serve?
- (4) Were minutes taken or kept of the briefing held in Room R1?
 - (a) If yes, will these minutes be released publicly?

Answer—

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

*2633 TOCAL COLLEGE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Has the Minister ever had discussions, meetings or briefings regarding moving Tocal College to Western Sydney University - Hawkesbury Campus?
 - (a) If yes:
 - (i) When did the meetings take place?
 - (ii) Who was present?
 - (iii) Were minutes taken?
 - (iv) Will these minutes be publicly released?

Answer—

No.

*2634 CATHOLIC CEMETERIES TRUST—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Is the Catholic Cemeteries Trust able to use funds raised at one of the cemeteries it manages (for example through the sale of burial plots, fees and other services) for purposes (such as maintenance) at another cemetery it manages?
- (2) Are records kept of the transfer of funds between cemeteries that the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust manages?
 - (a) If yes, where are these records kept and how can the public access these records?
- (3) Does any other entity of the Catholic Church or the Government raise funds through services associated with cemeteries managed by the Catholic Cemeteries Trust, including, but not limited to, tourism and other activities?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
- (2) The Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust is not required to account for its revenues in those terms.
- (2) (a) The Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust's annual report is publicly available, including audited financial statements detailing the Trust's operations, revenues and expenditures.
- (3) The Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation 2014 provides for collection by the NSW Government of interment service levies associated with Crown cemeteries managed by the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust.

The Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 also provides for the payment of contributions by the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries to the Rookwood Necropolis Trust. These are funds associated with cemetery and crematorium activities.

All the activities of the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust are related to the interment of the deceased. The Trust does not conduct any tourism related activities. The Trust indicates that no entities of the Catholic Church raise funds from services associated with their cemeteries.

*2635 SYDNEY MODERN PROJECT SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What consultation did the Government have with arts communities and architects about finding a site for the Art Gallery of New South Wales Sydney Modern Project?
- (2) Who was consulted and what key feedback was received?
- (3) What consideration was given to finding a less intrusive location for the project that does not remove much needed public open space?
- (4) What consideration was given to a satellite facility elsewhere in the city?
- (5) What sites were considered and why were they not selected?
- (6) What further work will occur to prevent the project resulting in a loss of much needed public and green open space?

Answer—

The Art Gallery of NSW has developed plans for the Sydney Modern project as part of the Gallery's Strategic Master Plan. Information about the Sydney Modern Project is available on the Art Gallery of NSW website.

*2636 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made about demand for palliative care services?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made about unmet need for home-based palliative support?
- (3) What home-based palliative care services does the Government provide or fund for inner Sydney?
 - (a) To what extent does this meet community need?
- (4) What current plans does the Government have to expand existing inner city services?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to increase the availability of home-based palliative care?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) The NSW Government Plan to increase access to palliative care 2012-2016 notes that approximately 70 per cent of people indicate that they want to die at home, but only 16 per cent do so. In

response, the NSW Government established the Last-Days-of-Life Home Support Service to enhance care provided by local specialist palliative care services and other health care providers.

This service provides home-based support so that more people can be cared for at home as they approach the end of their life if this is their wish. More than 280 packages of support have been delivered in local health districts covering the inner Sydney area since the commencement of the program in November 2013.

In 2015, the Government committed an additional \$20 million to continue to provide the Last-Days-of-Life Home Support Service beyond 2016, including in inner Sydney areas.

*2637 STREET TREE PRUNING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What rules apply to protect street trees from destructive pruning in inner city areas where there is limited separation space?
- (2) What requirements are there for network operators to bundle cables to reduce impact on trees?
- (3) What other measures are considered in order to reduce impacts on street trees in the inner city?
- (4) What liaison with council arborists is required before street trees are pruned?
- (5) What liaison with local residents is required before street trees are pruned?
- (6) What assessment is carried out on the impacts of street tree pruning, including death of pruned trees?
- (7) When were the guidelines for contractors last updated and what changes have been made to better protect street trees in the inner city?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to better protect inner city street trees from destructive pruning?

Answer—

(1) Trees that grow through or near overhead electricity mains can cause a serious hazard to the public and may adversely affect the reliability of the electricity supply. Ausgrid's responsibility to manage vegetation growing near its assets is mandated under the NSW Electricity Supply Act 1995 and Ausgrid's Tree Safety Management Plan, developed in accordance with the Electrical Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014.

Vegetation clearance requirements around Ausgrid's overhead network are set in NSW by ISSC3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation near Powerlines (ISSC3). The Australian Standard 4373 - Pruning of Amenity Trees (AS4373) also requires branches to be trimmed at the nearest growth or collar point to protect trees from infection or disease. Vegetation management is overseen by qualified arborists employed by Ausgrid and its contractors.

(2) Installation of aerial bundled cables (ABC) reduces minimum vegetation clearances required between trees and conductors. Since 2000, Ausgrid has installed more than 300 kilometres of low-voltage ABC. Some of these works are funded by local councils or the customer requesting the replacement of the overhead network.

(3) Ausgrid has recently reviewed the vegetation clearance requirements for ABC outside bushfire-prone areas and determined, based on the lower risk, that the additional clearance requirement to accommodate regrowth should be limited to a maximum of 0.5 metres. Tree trimming contractors have been notified that the total clearance requirement from low-voltage ABC should therefore be limited to one metre, noting the need to comply with AS4373 which requires branches to be removed to the nearest collar or growth point. Where possible, consideration should also be given to "hedging" epicormic growth around ABC, to encourage revegetation and reduce the impact on visual amenity.

(4) Councils are advised of programmed tree trimming works in advance so they can determine where extensive pruning of street trees is required to establish safety clearances. This allows Councils to consider asking Ausgrid to replace bare low-voltage overhead mains with ABC in those locations, or investigate whether inappropriate species planted directly under the electricity network should be removed and replaced, at Council's expense. Contractors should also refer the proposed removal of significant limbs to Ausgrid's arborist for risk assessment and consultation with Council.

(5) Notification of upcoming powerline vegetation management works is provided by Ausgrid to the relevant local Council through regular reporting, meetings and correspondence. Individual residents are notified of upcoming vegetation management works when their property needs to be accessed.

(6) Regular site inspections and random audits are performed by Ausgrid's qualified arborist, contract officers and management to assess the standard of pruning by vegetation management contractors and its compliance with these standards. Ausgrid also has a tree removal program targeting hazardous trees including inappropriate species planted underneath the network which will not respond well to pruning.

Ausgrid has advised it is not aware of any trees that have died as a direct result of pruning by Ausgrid contractors.

(7) New vegetation requirements for the three NSW electricity distribution businesses came into effect on 1 July 2015. These provided updated guidelines for the management of trees growing around electricity networks in NSW, particularly for long spans and bushfire-prone areas. In non-bushfire prone areas, Ausgrid recently reviewed the vegetation clearance requirements for low-voltage ABC and has advised their contractors that, based on the lower risk of this type of conductor, allowances for regrowth should be reduced and the total clearance requirement limited to one metre.

(8) The Government through the Electricity Supply Act requires the distributors to maintain safe operations of their networks as a priority but understands the value people place on street trees. To this end, part 5 of the Electrical Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014 is dedicated to tree preservation, including the development by distributors of tree management plans. Recently Ausgrid commenced an engagement program to better understand the community's interests in how they manage vegetation growing too close to live powerlines. Feedback is being reviewed and Ausgrid is considering how this can inform improvements as to how trees around its electricity network are managed, including better ongoing engagement with the community.

*2638 ON-STREET RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What information is required to be provided to real estate buyers where the property is not eligible for on-street residential parking permits?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that everyone who buys a home without rights to an on-street residential parking scheme permit are informed?
- (3) What redress options are available for property buyers who are not informed about restricted access to on-street parking?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure better information is available to inform property buyers if they may not be eligible for on-street parking permits?

Answer—

- (1) There is no requirement under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 for an agent to ascertain whether a property offered for sale is eligible for an on-street parking permit and inform prospective buyers. However agents are not allowed to misrepresent the characteristics of properties offered for sale and cannot intentionally mislead potential purchasers that there is access to on-street when there is not.
- (2) Much of the information necessary for prospective buyers to make informed decisions will be provided to them by solicitors, financial advisors, conveyancers, surveyors, and/or through building or pest inspections they commission. Prospective buyers are encouraged to undertake their own checks, including making relevant enquiries with the local council.
- (3) Buyers may wish to seek independent legal advice to discuss any options available to them. Failure by an agent to disclose this information would not be a breach of real estate laws, however if an agent were to advise a prospective buyer that on-street parking permits were available when they were not, this may constitute a breach of the legislation.
- (4) NSW Fair Trading currently provides information about the need for prospective buyers to undertake due diligence before purchasing a property. For example, the NSW Fair Trading website contains a video titled 'Do your homework when buying or building a home'. This video contains comprehensive advice about the matters a potential purchaser needs to consider before purchasing a property, including the need to talk to the local council about matters relating to the local area.

*2639 MODEL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR POULTRY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What progress has occurred on the review of the Model Code of Practice for Poultry that began by the Agriculture Ministers' Forum in April 2015?
- (2) What consultation has occurred with battery hen producers?
- (3) What consultation has occurred with free range egg producers?
- (4) What consultation has occurred with animal welfare and animal protection groups?
- (5) What further work is still required before a final new code of standards and guidelines will be available?
- (6) To what extent will a ban on confining hens in battery cages be considered?
- (7) What position is the Government pushing?

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Answer—

- (1) A draft of the Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry was considered by a national Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) in March 2016.
- (2) Caged hen producers have been consulted and were represented on the SAG.
- (3) Free range egg producers have been consulted and were represented on the SAG.
- (4) RSPCA Australia and Animals Australia have been consulted and were represented on the SAG.
- (5) Draft Standards and Guidelines and a Regulatory Impact Statement will be released for public consultation in late 2016 with the aim of finalising the documents for Ministerial endorsement in October 2017.
- (6) All forms of poultry housing are being considered, including layer cages.
- (7) All forms of poultry housing are being considered.

*2640 USE OF THE TIBBY COTTER BRIDGE—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) How does the Government monitor use of the Tibby Cotter Bridge by pedestrians and cyclists?
- (2) How many pedestrian trips are made across the bridge on an average weekday when there are no events?
- (3) How many pedestrian trips are made across the bridge on an average Saturday or Sunday when there are no events?
- (4) How many bicycle trips are made across the bridge on an average weekday when there are no events?
- (5) How many bicycle trips are made across the bridge on an average Saturday or Sunday when there are no events?
- (6) Which event attracted the largest number of pedestrian trips across the bridge?
 - (a) How many pedestrian trips occurred for this event?
- (7) What is the average number of pedestrian trips across the bridge for events since it was opened?
- (8) To what extent has the number of pedestrians using the bridge for events to cross Anzac Parade been compared to the number of pedestrians crossing Anzac Parade at the lights at its intersection with Moore Park Road, Fitzroy Street and Flinders Street?

Answer—

Albert Tibby Cotter Walkway is designed and built as a fit for purpose pedestrian and cyclist bridge. Please refer to my previous responses to Questions Without Notice on 23 June and 17 September 2015, and my response to Supplementary Budget Estimates question 217

*2642 LIGHT RAIL IMPACTS ON MOORE PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What permanent structures are proposed to be built on Moore Park?
- (2) What are their locations?
- (3) Is consideration being given to additional permanent structures on Moore Park?
 - (a) If so, what are their exact locations?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of rehabilitation of Moore Park as a result of the light rail project?
- (5) When will a rehabilitation plan for Moore Park be released that identifies activities, timeframes, responsibility and costs?

Answer—

- (1) A light rail stop, track, traction power substations, tunnel, pedestrian footbridge, pedestrian subway to access the stop, pedestrian pathways, operations control centre, and a drivers' facility.
- (2) Moore Park East will have the light rail stop, track, pedestrian subway, footbridge which connects to Moore Park West, pedestrian pathways, operations control centre, a traction power substation, and drivers' facility. Moore Park West will have a traction power substation, tunnel, pedestrian pathways, and pedestrian footbridge.
- (3) No.
- (4) The rehabilitation works fall within the project budget.
- (5) The Environmental Impact Statement and subsequent Submissions Report refer to the rehabilitation of all construction compounds, including Moore Park. The community and other affected stakeholders will continue to be closely consulted to minimise the impact of construction.

*2643 LGBTIQ RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOMES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that many elderly LGBTIQ residents in nursing homes and aged-care facilities experience discrimination and prejudice, often having to "go back in the closet," with implications for their mental health and physical well-being?
- (2) What measures has the Government considered to protect and assist LGBTIQ residents of aged-care facilities in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Commonwealth Government has had responsibility for residential aged care since 1 July 2012. I am advised the Commonwealth launched the National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Ageing and Aged Care Strategy in 2012. The Strategy informs the way the Commonwealth Government supports the aged care sector to deliver care that is sensitive to, and inclusive of, the needs of LGBTI people, their families and carers. Information on the strategy is available on the Commonwealth Government Department of Social Services website, and further queries can be directed to the Commonwealth Minister for Aged Care, the Honourable Sussan Ley MP.

*2644 MAINTENANCE OF TREES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the total amount New South Wales schools paid from their school budgets to maintain trees in the 2014-2015 financial year?
- (2) What is the total amount public schools in the Summer Hill electorate paid from their school budgets to maintain trees in the 2014-2015 financial year?
- (3) Does the Government concede requiring school principals to pay for tree maintenance out of their general school budgets may pose an additional risk to student and staff safety?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education does not hold this information centrally.
- (2) The Department of Education does not hold this information centrally.
- (3) No.

*2645 CHANGES TO STRATA LAWS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What measures has the Government introduced to ensure elderly and vulnerable homeowners are not forced to sell their units because of the recent changes the Government made to strata laws requiring only 75 per cent of owners to agree to the sale of a building?
- (2) What compensation or assistance is the Government planning to provide to residents forced to sell under these circumstances?
- (3) What provisions has the Government made to ensure that buildings sold under these circumstances allow for a growth in density and affordable housing?

Answer—

(1) The collective sale and renewal scheme has been designed to ensure that homeowners, including the elderly and vulnerable, are provided with sufficient opportunity to consider the prospect of collective sale or renewal and any particular proposal and have time to seek independent advice on particular offers.

The amendments firstly require existing strata schemes to opt in to the collective sale process. They then must agree at a general meeting, to further investigate any proposal. A strata renewal committee must be established to develop a proposal to be put before the owners corporation, who must agree by special resolution to give the plan to owners for consideration. Owners then have a minimum of 60 days in which to consider the plan and seek advice if they wish. If 75 per cent of owners agree to the terms of the sale, a general resolution is then required to apply to the Land and Environment Court (the Court) for an order confirming the plan.

Before making an order for the collective sale, the Court must be satisfied that any relationship between the owners and the purchaser has not prevented the plan being developed in good faith.

The Court must also be satisfied that the proposed distribution of proceeds of sale apportioned to each lot is not less than the compensation value of the lot, and that the terms of settlement are just and equitable in all the circumstances. The Court will take the views of dissenting owners into account, and can also order

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mediation or arrange a conciliation conference in relation to an application. If the Court declines to make an order, the plan lapses and cannot be given to the owners corporation again for 12 months.

(2) The price paid to lot owners under a renewal plan will be by agreement between the prospective buyer and the owners. Under the scheme, lot owners will have ample opportunity to evaluate any offer, and any competing offer from other interested developers, and to seek independent advice before agreeing to a proposed sale price.

As an added protection, the Court must be satisfied that the terms of the settlement are 'just and equitable' in all the circumstances. To ensure a fair and reasonable settlement for owners (including dissenting owners) in a collective sale, settlement must be based on, and be no less than, the 'compensation value', the amount an owner would receive under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 had their land been compulsorily acquired.

This includes the market value of the lot, compensation for 'disturbance', including expenditure relating to legal fees, necessary valuations, reasonable moving costs and stamp duty and mortgage costs involved in the lot owner having to move. In addition, compensation for 'solatium' or non-financial loss is paid, recognising the inconvenience of having to move.

If a whole strata building is to be sold collectively to a developer the settlement price will be divided between the lot owners based on their unit entitlement to ensure the distribution is equitable. The Court will not make an order approving a renewal plan unless the price paid for each lot is at least the compensation value of that lot.

Fair Trading will establish a Collective Sale Advice and Advocacy Program consisting of a hotline to assist and advise owners and tenants, including any dissenting owners, and provide referrals to relevant organisations such as Housing NSW, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Tenants Union and the NSW Law Society.

Elderly and vulnerable owner-occupiers will have access to free legal advice and assistance to support them through NSW Fair Trading. Information and basic advice will be provided and referrals made to specialist advisers, such as accountants and financial planners, to assist dissenting owners with Court preparations.

(3) The conduct of the collective sale process is up to individual lot owners and the owners corporation, and will be subject to particular offers to a strata scheme by developers or purchasers. Redevelopment of building sites is therefore entirely up to the purchaser of the building and any renewal agreement made with the owners corporation.

*2646 WATER SECURITY FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How much funding has been available to the Water Security for Regions Program in each financial year since its inception?
- (2) What projects have been funded by this program in each financial year?
 - (a) What has been the value of each of these projects?
- (3) Has any funding been allocated to the Needles Gap Dam project?
 - (a) If yes, how much?
- (4) What is the current status of the Needles Gap Dam project?

Answer—

(1) 2013-14 = \$40 Million

2014-15 = \$325 Million

Total= \$365 Million

(2)

Project Name	Financial Year	Projects (No)	Value (\$ Million)
(a) Competitive Local Government Program	2013-14	15	37.55
	2014-15	18	77.56

(b) Regional Water and Waste Water backlog Program	2015-16	45	110
(c) Broken Hill			
Business case	2014-15		2
Investigation/Planning	2014-15		10
Package of Woks as a Short term response to Broken Hill's water supply emergency	2015-16		115
(d) Albert Priest Channel (Warren, to the Nyngan) for the towns of Nyngan and Co bar	2015-16		0.1
(e) Priority catchments-Hunter, Macquarie & Gwydir (options assessment)	2015-16		6

(3) Funding was provided to WaterNSW in 2014/15 for seeping studies for a new dam on the Belubula River. This examined 15 potential dam sites, including the Needles Gap site.

(4) In February 2015 the NSW Government announced the outcome of a prefeasibility study of 15 sites in the Lachlan Valley which included The Needles. The study identified Cranky Rock as the most suitable site for further feasibility investigation in relation to the construction of a new dam on the Belubula River. The next stage of investigations by WaterNSW will involve in-situ studies to assess the engineering feasibility, preliminary environmental assessments, a cost-benefit analysis and community consultation. Expressions of interest are currently being sought by WaterNSW for a strategic partner to work alongside and progress the next stage of work for the investigations.

*2647 EDUCATION BUDGET—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

What portion of the New South Wales Education Budget was funded by asset sales in each of the following financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

The Department of Education's expenditure budget is not funded by asset sales.

*2648 WEED KILLING AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

Is there a requirement, be it regulation or policy, that weed-killing chemicals cannot be sprayed on New South Wales public school premises within 48 hours of students being on the premises?

Answer—

Information relating to weed killing in New South Wales public schools can be found on the Department of Education's website.

*2650 LYMPHOEDEMA PATIENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients, presented to, and were admitted to, hospital experiencing lymphoedema in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (2) Are patients experiencing lymphoedema ever admitted or treated under a different diagnosis name or title?
- (3) How many patient stay days/nights were attributed to lymphoedema across hospitals in New South Wales in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (4) What was the estimated cost per annum attributed to the treatment of lymphoedema across hospitals in New South Wales in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Patients diagnosed with lymphoedema are treated based on their individual clinical assessment and in accordance with NSW Health policy.

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Definitive data on conditions other than principal diagnosis where lymphoedema may be experienced is not available.

*2651 KIRKCONNELL CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What was the cost of closing the Kirkconnell Correctional Centre?
- (2) What was the cost of re-opening the Kirkconnell Correctional Centre?
- (3) What were the projected costs of care and maintenance for the Kirkconnell Correctional Centre, per annum, at the time that it was closed?

Answer—

- (1) \$88,372.
- (2) The cost to bring Kirkconnell Correctional Centre back to operational standard was \$4.35 million.
- (3) Maintenance and preventative costs for the Centre were estimated at \$25,000 per annum.

*2652 FIREFIGHTING PUMPERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the total number of pumpers across all Fire and Rescue NSW?
- (2) What is the average age of pumpers across New South Wales?
- (3) What is the average age of pumpers in each respective Fire and Rescue NSW zone?
- (4) How many pumpers are more than 20 years old and still in service in New South Wales?
 - (a) What stations are they based at?
- (5) How many pumpers are 15-20 years of age and still in service in New South Wales?
 - (a) What stations are they based at?
- (6) How many new pumpers are purchased each year?
- (7) What Fire and Rescue NSW stations received a new tanker in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
 - (a) In which electorates are those stations based?
- (8) How are new pumpers allocated or prioritised to Fire and Rescue NSW stations?

Answer—

- (1) 339.
- (2) 9.02 years.
- (3) Metropolitan East 1: 6.54, Metropolitan East 2: 9.12, Metropolitan East 3: 8.8, Metropolitan North 1: 8.93, Metropolitan North 2: 7.64, Metropolitan North 3: 9.12, Metropolitan South 1: 9.05, Metropolitan South 2: 9.14, Metropolitan South 3: 8.53, Metropolitan West 1: 9.13, Metropolitan West 2: 8.64, Metropolitan West 3: 8.26, Regional North 1: 9.19, Regional North 2: 9.48, Regional North 3: 9, Regional South 1: 8.6, Regional South 2: 9.41, Regional South 3: 10.09, Regional West 1: 8.87, Regional West 2: 9.25, and Regional West 3: 11.29.
- (4) Nil
- (5) Seven, based at Bangalow, Denman, Menai, Moss Vale, Stockton, Tumut, and Walgett.
- (6) Eight, on average.
- (7) In 2013: Nowra and Parkes. In 2014: Armidale, Bathurst, Dubbo, Katoomba, Kempsey, Lambton, Orange, Port Macquarie, Queanbeyan and Umina. In 2015: Balgownie, Barraba, Forbes, Gulgong, Kingscliff, Lismore, Mittagong, Peak Hill, Richmond, Scarborough, Turvey Park, Tweed Heads and Yamba.
- (8) The allocation of a new pumper is based on a strategic plan to meet service delivery strategies and maintain the fleet's age. Consideration is given to operational capability, vehicle condition, vehicle age and engine bay size. The stations are prioritised by the fleet committee in consultation with area and zone commands to meet Fire & Rescue NSW operational service delivery requirements to the community.

*2653 FIREFIGHTING TANKERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the total number of tankers across all Fire and Rescue NSW?
- (2) What is the average age of tankers across New South Wales?
- (3) What is the average age of tankers in each respective Fire and Rescue NSW zone?
- (4) How many tankers are more than 20 years old and still in service in New South Wales?
 - (a) What stations are these based at?
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- (a) What stations are these based at?
- (6) How many new tankers are purchased each year?
- (7) What Fire and Rescue NSW stations received a new tanker in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
- (a) In which electorates are those stations based?
- (8) How are new tankers allocated or prioritised to Fire and Rescue NSW stations?

Answer—

- (1) 114.
- (2) 8.95 years.
- (3) Metropolitan East 2: 0.61, Metropolitan North 1: 9.81, Metropolitan North 2: 11.82, Metropolitan North 3: 10.99, Metropolitan South 1: 12.14, Metropolitan South 2: 6.29, Metropolitan South 3: 11.16, Metropolitan West 1: 4.65, Metropolitan West 3: 13.54, Regional North 1: 7.91, Regional North 2: 11.33, Regional North 3: 4.99, Regional South 1: 6.77, Regional South 2: 10.88, Regional South 3: 7.59, Regional West 1: 4.42, Regional West 2: 3.33, and Regional West 3: 11.77.
- (4) One tanker, at Macquarie Fields.
- (5) Twenty-six tankers, based at Batemans Bay, Bellbird, Bowral, Broken Hill, Broken Hill South, Casino, Condobolin, Cootamundra, Deniliquin, Forster, Glenbrook, Katoomba, Kurri Kurri, Laurieton, Leeton, Lithgow, Mulwala, Saratoga, Springwood, Taree, Tea Gardens, Thirroul, Trangie, Wentworth, Woolgoolga and Wyoming.
- (6) Thirteen, on average.
- (7) In 2013: nil. In 2014: Coonabarabran, Gilgandra, Jerilderie, Kellyville, Lithgow and Orange. In 2015: Braidwood, Coonamble, Cranebrook, Delroy, Kempsey, Lane Cove, Laurieton, Merimbula, Miranda, Narellan, Nowra, Nyngan, Salamander Bay, Tumburumba, Turvey Park, Uralla, Wauchope, Wentworth, West Tamworth and Woolgoolga.
- (8) The allocation of a new tanker is based on a strategic plan to meet service delivery strategies and maintain the fleet's age.

*2654 CENTRAL WEST ACTION PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much funding has been made available through Jobs for NSW in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16?
- (2) How much of the Jobs for NSW funding in each of those financial years has been spent in the Orange electorate?
- (3) What specific projects has the funding been allocated to?
- (4) How many businesses in the Orange electorate have successfully applied for the payroll tax rebate of \$5,000 under the Jobs Action Plan?
- (5) What has been the total spent through this program in the Orange electorate?
- (6) How many businesses in the Orange electorate successfully applied for the additional \$1,000 in funding available through the Fresh Start Support Scheme?
- (7) What has been the total spent, as at 9 March 2016, through this scheme in the Orange electorate?

Answer—

- (1) to (7) Jobs for NSW is coordinated by the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

Specific information about the Jobs Action Plan and Fresh Start Support Scheme is held by the Office of State Revenue.

*2655 OLD NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Attorney General—

- (1) When will the Government list the old Newcastle Courthouse for sale?
- (2) Will the Government commit to investing the proceeds of the sale back into Newcastle?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property since Government Property NSW is handling the sale.
- (2) The Government has delivered a new \$89 million courthouse in Newcastle which was officially opened on 15 February 2016.

*2656 HUNTER SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

Is the \$4 million Hunter School of Performing Arts project shortlisted by Hunter Infrastructure and

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Investment Fund separate to the \$7 million project that was committed before the last election?

Answer—

The inclusion of funding from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund would provide for an enhanced facility.

*2658 NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the Government publically release the Geotechnical and Contamination Assessment for the Newcastle Rail Corridor?

Answer—

The assessment is a technical report to inform the safe removal of infrastructure within the rail corridor. The project team is available to discuss the report.

*2659 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

On what date will the construction of the Newcastle Light Rail begin?

Answer—

Early work to enable construction of the light rail is expected to start later this year.

*2660 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Has the Government conducted any studies on its proposal to run light rail down Scott Street, which is narrower than Hunter Street?

(a) If yes, have the studies considered extra traffic volume from the proposed apartments in Newcastle's East End Precinct?

Answer—

There have been extensive investigations into running light rail on Scott Street.

*2661 TRANSPORT DEPOTS IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Has the Government sought any advice regarding the possible sale of land at the following sites:

- (a) Newcastle Bus Depot;
- (b) Hamilton Bus Depot;
- (c) Newcastle Ferry Depot?

(2) Is the Government considering or are there any plans to sell the Hamilton Bus Depot at 93 Denison Street, Hamilton?

Answer—

The location of depots will be a matter for the new Transport for Newcastle operator.

*2662 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL ROUTE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What public consultation did the Government do on changing the route of the Newcastle Light Rail from the existing corridor to Hunter Street?

(2) Why did the Government ignore its own department's advice and decide to change the route of the Newcastle Light Rail from the existing corridor to Hunter Street at a cost of \$100 million?

(3) Does the Government support Newcastle City Council's proposal to loop the Newcastle Light Rail through Pacific Park and down the Hunter Street Mall?

Answer—

UrbanGrowth NSW undertook extensive consultation with residents, customers, community groups and other stakeholders in the Hunter throughout the process of selecting the light rail route in early 2014.

The route strikes the best balance between providing quality transport for Newcastle and allowing the city and its waterfront to be reconnected and revitalised.

Following the NSW Government's announcement this month, the community can now have their say on possible future expansions to the light rail network.

Light rail between Wickham and Newcastle is designed as the core of a new light rail network, with potential for future extension to key destinations such as Broadmeadow's Hunter Stadium, the University of Newcastle, Glendale and the John Hunter Hospital

*2663 TOILETS AND BABY CHANGE FACILITIES AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What hours are toilets and baby change facilities open at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (2) What hours are toilets and baby change facilities closed at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (3) If closure occurs because an employee has to absent him or herself from the premises to take legal meal breaks or other statutory breaks; what arrangements are in place for toilets and baby change facilities to be available to the public?
- (4) How often and by whom are toilets and baby change facilities cleaned at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (5) How often and by whom are toilets and baby change facilities are inspected at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Toilets and baby change facilities remain open at Auburn, Lidcombe and Olympic Park during operating hours. Facilities at Berala remain open between prescribed operating hours and at Regents Park they can be accessed with the help of a staff member.

(4) and (5) Toilets and baby change facilities are continuously monitored and cleaned throughout the day.

*2664 VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AT TRAIN STATIONS IN AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) For each year between 2012 to 2015 how many acts of deliberate property damage have been recorded at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (2) For each year between 2012 to 2015 how many acts of vandalism (graffiti or similar) have been recorded at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;

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- (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (3) For each year between 2012 to 2015 what was the most common act of vandalism or deliberate property damage at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (4) For each year between 2012 to 2015 on how many occasions was an offender caught on CCTV committing an act of vandalism or deliberate property damage at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?
- (5) For each year between 2012 to 2015 on how many occasions was an offender arrested by the police whilst committing an act of vandalism or deliberate property damage at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park station?
- (6) For each year between 2012 to 2015 what was the total cost per year in repairing or replacing property damaged by an act of vandalism or deliberate property damage at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Incidents of criminal damage are a matter for the NSW Minister for Justice and Police and recorded by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

(6) Please refer to my previous answer LA 1656.

*2665 TRAINS SKIPPING SCHEDULED STOPS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many timetabled trains skipped a scheduled stop at the following stations due to delays or other issues in each of the years from 2012 to 2015:
- (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Olympic Park Station;
 - (c) Auburn Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station?

Answer—

Sydney Trains performance is measured by punctuality. This information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

*2666 FLEMINGTON LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Luke Foley asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the authorised and actual number of police officers in the Flemington Local Area Command?
- (2) How many marked and unmarked police vehicles are assigned to the command?

- (3) What types of vehicles are they?
- (4) At which police stations within the command are these vehicles kept?
- (5) What is the average age of these vehicles?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Authorised, actual and operational strength figures are available on the NSW Police Force website at www.police.nsw.gov.au. Vehicle numbers vary based on operational requirements.

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*2667 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

How do you respond to the suggestion that the railway interchange is at Wickham because nothing was done to remediate the AGL site for all those years?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

*2668 M5 EAST SMOKY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM—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—

How many vehicles have had their registration suspended due to offences related to the M5 East Smoky Vehicle Enforcement Program in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (to 18 February 2016)?

Answer—

The Environment Protection Authority has referred five vehicles to Roads and Maritime Services for registration suspension.

*2669 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR POLICE RESCUE—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Are any of the following funding arrangements in place for Police Rescue operations in New South Wales:
 - (a) Funding for all rescues made available on an as-needs basis from a central budget for all Local Area Commands to draw from?
 - (b) Funding for rescues provided as a flat rate annual budget item to each Local Area Command?
 - (c) Funding for rescues to be drawn from each Local Area Command's overall operational budget?
- (2) Are local Superintendents responsible for budget considerations arising from Rescue operations underway in their Local Area Command?
- (3) Where rescue operations consume substantial resources and impact a Local Area Command's budget, is funding adjusted for other aspects of the Local Area Command's operations?
- (4) What is the funding allocation as a dollar figure for rescue operations within the Blue Mountains Local Area Command?
- (5) What is the average funding allocation as a dollar figure for rescue operations in all other Local Area Commands?

Answer—

Rescue operations are conducted on a needs basis and funds are allocated as required.

*2670 FIREARMS LICENCES—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Of the approximately 200,000 firearms licence holders in New South Wales, how many hold a licence with:
 - (a) 'Sport' given as the genuine reason;
 - (b) 'Recreational hunting' given as the genuine reason?
- (2) How many firearms silencers are currently licenced in New South Wales?
- (3) Considering that the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research notes that in the five years to September 2015 there were (on average) 329 robberies with a firearm, 80 murders, 31 attempted

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murders and 306 abductions or kidnappings, how many of these crimes involved the use of a firearm and silencer?

- (4) What internal modelling, analysis or research by the NSW Police Force and the Firearms Registry exists to justify the relaxation of silencer restrictions?
(a) Is the internal modelling, analysis or research publicly available?
- (5) What is the anticipated or modelled take up rate of silencers under the new, relaxed eligibility criteria?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force has advised me that many firearms licence holders identify more than one 'genuine reason' when they apply for a licence.
(2) Silencers are prohibited weapons in NSW therefore they are not licenced.
(3) This information is not able to be extracted from BOCSAR data.
(4) and (5) Silencer restrictions have not been changed or relaxed - they are prohibited weapons.

*2671 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK FEE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How was the final fee of \$80 for a Working With Children Check determined, considering the automated process involved?

Answer—

The NSW fee is the lowest cost for a Working with Children Check in Australia. The fee supports the operation of the Working With Children Check system.

*2672 SYDNEY TRAINS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Waratah trains are currently in operation as at 8 March 2016?
(2) How many Millenium trains are currently in operation as at 8 March 2016?
(3) How many Tangara trains are currently in operation as at 8 March 2016?
(4) How many C Set trains are currently in operation as at 8 March 2016?
(5) How many S Set trains are currently in operation as at 8 March 2016?
(6) How many K Set trains are currently in operation as at 8 March 2016?

Answer—

The number of trains in operation varies slightly from day to day, depending on timetable requirements and set availability. Scheduled or unscheduled maintenance can also affect train availability.

*2673 SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many kilometres in total were driven by Sydney buses that are classified permanently or periodically as 'not in service' in 2015?

Answer—

All bus operators need to operate a certain amount of 'not in service' kilometres in order to position buses as efficiently as possible to provide the best services for passengers.

Since 2012, State Transit has reduced the 'not in service' kilometres from its Sydney fleet operations resulting in gains in operational efficiencies and cost savings in labour, fuel and buses.

*2674 BELLAMBI TRAIN STATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the works at Bellambi Train Station be completed?
(2) Are the works currently being completed on time?
(3) Is the work currently in the budget allocated?

Answer—

Works at Bellambi Station are being completed on time and on budget.

*2675 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 9, 58, 67, 73, 75, 76 and 81?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Progress Report to the 2012 Ombudsman's Report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the NSW Government's Family & Community Services website.

*2676 SPECIALIST SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAMS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Specialist School Support Teams have been deployed to identified schools as part of countering violent extremism measures?
- (2) How many schools have been so identified?
- (3) To how many schools have these teams been deployed?
- (4) How many staff are involved in total in these teams?

Answer—

There are currently five Specialist School Support Teams which will work with schools that require additional assistance and support.

There are 25 FTE positions across the five Specialist School Support Teams.

*2677 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 8, 67, 84, 85, 86 and 87?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Progress Report to the 2012 Ombudsman's Report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the NSW Government's Family & Community Services website.

*2678 SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL COUNSELLOR WORKFORCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What additional training and support has been provided to the Government school counsellor workforce as part of Government measures in countering violent extremism?
 - (a) What was the cost of this additional training and support?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education has developed additional training specifically to skill the Department's school counselling workforce in countering anti-social and violent extremism in schools.

This training is being delivered online through interactive sessions and provides information on best practice support for vulnerable students.

This additional training for the school counselling workforce has been developed within existing departmental resources.

*2679 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 25, 44, 45, 48, 52, 65, 67, 78, 80 and 81?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Progress Report to the 2012 Ombudsman's Report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the Family & Community Services website.

*2680 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24,

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25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 52, 57, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 73?

Answer—

That the NSW Government's Progress Report to the 2012 Ombudsman's Report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the NSW Government's Family and Community Services website.

*2681 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 22, 46, 53, 62, 64, 82, 83, 88, 89, 90 and 91?

Answer—

The NSW Government's progress report to the 2012 Ombudsman's report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the NSW Government's Family & Community Services website.

*2682 SUPPORT AND ADVICE LINE AND ONLINE SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Has a support and advice telephone line and online services for family and community members to counter violent extremism been established?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If so, at what cost?

Answer—

The support and advice service for family and community members is currently being designed in consultation with communities.

The service has an allocated budget of \$6.4 million over four years.

*2683 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM EXPERT COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Has a Premier's Countering Violent Extremism Expert Council been established?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If so, at what cost?

(2) Who are the members of the Council?

Answer—

The Premier's Expert Advisory Council on Countering Violent Extremism has been established.

The Council has been allocated a budget of \$80,000 over four years.

Members of the Council include:

- Ms Katie Acheson
- Dr Jan Ali
- Mr Darren Black
- Ms Priscilla Brice
- Mr Murat Dizdar
- Dr Julian Droogan
- Ms Anthea Hancocks
- Mr Hakan Harman
- Dr Clarke Jones
- Mr Allan Mills
- Ms Diedre Mulkerin
- Mr Mostafa Rachwani
- Adjunct Professor Mike Smith

*2684 TRAINING FOR AGED CARE WORKERS—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 support does the Government provide to aged care workers seeking to undertake further training in order to improve residential outcomes?

Answer—

Primary responsibility for aged care policy and service delivery now rests with the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

*2685 ELERMORE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Is the Elermore Vale Public School on a waiting list to receive a security fence upgrade?

(a) If so, when was it placed on the list?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

A nomination to provide a security fence at Elermore Vale Public School is being prepared, for inclusion in a future capital works program. The project will be assessed for funding against competing projects in schools across the State.

*2686 SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

How much money was spent on scientific and medical research in New South Wales in the 2015 calendar year?

Answer—

I refer you to a press release on 23 June 2015 titled 'INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATIVE MEDICAL RESEARCH'

*2687 BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

How much funding was provided towards brain cancer research in 2014?

Answer—

I refer you to LA 2686.

*2688 PLAN FOR THE HUNTER AND GROWING HUNTER CITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning—

What is the Department of Planning and Environment's framework for responding to the submissions of Hunter residents concerning the Plan for the Hunter and Growing Hunter City drafts?

Answer—

Since the launch of draft Hunter Regional Plan and draft Plan for Growing Hunter City on 25 November 2015, there has been considerable community interest in the draft plans. The consultation period was recently extended until the 24 March 2016. The draft plans provide a blueprint for new homes, jobs and environmental protection in the Hunter over the next 20 years, so it is important that the community and all stakeholders have the opportunity to comment.

The Department of Planning and Environment has received submissions from Hunter residents and the other community representatives including local councils, community groups, and peak bodies. As part of this process we are acknowledging all submissions received.

The feedback received throughout the consultation period will inform the finalisation of the plans. To this end, Department staff are already considering the submissions, including recording and analysing the issues and examining the suggested changes to the draft plans. The Department will continue to communicate and engage with key stakeholders while finalising the plans

*2689 PRIVATISATION OF NEWCASTLE BUS INTRASTRUCTURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What amendments have been made to make the plan to privatise Newcastle's bus infrastructure a more palatable transition for all invested parties transport employees and customers alike?

Answer—

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

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

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

*2690 STAFF AT HUNTER RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many frontline rail staff including train operations employees, train crew members and station staff are currently employed at Hunter train stations as at 14 March 2016?
- (2) How many frontline rail staff were employed at Hunter train stations in 2011?

Answer—

- (1) 299
- (2) 285

*2691 TRAIN JOBS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Were any of the following jobs cut in the Hunter in the 2014-15 financial year?
 - (a) Train operation jobs;
 - (b) Train crew jobs;
 - (c) Station staff jobs?
- (2) If yes, what jobs were cut?
- (3) Where were these staff stationed?

Answer—

No.

*2692 LIGHT RAIL IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Kiolis Downer's Newcastle project manager Laurent Offroy highlighted the folly in building a limited light rail network which would operate only as far as Wickham. What, if any, amendments are being made to the project's plans to make it a worthwhile investment of millions of taxpayer dollars?

Answer—

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The creation of Transport for Newcastle will result in a multi-modal transport operator that plans and integrates light rail, buses, ferries and interchanges.

Consultation with the community on the current light rail route was completed in early 2014. Following the NSW Government's announcement this month, the community can now have their say on possible future expansions to the light rail network.

Light rail between Wickham and Newcastle is designed as the core of a new light rail network, with potential for future extension to key destinations such as Broadmeadow's Hunter Stadium, the University of Newcastle, Glendale and the John Hunter Hospital.

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*2693 CANCER STATISTICS UPDATE—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Health—

When will the Cancer Institute of New South Wales be releasing updated cancer statistics which at the moment are only available up until 2010?

Answer—

The online statistics module on the Cancer Institute's website contains 2011 cancer incidence and mortality data.

*2694 CANCER INSTITUTE OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Health—

Why does the Cancer Institute of New South Wales no longer issue annual reports?

Answer—

As with these other NSW Health organisations, financial statements and highlights are provided by the Cancer Institute NSW and are included in the NSW Health Annual Report, which is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/pages/default.aspx.

In addition, there is considerable information, continually updated on the Institute's activities on that organisation's website at www.cancerinstitute.org.au.

*2695 ACCESS TO CANCER INSTITUTE DATA—Ms Kathy Smith asked the Minister for Health—

How do organisations or individuals access a meaningful set of data concerning the Cancer Institute's annual expenditure, programs, planning and outcomes now that annual reports for the institute are no longer issued?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided for LA2694.

*2696 SALE OF UNUSED LAND—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Education—

Can the Minister provide an update of an application made to the Department of Education by St Johns Park High School regarding the sale of unused land on school grounds?

Answer—

The Department of Education can confirm that no land on the St Johns Park High School site has been declared surplus to educational requirements.

*2697 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Are there any plans by the Government to construct new social housing dwellings in the Cabramatta electorate?

(2) If so, where will the dwellings be located?

Answer—

Details about the supply of new social housing is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*2698 SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS ON CABRAMATTA ROAD—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many speeding infringements were issued on Cabramatta Road from June 2014 to June 2015?

Answer—

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

*2700 ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL OPAL CARDS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Why are students at St Johns Park High School still waiting to receive their Opal cards even though the school term has already begun?

(2) Is this a common issue?

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(a) If so, why?

Answer—

St Johns Park High School received the bulk of School Opal cards for returning students in the first week of the new school year as planned.

School Opal cards for new applicants have been processed and posted to eligible students across the Opal service area.

*2701 FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS AND ARTISTS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What was the total allocation of arts funding for organisations and individual artists in the Summer Hill electorate in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?

Answer—

The NSW Government provides funding for arts and cultural organisations and artists through the Arts NSW Arts and Cultural Development Program and screen projects through Screen NSW. Funding allocations are available online at www.arts.nsw.gov.au and www.screen.nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Government also provides grants and subsidies for NSW public libraries and funding allocations are available online www.sl.nsw.gov.au.

*2702 PLASTIC POLLUTION IN SYDNEY HARBOUR—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) Considering that plastic pollution continues to be a major threat to water quality and wildlife in Sydney Harbour and New South Wales waterways, what actions has the Government taken to eliminate microbeads?

(2) With parts of Sydney Harbour recording amongst the highest concentrations of plastic micro debris in the world, what is the Government's rationale for pursuing a voluntary ban by the end of 2016 rather than taking a more activist regulatory approach?

Answer—

(1) The NSW EPA convened a Microplastics Working Group, which focused on microbeads, and included industry, government, environmental groups and expert scientists to provide an evidence base and to examine policy options. NSW also led discussions at the Meeting of the Environment Ministers (MEM) in December 2015. The MEM released an agreed statement which is available on the Commonwealth Department of the Environment's website at www.environment.gov.au/about-us/mem.

(2) The MEM agreed that a voluntary approach allows for industry to take responsibility for the issue now, and to work with governments to eliminate microbeads from its products. (At the MEM, NSW had sought a mandatory ban at the end of the voluntary phase out period.) The Federal Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, recently announced that if this voluntary approach is not effective he would introduce legislation to ban microbeads. A copy of the Minister's February 2016 media release is available at www.environment.gov.au/minister/hunU2016/pubs/mr20160229a.pdf.

*2703 PUBLIC AND SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE INNER WEST—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many social housing dwellings are located in the Summer Hill electorate, compared to other electorates in New South Wales?

(2) How many tenants live in social housing in the Summer Hill electorate?

(3) What projects has the Government scheduled to increase the number of public housing dwellings in the Inner West?

Answer—

Details about social housing properties and the Government's social housing policy are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website.

The number of tenancies varies.

*2704 POLICE CHECKING TRAIN FARES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many police hours were dedicated to checking fares on New South Wales Trains in 2015?

- (2) What was the total cost to the public of having Police Officers check fares at train stations in New South Wales in 2015?
- (3) How much fine revenue was raised as a result of having Police Officers check fares at train stations in New South Wales?

Answer—

The Police Transport Command (PTC) works in conjunction with rail staff to tackle fare evasion on our railways. It should be noted that the officers of the PTC are highly trained in identifying security concerns and police a range of offences in addition to fare evasion, including assaults and malicious damage.

Between October and December 2015 alone, the PTC issued over 23,000 infringement notices for a range of offences. This is an excellent measure of both the proactive approach taken by the PTC to tackle crime on our trains, and the valuable service they provide to the NSW public.

*2705 FINES FOR CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many cyclists have been fined in the first two weeks since the introduction of the 'Go Together' cycling package?
- (2) How many cyclists have been fined in this period for:
 - (a) Dangerous cycling;
 - (b) Not having a bell on their bicycle;
 - (c) Not having a light on their bicycle;
 - (d) Not wearing a helmet;
 - (e) Track-standing;
 - (f) Cycling in inappropriate clothing;
 - (g) Not carrying identification;
 - (h) Failing to stop at a red light;
 - (i) Failing to stop at a pedestrian crossing;
 - (j) Failing to slow in a school zone?
- (3) How many motorists have been fined in the same period for failing to yield one metre to cyclists?

Answer—

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

*2706 413 BUS ROUTE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many complaints did Transport for NSW receive in 2015 about the 413 bus route through Ashbury?
- (2) How many times in 2015 were 413 bus services cancelled?
- (3) What measures has the Government put in place to ensure that the 413 bus service is on time?

Answer—

The NSW Government, along with State Transit, continually reviews and considers customer feedback on the bus network, including route 413. Factors including frequency and reliability of bus services, in addition to convenience for customers, are considered. The new CBD bus network commenced in October 2015. The redesigned routes mean less bus congestion in the heart of the city, and through-routes, including the 413, mean fewer buses have to terminate in the heart of the city.

*2707 GRAFFITI ON THE INNER WEST TRAIN LINE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Government aware of the graffiti problem along the Inner West line, particularly between Summer Hill and Lewisham Stations?
- (2) What is the Government doing to curb graffiti along this line?

Answer—

Sydney Trains spends more than \$30 million annually on removing graffiti and fixing acts of vandalism. While graffiti is generally removed from stations within a 24-72 hour period, to remove graffiti from the rail corridor requires a track shutdown. This ensures the safety of the staff tasked with removing graffiti.

Graffiti is currently removed from the rail corridor between Summer Hill and Lewisham three times a year.

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Graffiti along this corridor is also being combated through high security fencing, facades to deny vandals a 'clear' canvas, and improved surveillance.

*2708 POWER STATION SITE REMEDIATION—Mr Greg Piper asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What mechanisms, either as part of sale conditions or legislated, exist to ensure that former state owned power stations including Vales Point and Eraring Power stations will be appropriately decommissioned and subject to site remediation by their private owners once they reach the end of their operational life?

Answer—

Any potential future decommissioning of privately owned power stations in NSW would be regulated by a range of current legislations and regulations.

The decommissioning, demolition and rehabilitation of sites would require Development Approvals by the relevant Determining Authority or Authorities prior to any work being undertaken.

The Determining Authority would direct the private owner to undertake the work in compliance with any conditions set out in the Development Approval, and to monitor and report compliance on a regular basis.

*2709 SILVERWATER CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX FACILITIES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) What is the maximum capacity of inmates per cell as per the original design of individual cells at the following facilities in the Silverwater Correctional Complex:

- (a) Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre;
- (b) Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre;
- (c) Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre?

(2) How many times was the maximum capacity of inmates exceeded per cell at the following facilities in the Silverwater Correctional Complex for each month between 1 July 2015 and 29 February 2016 at:

- (a) Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre;
- (b) Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre;
- (c) Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre?

(3) How many cells at the following facilities in the Silverwater Correctional Complex have been designated to house more than two inmates:

- (a) Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre;
- (b) Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre;
- (c) Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre?

Answer—

Design capacity of a correctional centre at the time of construction is not relevant to current occupancy as the purpose of correctional facilities changes over time. More or fewer areas and buildings may be proclaimed to be part of a facility; accommodation wings or industries buildings may be added or decommissioned; or the purpose of a part or all of a facility may change.

(1) (a) The design capacity of Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre was 228 with a safe maximum operational state of 297.

(b) The design capacity of Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre was 87 4 with a safe maximum operational state of 1037.

(c) The design capacity of Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre was 392 with a safe maximum operational state of 500.

(2) (a) During this period the safe maximum operational state of 297 was not exceeded.

(b) During this period the safe maximum operational state of 1037 was not exceeded.

(c) During this period the safe maximum operational state of 500 was not exceeded.

(3) (a) There are two cells in the Induction Unit designated to house up to four inmates (excluding intake holding cells).

(b) There are 23 cells designated to house up to four inmates (excluding intake holding cells).

(c) No cells are currently designated to house more than two inmates (excluding intake holding cells).

*2710 ASSISTED SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

How many students in the Auburn electorate were eligible for the Assisted School Student Transport scheme in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

Answer—

Eligibility for the NSW Department of Education's Assisted School Travel Program is twofold. Students and parents both need to meet eligibility criteria before transport services are provided.

From 2012 to 2015 there was a range from 368 to 392 of eligible students

*2711 SYDNEY WATER OPERATIONS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What major projects and capital works have been carried out by Sydney Water in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 in the Auburn electorate?
- (2) What investment is planned over the next twelve months (from 15 March 2016) in the Auburn electorate for the following projects:
 - (a) Water asset maintenance and renewal;
 - (b) Water pressure management;
 - (c) Water pressure monitoring;
 - (d) Leak detection;
 - (e) Wastewater avoid fail program;
 - (f) Wastewater dig and repair program;
 - (g) Sewer stormwater rehabilitation program;
 - (h) Internal surcharge improvement program;
 - (i) Stormwater naturalisation;
 - (j) Silt and debris management?
- (3) What volume of wastewater was discharged by sewer overflows into waterways in each of the years from 2012 to 2015 in the Auburn electorate?

Answer—

(1) Works within the Auburn electorate between 2012 and 2015 have focused on the integrity of Sydney Water's networks. The program of works have included water, sewer, wastewater treatment, and stormwater projects.

(2) Sydney Water's investment for the 2016-17 financial year will be detailed in the State Budget papers.

(3)

- 2012/13: 476 ML
- 2013/14: 74 ML;
- 2015: 1,229 ML. (NB: This includes wet weather overflows associated with the April 2015 Super Storm. 2014/15 was the wettest year for Auburn since 2000, with 1327 mm of rain recorded).

*2712 OPAL CARD RETAILERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Opal card retailers are there in the Auburn electorate?
- (2) What are the exact locations of these retailers?

Answer—

Information about the locations of Opal card retailers is available on the Opal website.

*2713 OPAL TOP-UP MACHINES—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Opal card top-up machines are located at the following train stations in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Olympic Park?
- (2) Are there plans to install more Opal card top-up machines at Lidcombe, Auburn and Olympic Park train stations?
- (3) When will the Government be installing Opal card top-up machines at:

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- (a) Regents Park Station;
- (b) Berala Station?

Answer—

Information about the locations of Opal top-up machines is available on the Opal website.

*2714 PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What specific programs are available in the Auburn electorate to help senior citizens maintain healthy and independent lifestyles?
- (2) What was the total funding allocation to these programs in each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) Funding is provided to peak organisations to advocate on behalf of older people in NSW to remove barriers to their participation and support their voices to be heard.

The Living Active Lives District Pilot Program provides grants to encourage local initiatives to increase the participation of vulnerable older people. Two of the five grants were provided in Western Sydney, with one focusing on older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The Liveable Communities grants will provide a range of programs across NSW that aim to ensure that older people from all cultural backgrounds are able to continue to participate in, contribute to and be included in their communities.

The Elder Abuse Helpline was established in March 2013 and is funded by the NSW Government. It works with telephonic interpreter services where required, and provides written information in a range of community languages.

Other programs accessible to older people in the Auburn electorate include Active Ageing, Real Men Move and the Creative Ageing Funding Program.

Initiatives delivered under the Ageing Strategy are available to people from all backgrounds, including those within the Auburn electorate. These include Tech Savvy Seniors training, which provides free or low cost training through a network of community colleges and libraries to help seniors learn to use computers, tablets and smartphones. This program is offered by the Auburn City Library Service in Chinese both Cantonese and Mandarin, and in Vietnamese.

Additionally, the NSW Seniors Card assists seniors with the cost of living and supports them to be active, healthy and socially connected. Over 19,000 people in the Auburn electorate hold a Seniors Card which entitles them to government concessions and discounts from over 2,000 participating businesses.

The NSW Gold Opal concession allows seniors to travel anywhere in NSW for \$2.50 per day.

The NSW Seniors Festival provides opportunities for seniors to remain healthy, active, engaged and to participate in community life. Auburn City Council is a recipient of a 2016 Seniors Festival grants to deliver a 10-day program of events to be delivered in partnership with the Arab Council, Auburn Diversity Services, The Sierra Leone Women's Wan Word, Auburn Tamil Society and Western Sydney Community Centre.

The NSW Ageing Strategy is available on the Family and Community Services website at http://www.ageing.nsw.gov.au/about_us/nsw_ageing_strategy.

(2) Funding information for state-wide programs for seniors is available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2715 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BUDGETS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the maintenance budget for each of the financial years 2011-12 to 2015-16 for the following schools in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (b) Auburn North Public School;
 - (c) Auburn Public School;
 - (d) Auburn West Public School;
 - (e) Berala Public School;
 - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School;

- (g) Granville East Public School;
- (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
- (i) Lidcombe Public School;
- (j) Newington Public School;
- (k) Sunning Hill School?

Answer—

This information is available on the Department of Education's website.

*2716 HELP POINTS AT TRAIN STATIONS AND FERRY WHARVES IN AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many emergency help points are located per platform at the following train stations and ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Auburn Station;
 - (c) Olympic Park Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station;
 - (f) Olympic Park Ferry Wharf?
- (2) On how many occasions was an emergency help point unavailable due to either an act of vandalism or technical failure at the following train stations or ferry wharves in the Auburn electorate for each of the years 2012 to 2015:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station;
 - (b) Auburn Station;
 - (c) Olympic Park Station;
 - (d) Berala Station;
 - (e) Regents Park Station;
 - (f) Olympic Park Ferry Wharf?
- (3) What is the specific process or processes used to restore service in the event of an act of vandalism or technical failure of a help point?
- (4) What is the contracted or agreed response time to rectify such an issue in the event that a technician is required to physically repair or replace a help point?
- (5) What measures and or processes are instigated by the Department of Transport and Infrastructure to ensure ongoing safety for commuters in the event of a complete failure of all available help points at a train station or a ferry wharf?

Answer—

Customers have access to help points at all of the identified train stations and ferry wharves.

Help points are very reliable equipment. The current availability of help points across the network is 99.9%.

*2717 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2718 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

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- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
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The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2721 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much extra money is required by the Industrial Relations Commission to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Commission applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

(1) to (2) Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges are met from within existing administrative budgets

*2722 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

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Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget

*2723 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

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Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2724 IMPROVEMENTS ON SINGLE LANE ROADS TO ACCOMMODATE CYCLISTS—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 infrastructure improvements are planned to accommodate the increase in bicycles on single lane roads, where the traffic speed will drop to 15 kilometres per hour, when there is no opportunity to overtake the bicycle?

Answer—

More than \$28 million has been allocated in 2015-16 to fund local and priority cycleway works within 83 local Council areas in NSW as part of the Priority Cycleways, Cycling Towns, and Connecting Centres programs.

Bicycle infrastructure is designed in accordance with the Austroads Guidance and NSW Bicycle Guidelines, Standards, and Technical Directions.

*2725 SECURITY STAFF AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the total number of security staff engaged in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (to 29 February 2016) for the following railway stations:
 - (a) Mount Druitt Station;
 - (b) Rooty Hill Station?

Answer—

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

*2726 HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTIONS—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) On average, how many individual heavy vehicle inspections are carried out each year at the Mount Boyce Heavy Vehicle Inspection station near Blackheath?
- (2) On average, how many individual heavy vehicle inspections are carried out each year at mobile inspection sites along the Great Western Highway in the Blue Mountains?
- (3) Does Roads and Maritime Services play a role ensuring trucking operators are complying with orders from the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal on New South Wales roads?
 - (a) If yes, what form do these enforcement activities take in the Blue Mountains electorate?

Answer—

- (1) NSW has the strongest and most rigorous truck compliance and enforcement regime in Australia. In 2015, 39,245 individual units were investigated at the Mount Boyce Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station.
- (2) Approximately 300 mobile inspection bays across NSW supplement permanent heavy vehicle safety stations. Around 300 individual units are investigated along the Great Western Highway per year, based on the last two years' average.
- (3) No.

*2727 LIMITS ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the operational limit on width of rolling stock along the Blue Mountains train line?
- (2) What is the physical limit on width of rolling stock along the Blue Mountains train line?
- (3) Where along the Blue Mountains train line does the need arise for these operational or physical limits to the widths of railway rolling stock?

Answer—

Information about track width classifications and the types of passenger trains that can operate on each track width is provided in the Train Operations Conditions Manual – General Instructions, which is available on the Asset Standards Authority website.

*2728 ROAD RESTRICTIONS ON THE GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What physical limitations are there on the length or arrangement of trucks and road trains along the Great Western Highway between Lapstone and Lithgow arising from the grade, width, road surface

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or capacity of bridges, passes and causeways, beyond the regulated or legislated road restrictions (i.e. that trucks must be 19 metres or shorter in length)?

- (2) Will the restriction that prevents B-Double trucks greater than 19 meters in length be retained?

Answer—

The Great Western Highway between Lapstone and Lithgow is approved for 19 metre long vehicles. Since 2012, Performance Based Standards combinations up to 20 metres are also permitted on this section of the highway based on their assessed vehicle performance against 16 national safety and performance standards.

Any changes to heavy vehicle access beyond the current length and mass limits would require a full route assessment along the Great Western Highway from the M4 at Emu Plains to Marrangaroo.

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*2729 FAIR TRADING CONSUMER COMPLAINTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) When will the NSW Fair Trading consumer complaints online register be operational?
(2) Will individual real estate agents or firms be included in the NSW Fair Trading consumer complaints online register of most complained about businesses?

Answer—

- (1) The collection of data for the purposes of the Complaints Register will commence on 1 July 2016.

The first Complaints Register will be published on the NSW Fair Trading website in the second half of August 2016, based on data from the previous calendar month.

The Complaints Register will then be published each month based on complaints data collected during the previous calendar month.

- (2) Traders, including real estate agencies may be listed on the register if it has been the subject of ten or more complaints during the previous calendar month.

The complaints register will list businesses according to their public and recognisable 'brand' or 'trading' name. For example, a trader that operates under a wider brand name will be grouped together. If Fair Trading receives ten or more complaints about a particular brand in a calendar month, the brand will be listed on the following month's complaints register. A breakdown of complaints against individual traders will not be provided in this situation.

Guidelines about the operation of the Complaints Register are available on the Fair Trading website at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au.

*2730 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Are Conciliators with the Consumer and Commercial Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal subject to specific guidelines that inform their work in dealing with members of the public?
(a) If so, where are those guidelines published?
(2) Does the Tribunal keep a record of complaints or concerns in regards to the audio recording facility that documents proceedings in the Consumer and Commercial Division?
(a) If so, can the Minister give figures on the number of cases in which complaints or concerns about audio recordings were raised in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 16 March 2016)?
(3) Can the Minister confirm whether there is any means for the costs of an appeal to the Tribunal to be waived?
(4) On what basis are the charges for an appeal to the Tribunal determined?

Answer—

This question should be referred to my colleague the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Attorney General, as the Minister responsible for the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

*2731 REAL ESTATE LICENCES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What is the total number of licensed real estate agents operating in New South Wales in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 1 March 2016)?
- (2) What is the total number of real estate agent licenses suspended or cancelled in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 1 March 2016)?
- (3) What is the total number of complaints that have been made against licensed real estate agents at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 1 March 2016)?
- (4) What action is taken when multiple complaints are received against a licensed real estate agent in New South Wales?
- (5) What action leads to:
 - (a) The suspension of a real estate agent license in New South Wales?
 - (b) The cancellation of a real estate agent license in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) NSW Fair Trading records show the total number of licensed real estate agents at the end of each of the following financial years is:

- 2013 – 16,869
- 2014 – 18,109
- 2015 – 19,072
- 2016 (as at 1 March 2016) – 19,587.

(2) The total number of real estate licences which were suspended or cancelled during the following calendar years is:

- 2013 – 4 suspensions, 42 cancellations
- 2014 – 2 suspensions, 43 cancellations
- 2015 – 8 suspensions, 19 cancellations
- 2016 (as at 1 March 2016) – 5 suspensions, 3 cancellations.

(3) This question should be referred to the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Attorney General, as the Minister responsible for the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

(4) On receipt of a formal complaint, Fair Trading provides intervention and assistance in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Fair Trading also assesses each complaint to determine compliance with the relevant legislation. In cases where NSW Fair Trading receives multiple complaints about the same trader, a case manager may be appointed to manage communications and monitor compliance.

If a breach of legislation is identified, there are a number of options available to Fair Trading to manage compliance with the requirements and conduct prescribed under the Property Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 (the Act). These include trader warning letters, penalty infringement notices, and prosecutions. A range of factors are considered in determining how to proceed in each case. These include a trader's history of complaints and breaches, the nature of the breach, and the actual or potential consumer and marketplace detriment due to the trader's actions.

(5) (a) A real estate agent's licence, may be suspended as a result of disciplinary action under section 192 (1)(f) of the Act.

Suspension is one possible outcome of the show cause disciplinary process set out under section 195 of the Act. Interim suspensions for up to 60 days can also be issued under section 196 of the Act when a notice to show cause is issued under section 195 of the Act.

A licence may also be suspended under section 169 of the Act where the licensee fails to pay a levy (after being given notice of the levy) and the failure continues. In addition, interim suspensions may be issued for a period of 60 days under section 79A of the Fair Trading Act 1987.

(b) Licences and other authorities of agents may be cancelled as an outcome of disciplinary proceedings under section 192(1) (g) of the Act.

In addition, under section 13 of the Act, a court must order the cancellation of a licence upon a conviction for licence lending as specified under section 13(1) of the Act.

A licence may also be cancelled when it is surrendered to Fair Trading under section 21(1)(7) of the Licensing and Registration (Uniform Procedures) Act 2002, and the licence holder requests its cancellation at the time of surrender by way of a notice under that section.

*2732 OPAL CARD VENDORS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What measures are taken by Transport for NSW to ensure that businesses selling Opal cards comply with

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the Fair Work Act, particularly in regards to paying all legal entitlements to employees?

Answer—

Businesses joining the Opal retailer network sign a contract directly with ePay.

The Fair Work Act 2009 and the Fair Work Regulations 2009 governs the employee/employer relationship in Australia. It provides a safety net of minimum entitlements enables flexible working arrangements and fairness at work and prevents discrimination against employees.

The Fair Work Ombudsman is a statutory office created by the Fair Work Act 2009. It is the role of the Fair Work Ombudsman to promote compliance of businesses, including Opal Card retailers, to the Fair Work Act. Paying legal entitlements to employees is a matter for the Fair Work Ombudsman.

*2733 308 BUS ROUTE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) On what basis was the decision made to terminate the 308 bus service at Redfern Station, rather than the Sydney CBD?
- (2) Considering one of the suburbs serviced by the 308 bus route is Erskineville, which will soon see changes to rail services with the closure of the Bankstown line and the likely closure of Erskineville station, what alternative transport options will be put in place to allow residents of Erskineville easy transit to the CBD?

Answer—

Sydney is currently experiencing severe congestion. In the next decade it will be home to another one million people and we cannot add more buses to already congested roads. The NSW Government is delivering major improvements to the CBD transport system to meet the needs of a modern city.

Key projects as part of this include the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR), a new bus network, new cycleways, and a range of road and footpath upgrades. The new bus network supports the introduction of light rail and is the first step in changing the way we use the city centre.

Any future changes to bus services in the area will be considered as part of residential growth in the area as well as planning for broader bus network changes in the south-east associated with the CSELR.

As Transport for NSW moves closer to finalising Sydney Metro it will ensure residents of Erskineville continue to have easy access to the Sydney CBD.

*2734 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What processes are in place to ensure that developers comply with agreed provisions under SEPP Affordable Housing?
- (2) What action is taken on developers who are found not to have complied with SEPP Affordable Housing measures?
- (3) How many developments currently under construction in New South Wales are subject to SEPP Affordable Housing measures?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The certifier or council responsible for determining the proposal needs to ensure the provisions of the SEPP are met. This is a compliance matter for which local councils are responsible.

(3) Since it was introduced in 2009, the AHSEPP has delivered more than 7,500 affordable dwellings including infill development, boarding houses, secondary dwellings and group homes. As applications under the AHSEPP are generally considered by local government, the Department of Planning and Environment does not hold state wide figures of developments currently under construction.

*2735 WESTCONNEX PLANNING APPROVAL FOR THE ALEXANDRIA LANDFILL SITE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Has the Minister approved the WestConnex work that has occurred at the Alexandria Landfill Site in St Peters since September 2015?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister provide the documents outlining the details of this approval and when this approval was granted?
 - (b) If not, can the Minister indicate the consents or approvals under which WestConnex commenced this work and is still operating under on the site?

Answer—

- (1) No.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Questions about consents and approvals for the Alexandria Landfill site should be directed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and the relevant consent and approval authorities, being the Council of the City of Sydney, Marrickville Council, and the Environment Protection Authority

*2736 CLOSURE OF THE MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) When did the Government take the decision to close the Motor Accidents Authority?
- (2) Why did the Government decide to close this body?

Answer—

Please refer to the response provided in question on notice 2170.

*2737 WATERFALL AND CRONULLA TO CITY TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many AM commuters use the following train lines:
 - (a) Cronulla to City?
 - (b) Waterfall to City?
- (2) How many PM commuters use the following train lines:
 - (a) Cronulla to City?
 - (b) Waterfall to City?

Answer—

Train load data is available online at the Bureau of Statistics website.

*2738 COMMUTER CAR PARKING—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many commuter car parking spaces at train stations were completed in each of the years from 2010 to 2015?

Answer—

Since 2011, the NSW Government has delivered over 6,000 new commuter car parking spaces. Information about completed projects is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2739 DELAYS ON THE T4 TRAIN LINE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many times have trains been delayed on the T4 line for the following time periods:
 - (a) July 2013 to June 2014?
 - (b) July 2014 to June 2015?
 - (c) July 2015 to 1 March 2016?

Answer—

Punctuality information is available on the Sydney Trains website.

*2740 PAINTING OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the total cost of the Government's current maintenance plan to repaint the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
- (2) What is the Government's current expected completion date for this work?

Answer—

Refer to my previous answer LA 2591.

*2741 INCREASE TO FINES FOR BICYCLE OFFENCES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Why were the five specific bicycle offences chosen to have increased penalties?
- (2) What evidence was used to decide on the price of fines for each new penalty?
- (3) Were offences for vehicle drivers or pedestrians researched in the process of increasing penalties?

- (4) Were anomalies with other fines discussed (for example the penalty for a car driving in a bicycle lane is \$177 and the penalty for a car driving in a bus lane is \$319)?

Answer—

With cycling injuries remaining high in NSW, the Government had no choice but to look at tougher deterrents to improve safety for cyclists and other road users like pedestrians.

We don't want to see another dollar in fines, but we do hope to see a reduction in cyclist injuries and fatalities. It's pretty straightforward – if you do the right thing, you have nothing to worry about.

The five categories of offences that were increased more significantly carry high road safety risk, including riding a bicycle without a helmet and failing to stop at a red traffic light. These changes mean that bicycle riders will receive similar penalties as motor vehicle drivers receive for these high risk behaviours.

In deciding to better align this small number of penalties with those for other vehicle operators, the Centre for Road Safety considered the road safety risk to all road users created by these unsafe behaviours. This includes the risk to the bicycle rider themselves (e.g. not wearing a helmet) and the risk to pedestrians (e.g. not stopping at pedestrian or children's crossings). In some instances, there are even serious risks to drivers, who could have to live with the stress and emotional impact of being in a serious or even fatal crash with a bicycle rider through no fault of their own (e.g. a rider does not stop at a red light.)

The review also considered factors including levels of compliance, relative fine levels across other Australian jurisdictions and penalties for other road users who commit similar offences. Generally, penalties in NSW will remain lower than in comparable states, including Victoria.

- *2742 IDENTIFICATION FOR CYCLISTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will tourists from a non-English speaking country be required to carry identification if they want to ride a bike when they are visiting Australia?
- (2) How will carrying identification increase the safety of a bicycle rider?
- (3) What research was relied upon by the Government to justify this policy?

Answer—

The requirement for adult bicycle riders to produce photo identification to a NSW Police officer when suspected of committing a road transport offence will apply for all adult bicycle riders who ride in NSW from 1 March 2017. This will include international visitors to NSW. International visitors will need to provide their driver licence or passport as identification.

When it comes to cycling, carrying identification is not about penalising a particular class of road user. It's intended to ensure family members can be notified if there is a crash, not to mention assisting emergency services staff to provide the best medical support they can. Cycling stakeholder groups already encourage bicycle riders to carry identification for these reasons.

In addition to this road safety benefit, requiring an adult bicycle rider to provide a NSW Police officer with photo identification when suspected of committing a road transport offence will improve the efficiency of police enforcement in the event of an offence at the point of the offence. This will encourage greater compliance among bicycle riders by providing a greater deterrent for risky behaviour.

It should be noted that adult cyclists will not be stopped to identify themselves by the police unless they've done the wrong thing.

This requirement is consistent with deterrence as it applied to the Safe Systems approach to road safety in Australia and internationally.

- *2743 SEWERAGE OVERFLOW PIPES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What are the projected impacts on water quality in Iron Cove from Sydney Water's plan to build 25 new sewerage overflow pipes around Sydney Harbour, including at Drummoyne Point?
- (2) Does Sydney Water plan to install new sewerage overflow pipes anywhere along the Cooks River?
 - (a) If yes, what are the projected impacts on water quality?
- (3) How will the impacts on water quality of building new sewerage overflow pipes in Sydney waterways be monitored?
- (4) What other options were considered and why were they dismissed?

Answer—

- (1) None.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Office of Environment and Heritage's Beachwatch Program will continue to be used to monitor water quality and therefore assess the impacts of new overflow pipes.
- (4) Other options considered included building storage tanks, amplifying existing sewers and wastewater pumping stations, installing one-way valves and reducing stormwater entry via source control. At the Iron Cove site, these were not selected as the preferred option as they had a greater impact on the environment and/or community.

*2744 NSW HEALTH PAYLINK SYSTEM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many paramedics experienced errors with their pay as a result of the failure of NSW Health's paylink system to include ambulance officers' award conditions?
- (2) Have all the errors been rectified and all affected paramedics paid their missing remuneration?
- (3) Is this error restricted to paramedics or have other health workers also been affected?
- (4) What measures have been put in place to ensure this error does not occur again?

Answer—

(1) to (4) NSW Ambulance is putting in place a strategy to ensure staff complete timesheets on time. Opportunities for general staff training in using StaffLink has been offered to NSW Ambulance staff.

*2745 KEARSLEY ENCLOSURE PERMIT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

What justification has been offered by Crown Lands for their decision to grant an Enclosure permit for the area surrounding Congewai Street and Cessnock Street, Kearsley?

Answer—

An application for an enclosure permit was lodged with DPI - Lands after information was furnished to the Maitland regional office by a landholder who was adversely affected by anti-social behaviour on a Crown road.

*2746 ENCLOSURE PERMITS AND TIME FRAMES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many Crown Lands staff are required to approve an application for an Enclosure Permit?
- (2) Are Crown Lands staff members required to attend the site prior to approving an application?
- (3) What are the time frames for approving an application?
- (4) What are the time frames for revoking an application which has been found to be issued in error?

Answer—

Relevant information on Enclosure Permits can be found at: http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/25969/Enclosure_Permits_Factsheet_March_2015.pdf.

*2747 COMPLAINTS ABOUT ENCLOSURE PERMITS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) With regard to enclosure permits issuance by NSW Crown Lands in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at 17 March 2016):
 - (a) How many permits were issued?
 - (b) How many complaints were received regarding issued permits?
 - (c) How many issued permits were revoked?
 - (d) How many permits were revoked within 6 months of issuance?

Answer—

(1)

2011-2012

(a) a total of 695 permits were issued

(b) a total of 12 complaints were received about varying issues

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(c) Nil revoked (This doesn't include enclosure permits which were transferred, amalgamated and cancelled due to land holders purchasing or selling land)

(d) Nil revoked within 6 months of issuance

2012-2013

(a) a total of 509 permits were issued

(b) a total of 21 complaints were received about varying issues

(c) Nil revoked (This doesn't include enclosure permits which were transferred, amalgamated and cancelled due to land holders purchasing or selling land)

(d) Nil revoked within 6 months of issuance

2013-2014

(a) a total of 637 permits were issued

(b) a total of 16 complaints were received about varying issues

(c) Nil revoked (This doesn't include enclosure permits which were transferred, amalgamated and cancelled due to land holders purchasing or selling land)

(d) Nil revoked within 6 months of issuance

2014-2015

(a) a total of 487 permits were issued

(b) a total of 10 complaints were received about varying issues

(c) a total of 2 were revoked (This doesn't include enclosure permits which were transferred, amalgamated and cancelled due to land holders purchasing or selling land)

(d) Nil were revoked within 6 months of issuance

2015 – 2016 (up to 17 March)

(a) a total of 448 permits were issued

(b) a total of 8 complaints were received about varying issues

(c) Nil revoked

(d) Nil revoked with 6 months of issuance

*2748 FLYING FOX COLONIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) What was the estimated number of flying foxes in New South Wales at the time the animal was listed as an endangered species?

(2) What is the current estimated number flying foxes as of 17 March 2016?

(3) How many current colonies are there in New South Wales as of 17 March 2016?

(4) How many colonies are located in urban areas?

(5) How many colonies are located within 500 metres of a school?

(6) How many colonies are located within 100 metres of a school?

(7) How many colonies are located on Crown Land?

(8) How many colonies have no Plan of Management between Crown Lands and the local council?

Answer—

(1) to (6) These questions are best directed to the Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage.

(7) to (8) The number of colonies located on Crown land varies from time to time based on seasonal migration factors and human intervention.

*2749 PRIVATE HEALTH PATIENTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

What is the total amount that was reimbursed from Health Funds in New South Wales to the health system when a private patient was admitted to a public hospital and utilised their private medical insurance in each of the financial years 2013-14 to 2015-16 (as at 17 March 2016)?

Answer—

The information on the total amount reimbursed from Health Funds in NSW to the health system is published in the NSW Health Annual Report at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/pages/default.aspx.

*2750 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the accepted ratio of nurses to patients in New South Wales public hospitals on/in:
 - (a) Day shift;
 - (b) Night shift;
 - (c) General Ward;
 - (d) Intensive Care Unit;
 - (e) Emergency Department;
 - (f) Maternity Department?
- (2) What is the average ratio of nurses to patients in Hunter New England Health Area public hospitals on/in:
 - (a) Day shift;
 - (b) Night shift;
 - (c) General Ward;
 - (d) Intensive Care Unit;
 - (e) Emergency Department;
 - (f) Maternity Department?

Answer—

(1) and (2) NSW does not use fixed nurse-to-patient ratios on a shift. Instead, for suitable wards, NSW public hospitals use a more flexible method, called Nursing Hours per Patient Day, which allocates an average number of nursing hours that should be provided in a ward over the course of a week.

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

*2751 COSTS DISCLOSURES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

What records are available regarding the lodgement of costs disclosures by solicitors in relation to solicitor/client costs (including counsel's fees) since they became mandatory on 1 October 2015? How many costs disclosures have been lodged with the State Insurance Regulatory Authority? What is the total percentage of charges to settlement funds notified? What is the dollar value of the charges? What is the average percentage of costs charged per settlement? What is the highest percentage charged for any one settlement?

Answer—

(1) The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) has developed a secure online records system for managing the claims costs details provided to the Authority by claimant solicitors on finalisation of a Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance claim. Solicitors are required to submit to SIRA's secure online Claims Costs Disclosure system the following details, via an online form:

- the total settlement or award;
- the breakdown of deductions and disbursements from the settlement or award (including details of all deductions by the insurer and/or by the claimant's legal representative and a breakdown of legal costs paid by the claimant);
- the net amount received by the claimant.

(2) 2,298.

(3) 23%.

(4) \$92,633,213.

(5) The table below shows legal plaintiff costs as a percentage of settlement size.*

Claim Size Bands	Total Legal (Plaintiff) Fee as a percentage of settlement amount **
under \$50,000	42%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	37%
\$100,000 to \$200,000	31%
\$200,000 to \$500,000	23%
\$500,000 to \$700,000	17%
\$700,000 to \$1million	12%
Greater than \$1million	11%

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*Analysis prepared by the independent Scheme Actuary, Ernst & Young.

**Settlement amount refers to amounts disclosed to SIRA by insurers.

(6) The highest percentage charged for any one settlement was 85%.

*2752 ATTENDANCE AT POLICE STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Is each interaction recorded when people attend their local police station to advise/report incidents and/or concerns?
 - (a) If yes, is there an incident number advised?
 - (b) If no:
 - (i) How are individual station statistics compiled for inclusion in Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research work?
 - (ii) How are Local Area Command statistics compiled for inclusion in Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research work?

Answer—

- (1) (a) I refer the Member to my response to his previous Written Question on this subject.
- (b) The compilation of Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) data is a matter for BOCSAR.

*2753 NEW SOUTH WALES FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What have been the total annual budgets allocated to the New South Wales Firearms Registry for each year for the financial years 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (2) What have been the full-time equivalent staffing positions allocated to this service for each year of the financial years 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (3) What is the average time frame to process a licences application as at 1 February 2016?
- (4) What is the average time frame to process an adjustment to firearms ownership such as a sale, transfer or purchase of new firearms at 1 February 2016?
- (5) What is the total number of longarm registered firearms in New South Wales as at 1 February 2016?
- (6) What is the total number of hand gun registered firearms in New South Wales as at 1 February 2016?

Answer—

- (1) Please refer to my previous answer on this matter.
- (2) NSW Police Force staffing information is found in the NSW Police Force Annual Report.
- (3) I'm advised the time to process a licence application varies depending upon such factors as the completeness of the application.
- (4) I'm advised accurate notifications are processed the day they are received, however the generation of a Registration Certificate requires transaction notifications from both dealer and customer.
- (5) I'm advised long-arms registrations in NSW include Category A, B and D firearms, dealer stock and collectors, but not firearms attached to permits.
- (6) I'm advised handguns registrations in NSW include dealer stock and collectors but not firearms attached to permits

*2754 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What is the Government doing to facilitate new manufacturing industries given the downturn in coal mining?
- (2) How will the Government support workers and mitigate job losses throughout this process?
- (3) What is the Government doing to support the workers retrenched from BHP Billiton Mount Arthur?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The NSW Government is implementing some of the recommendations from the Manufacturing Industry Action Plan, which supports the overall development and competitiveness of the sector. The Government actively supports advanced manufacturing across several sectors including: defence, aerospace, rail, medical technology, biotechnology, composites and food manufacturing. Support is provided to companies to accelerate technology adoption and innovation, diversify into new products and markets, and promote capability to global and domestic supply chains.

The most recent statistics show the regional NSW economy is strong. Over the year to February 2016, regional NSW had the largest increase in total employment and the largest unemployment rate decrease among the regional areas of all Australian States. Over the same period, regional NSW was the only Australian regional area to record a rise in labour force participation – a positive sign which shows that more people are active in the job market.

Regional NSW's unemployment rate of 5.4% in February 2016 was below the greater Sydney unemployment rate of 5.7%, below the State-wide unemployment rate of 5.6% and below the Australia-wide unemployment rate of 6.2%.

NSW Government agencies provide a coordinated and rapid response to assist businesses and individuals in regional areas affected by job losses. For example, officers from the NSW Department of Industry's Newcastle office are in regular contact with Mt Arthur Coal to discuss the local situation and determine the appropriate response and support programs.

Officers have discussed the Government's Rapid Response initiative and provided details of assistance available through the Commonwealth Departments of Employment and Human Services. Information on Training Services NSW and the Jobs in the Hunter website has also been provided.

On 17 March 2016 officers from the NSW Department of Industry's Office of Regional Development and Training Services NSW met with BHP Billiton Mt Arthur management to discuss participation in employee outplacement information workshops. The Department also arranged for the Commonwealth Department of Human Services to make presentations to affected workers.

During March and April 2016, six job transition workshops were scheduled for BHP Mt Arthur employees affected by job losses

- *2755 UPGRADE OF HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH—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—

When will the Government commit funds to constructing an upgraded Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LA 2568.

- *2756 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STATION STAFF IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) station staff were located at the following train stations as at 31 January 2014:
 - (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Olympic Park;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) Berala?
- (2) How many FTE station staff were located at the following train stations as at 31 January 2016:
 - (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Olympic Park;
 - (d) Regents Park;
 - (e) Berala?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to alter the FTE station staff at each station over the next twelve months?
 - (a) If so what are the Government's plans?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 26;
- (b) 18;
- (c) 4;
- (d) 7;
- (e) 1.5.

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- (2) (a) 31;
- (b) 11;
- (c) 4;
- (d) 6;
- (e) 2.

*2757 ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many instances of illegal tobacco sales in the Auburn electorate were recorded in the each of the years from 2012 to 2015?
- (2) What actions have been taken to prevent the illegal sale of tobacco in the Auburn electorate?

Answer—

It is illegal under sections 6 and 7 of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 to sell tobacco products that are incorrectly packaged, do not carry health warnings, or contain prohibited words such as 'non-injurious', 'non-hazardous' and 'harmless'. These laws aim to reduce the attractiveness, appeal and availability of tobacco products to consumers. Penalties of up to 100 penalty units apply to individuals and, in the case of a corporation, 500 penalty units.

To prevent the sale of illegal tobacco, NSW Health Inspectors undertake compliance monitoring and enforcement activities in relation to the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008. This includes routine inspections of tobacco retailers and in response to complaints received about the suspected sale of illegal tobacco. Enforcement may include abatement actions such as seizure of illegal tobacco and the issuance of warning notices, through to deterrent via prosecution.

*2758 COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Community Language Schools are located in the Auburn electorate?
 - (a) Where are the specific locations of each Community Language School?
- (2) What languages are taught in each of these schools in the Auburn electorate?
- (3) What was the total funding allocation to these schools in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) and (2) This information is available on the Department of Education's website.

(3) Information regarding funding for community language schools can be found in the Department of Education's Annual Report.

*2759 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—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 government and non-government schools currently have a school crossing supervisor in the Auburn electorate?
- (2) How often are the needs of schools for school crossing supervisors in the Auburn electorate reviewed?
- (3) How many schools in the Auburn electorate applied to have a school crossing supervisor between 1 March 2011 and January 2016?
 - (a) How many of those schools had their applications rejected?

Answer—

Information on the School Crossing Supervisor program, including site eligibility criteria, is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

Crossing facilities that do not meet the criteria for a school crossing supervisor may be reviewed if circumstances change, or in 12 months.

*2760 SHARK COUNT IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) When was the last shark count undertaken in Lake Macquarie?
 - (a) What were the results of that count?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my answer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 794.

*2761 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE CENTRAL METROPOLITAN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many graduates were assigned to Local Area Commands in the Central Metropolitan Region in each of the years 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Police resources are allocated by the Commissioner in response to operational need. Information regarding local area command allocation can be found at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2762 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE SOUTHERN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many graduates were assigned to Local Area Commands in the Southern Region in each of the years 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Police resources are allocated by the Commissioner in response to operational need. Information regarding local area command allocation can be found at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2763 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many graduates were assigned to Local Area Commands in the South West Metropolitan Region in each of the years 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Police resources are allocated by the Commissioner in response to operational need. Information regarding local area command allocation can be found at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2764 INITIATIVES FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What new initiatives has the Government enacted to drive recruitment for women to the NSW Police Force?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) is committed to ongoing improved recruitment, retention, development and promotion of women within the NSWPF and implements this via strategies in the Women in Policing Strategic Plan 2015-2018.

*2765 NEW RECRUITS TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What percentage of new recruits to the NSW Police Force were women for each of the years from 2010 to 2015?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me the average percentage of the years requested is 29%.

*2766 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many graduates were assigned to Local Area Commands in the North West Metropolitan Region in each of the years 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Police resources are allocated by the Commissioner in response to operational need. Information regarding local area command allocation can be found at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2767 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE NORTHERN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many graduates were assigned to Local Area Commands in the Northern Region in each of the

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years 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Police resources are allocated by the Commissioner in response to operational need. Information regarding local area command allocation can be found at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2768 POLICE GRADUATES TO THE WESTERN REGION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

How many graduates were assigned to Local Area Commands in the Western Region in each of the years 2014 and 2015?

Answer—

Police resources are allocated by the Commissioner in response to operational need. Information regarding local area command allocation can be found at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*2769 ICE AND RELATED CRIME IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What strategies has the Government put in place to tackle the growing issues involving the use of the drug 'ice' and related crime in the following regions:

- (a) Central Coast;
- (b) Illawarra;
- (c) Hunter;
- (d) Western NSW;
- (e) North Coast;
- (f) Western Sydney;
- (g) Eastern Sydney;
- (h) Inner City?

Answer—

The Government's Ice Package election commitments encompass a coordinated effort across Government and with the non-government sector to address each of the pillars of our National Drug Strategy - supply reduction, demand reduction and harm reduction. These are being implemented across NSW.

*2770 OUT-OF-ZONE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Can a public school accept an out-of-zone application if the school currently has a demountable classroom on site at the school?
- (2) Is there a formula for how many out-of-zone places a school can accommodate?
 - (a) If yes, what is this formula?
 - (b) If no, how many out-of-zone applications can a school accept?
- (3) Do schools get extra resources (for example teachers or classrooms) on the basis of out-of-zone applications?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) This information can be found on the Department of Education's website.
- (3) Schools are resourced as per the Teaching Staffing Entitlements guideline.

*2771 FORMER SITE OF THE HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) In a letter dated 11 February 2016, I was advised that the removal of buildings at the former Hunter River Community School at East Maitland would be completed by the end of February 2016. Has this been completed?
- (2) Has the Department of Education made a decision on the future of the former school site yet?
 - (a) If not, what is the time frame to consider if this site will be considered surplus?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No. The future of the site is still under construction.

*2772 WOMEN ONLY REHABILITATION CLINICS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Considering that there are no women only drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinics in the Hunter Valley, are there plans for a women's only rehabilitation centre in the Hunter Valley?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What facilities are available for women seeking drug and alcohol rehabilitation?

Answer—

Services for people with a range of drug and alcohol issues operate across the Hunter New England Local Health District. They include hospital inpatient and outpatient services, community-based clinics and NGO services.

A Stimulant Treatment Program is located in Newcastle, which provides treatment services for methamphetamine users.

*2773 VICTORIA STREET STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Can the Minister advise where the design and planning process is up to for improvements to Victoria Street Station (East Maitland)?
- (2) When is completion of the design and planning expected?

Answer—

The proposed upgrade is currently in detailed design.

Interested community members will be able to provide feedback on the proposed upgrade once the Review of Environmental Factors is put on display.

*2774 WHOOPING COUGH IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) Why has there been such a significant rise in whooping cough cases in the Hunter with over 271 cases in 2016 as at 17 March 2016, more than double the figure at the same time in 2015?
- (2) What is the Minister doing to prevent whooping cough cases in the Hunter?
- (3) With recent reports (The Newcastle Herald, dated 3 March 2016) of pharmacists in the Hunter stating that there has been a shortage of whooping cough vaccine in the Hunter can the Minister explain why such a shortage has occurred?
 - (a) If not, why?
 - (b) What steps will be taken to prevent a further shortage from occurring in the future?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA 2253.

*2775 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much of the \$9.9 million announced in the 2015-16 Budget has been spent to date (as at 17 March 2016) for the new Lower Hunter Hospital in Maitland?
- (2) What has the money been spent on?

Answer—

in march 2016, the NSW Government committed more than \$400 million to progress the new Maitland Hospital project.

*2776 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Under the Specialist Homelessness Services, how many domestic violence refuges are there in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are the refuges located?
- (2) How many of these services are government funded?
- (3) How many of these services are non-government funded?
- (4) What government funding programs have been available to services providing refuge to those suffering from domestic violence for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 ?
- (5) What Commonwealth funding programs have been available for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16 ?

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Answer—

Information about refuges is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website.

*2778 FEES AND ENROLMENT FOR TAFE NSW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What is the average increase in student fees from 1 January 2015 to fee levels as at 1 January 2016?
- (2) What were the enrolment numbers at TAFE NSW for 2015?
- (3) What are the enrolment numbers at TAFE NSW for 2016?

Answer—

(1) There has been no increase in fees for students undertaking government-subsidised training under Smart and Skilled between 1 January 2015 and 1 January 2016.

In November 2015 I announced that fees for government-subsidised vocational education and training in 2016 will be fixed at the 2015 levels for the majority of qualifications. The 12-month fee freeze is providing confidence and certainty for students wanting to access vocational education and training.

In addition, the NSW Government has:

- capped fees for traineeships at \$1,000 from this year, meaning that over 85 per cent of traineeships qualifications on the NSW Skills List are cheaper for students than they were in 2015, with the average saving being \$1,128
- more than halved student fees for seven Foundation Skills qualifications
- capped fees for apprenticeships at \$2,000 from 2015.

Fees continue to be affordable. For those qualifications on the NSW Skills List, students only pay a small portion of the full cost of training. In 2016 the NSW Government pays an average of 90 per cent of the cost of foundation skills, 75 per cent of Certificate II and III, 70 per cent of Certificate IV and 60 per cent of Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas. For example:

- a Certificate I in Access to Work and Training costs a student \$220 (\$80 concession), with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$2,120
- a Certificate II in Foundations for Vocational and Further Study costs a student \$320 (\$80 concession), with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$3,000
- a Certificate II in Aeroskills costs a student \$1,000 as a traineeship (\$160 concessions), with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$4,770
- a Certificate III in Carpentry and Joinery costs a student \$2,000 as an apprenticeship (\$240 concession), with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$12,360
- a Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery costs a student \$2,340 (\$240 concession), with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$11,120
- A Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care costs the student \$1,000 as a traineeship, with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$10,590
- An Advanced Diploma of Agriculture costs a student \$4,550, with the NSW Government funding the remaining \$8,630.

The NSW Government makes free training available to those most in need:

- Indigenous people, people with a disability and dependants of people on a disability support pension do not pay a cent for any of the 740 qualifications on the NSW Skills List
- Young people aged between 15-30 years who are on welfare, or who are dependants of a person on welfare, do not pay a cent for any qualification on the NSW Skills List up to a Certificate IV
- Workers affected by some large-scale industry restructures are offered free training so they can reskill into a new career pathway.

Recently I announced an extension of fee-free training for young people in, or who have left, out-of-home care, for qualifications up to Certificate IV. Nearly 20,000 young people have applied for a fee-free scholarship, including over 1,900 in social housing.

In September 2015 I announced \$10 million in funding to help school leavers start their career through free pre-traineeship and pre-apprenticeship courses. This program was fully subscribed in just seven months, with over 3,800 people taking up free places.

Claims made by the Opposition that student fees for basic courses are \$4,000 are false. The maximum fee for a Certificate I is \$220, or \$80 concession. There are

only six Certificate IV qualifications that cost more than \$4,000 for the student. To highlight one of these as an example:

- a Certificate IV in Electrical - Renewable Energy costs over \$15,000 to deliver; with the student paying up to \$4,920 and the NSW Government contributing \$10,180.
- (2) Data is currently being checked as part of TAFE's national reporting requirements and needs to be approved by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research before a final figure is announced
- (3) Enrolment trends for TAFE NSW in 2016 are indicating strong growth. Data for first quarter reports to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research are being finalised and will be published in July 2016.

*2779 HOUSING CONTACT CENTRE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many staff does the Housing Contact Centre employ?
- (2) How many phone operators are rostered on for the following days/times:
 - (a) Days 9 am to 5 pm;
 - (b) Evenings 5 pm to 12 am;
 - (c) Mornings 12 am to 9 am;
 - (d) Weekends?
- (3) How many calls are taken in these timeframes and what percentage of these calls are for repair and maintenance requests:
 - (a) Days 9 am to 5 pm;
 - (b) Evenings 5 pm to 12 am;
 - (c) Mornings 12 am to 9 am;
 - (d) Weekends?
- (4) What percentage of repair requests are made through the online e-repair system?
- (5) What is the average waiting time for calls to be answered between:
 - (a) Days 9 am to 5 pm;
 - (b) Evenings 5 pm to 12 am;
 - (c) Mornings 12 am to 9 am;
 - (d) Weekends?
- (6) What is the trend in waiting times since the Contact Centre was established?
- (7) What action has been taken to reduce Housing Contact Centre waiting times?
- (8) What percentage of calls is to register complaints about contractors and delays to repairs?
- (9) What requirement is there for call centre operators to provide tenants with reference/work order numbers?
- (10) What percentage of maintenance and repair requests are completed within the timeframes advised by call centre operators?
- (11) What processes are in place to ensure action is taken within timeframes advised to tenants?
- (12) What processes are in place to ensure follow up with tenants to check requests have been actioned and required work completed?
- (13) What plans does the Government have to improve the Housing Contact Centre service?

Answer—

In 2015 the Housing Contact Centre responded to over 803,000 calls.

FACS encourages clients to use its online reporting service, for non-urgent requests.

Further information is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website.

*2780 200 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the trend in patronage for the 200 bus services prior to and since 4 October 2015 (to 17 March 2016)?
- (2) What services operate between 10 am and 2 pm?
- (3) What feedback has the Government received from passengers about the need for expanded hours or services on this route?
- (4) Has the Government carried out a service audit or destination study on this route?
 - (a) If yes, what results were identified?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the need for expanded hours for this service?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made of the need for additional stops, particularly in the northern section of the CBD?
- (7) What action has been taken to expand operating hours?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to improve 200 bus services?

Answer—

The NSW Government, along with State Transit, continually reviews and considers customer feedback on the bus network, including route 200. Factors including frequency and reliability of bus services, in addition to convenience for customers, are considered. The new CBD bus network commenced in October 2015. The redesigned routes mean less bus congestion in the heart of the city, and through-routes, including the 200, mean fewer buses have to terminate in the heart of the city.

*2781 SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What school bus services operate for the Blackwattle Bay High School campus?
 - (a) Where are the service locations?
- (2) What direct school bus services does the Government provide for students to reach this campus from:
 - (a) Paddington?
 - (b) Potts Point?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of providing a service from Taylor Square to link with existing school bus services or direct to the campus?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the need for additional school bus services to the Blackwattle Bay high school campus?
- (5) What consultation has the Government carried out with the school community about bus services?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve school bus services in the inner city?

Answer—

State Transit operates services for the Blackwattle Bay High School campus on school routes 685, 690, 691, 692 and 693, and also on regular public routes. Details are available from the Transport for NSW and Sydney Buses websites. Bus services for the school are regularly reviewed and it is considered that the present level of service meets student demand.

Most Sydney school students travelling to and from school on State Transit services do so by catching regular route services. Dedicated school services are only used to supplement normal route services.

*2783 FLYING FOX CAMPS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many flying fox camp management plans were approved in 2014 and 2015 which included dispersal of camp through disturbance:
 - (a) in Metropolitan Sydney?
 - (b) for the rest of New South Wales?
- (2) What areas do these camp management plans apply to?
 - (a) Which areas allow dispersal through disturbance during breeding times, or when flying foxes are heavily pregnant or have young that are too young to fly?
- (3) How many flying fox camp management plans which included dispersal of camp through disturbance are currently under consideration for approval:
 - (a) in metropolitan Sydney?
 - (b) for the rest of New South Wales?
- (4) How many flying fox camp management plans were approved in 2014 and 2015 which didn't include dispersal of camp through disturbance:
 - (a) in metropolitan Sydney?
 - (b) for the rest of New South Wales?
- (5) What concerns have been raised with the Government about councils and residents conducting dispersal of flying foxes without an approved flying fox camp management plan?
 - (a) What action has been taken in response to these concerns?

Answer—

(1) Flying fox camp management plans are prepared by land managers, generally local councils. They are not required to be approved by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). Camp management plans assist OEH to consider applications under section 91 of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.

(5) OEH has not received any written concerns about councils dispersing flying foxes without an approval.

In 2014-15, OEH received several reports from the public about residents attempting to disperse flying foxes by causing disturbance. OEH investigated each report and, where there was sufficient evidence, sent letters to the residents to remind them of their legal obligations in relation to flying foxes.

*2784 LIME STREET BUS LAYOVER—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What feedback has the Government received from the adjacent residential and business community in the King Street Wharf precinct about:
 - (a) Traffic;
 - (b) Parking;
 - (c) Noise;
 - (d) Air pollution impacts?
- (2) What liaison with residents has been carried out since the changes were introduced in October 2015, including meetings?
- (3) What changes have been introduced in response to community concerns?
- (4) What options have been considered to reduce traffic congestion from private coaches?
 - (a) What changes have been introduced and enforced?
- (5) What options have been considered to reduce traffic congestion from taxis?
 - (a) What changes have been introduced and enforced?
- (6) What options have been considered to reduce noise and air pollution impacts?
 - (a) What changes have been introduced and enforced?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to reduce traffic congestion and prevent impacts on residents adjacent to Lime Street and the King Street Wharf precinct?

Answer—

Transport for NSW will soon be seeking community feedback on proposed changes in the King Street Wharf precinct. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor traffic and bus services in the area and make changes when necessary.

*2785 MOTORCYCLE NOISE STANDARDS—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 LA 4205, what assessment has been made to determine that the requirements for motorcycle noise are sufficient?
- (2) How does the Government test for noise in the annual safety checks?
- (3) What assessment has been made of compliance?
 - (a) What action has been taken on this assessment?
- (4) What advocacy for reform of motorcycle noise standards has the Government made to the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules Maintenance Group?
- (5) What advocacy for motorcycle noise standards reform has the Government made through the Strategic Vehicle Safety and Environmental Group, the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board and the Technical Liaison Group convened by the relevant Federal department?
- (6) What plans does the Government have for other strategies to prevent offensive noise impacts from motorcycles?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to protect inner city residents from motorcycle noise impacts?

Answer—

(1), (4) and (5) All motorcycles must satisfy noise levels set out in Australian Design Rule 83/00 – External Noise. Increased noise levels are largely the result of poorly maintained or incorrectly modified vehicles, not inappropriate design standards, and therefore are an enforcement issue.

(2), (3), (3a), (6) and (7) Compliance with noise standards is assessed during frequent on-road enforcement campaigns undertaken by NSW Police and the Environment Protection Agency.

*2786 TRAFFIC SIGNAL BICYCLE DETECTION—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—

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- (1) How many traffic signals are there in the City Centre Access Strategy?
- (2) How many traffic signals in this precinct have been upgraded to detect bicycles?
 - (a) What are the locations of these?
- (3) How does the Government prioritise signals to be upgraded?
- (4) How many traffic signals in this precinct remain to be upgraded to detect bicycles?
- (5) When does the Government plan to have these signals upgraded?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to upgrade traffic signals to detect bicycles outside the CBD precinct along approved regional cycling routes?
- (7) What further plans does the Government have to ensure that traffic signals across New South Wales detect bicycles?

Answer—

(1) 197.

(2) to (7) In NSW, cyclists can trigger green lights when they are detected by an induction loop. Studies show induction loops are well capable of detecting cyclists if they position their bicycle in the appropriate location on the loop.

The location for best detection to trigger traffic lights is in the middle of the bike lane. Loop markings are clearly visible to act as a guide. A video explaining how the detectors work is also available for riders on the RMS website at (<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/bicycles/index.html>).

If a bike rider is having difficulty being detected, we encourage them to report faulty signal operations on 131 700.

*2787 ROAD OCCUPANCY LICENCES—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) When was the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Road Occupancy Manual last updated?
- (2) What changes were made to the section about council roads in the Sydney and Parramatta CBDs requiring RMS approval?
- (3) Will RMS require road work in these areas including on minor residential roads to be carried out at night when residents are trying to sleep?
- (4) How does RMS take into account the impacts on adjacent residents of these approvals?
- (5) What restrictions are placed on Road Occupancy Licences where a large number of residents live close to or will be adversely affected by noise and air pollution during night road works?
- (6) What consultation before approval does RMS carry out with residents or resident groups?
- (7) What noise measurement does RMS carry out in residents' homes to assess these impacts?
- (8) How does RMS assess air pollution impacts of road works?
- (9) How does RMS coordinate road works requiring Road Occupancy Licences from different utility companies and agencies?
- (10) What plans does the Government have to better protect residents from the noise and air pollution impacts of road works?

Answer—

(1) 14 May 2015

(2) None.

(3) to (10) The Transport Management Centre (TMC) is responsible for assessing and issuing Road Occupancy Licences. These licences provide approval to close a section of road at a certain time for planned or emergency works, including maintenance or repairs by utility companies.

Applications for licences are individually assessed on the type of work and impacts on traffic and transport, local businesses and residents. The TMC also identifies and maps potential conflicts with other works or events. Where possible, the TMC negotiates shared access to road space, if more than one proponent requires access, to minimise road closure times and impacts.

It is not mandatory for roadworks on residential streets to be carried out at night. Work is permitted during the day to minimise disturbance to local residents. Any consultation with residents or businesses is the responsibility of the proponent carrying out the works.

Onsite environmental matters are under the jurisdiction of the NSW Environment Protection Authority and/or local councils.

*2788 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME TRANSITION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

What transition arrangements are in place to ensure people with a disability who are currently receiving Government support are no worse off in areas where the National Disability Insurance Scheme begins on 1 July 2016?

Answer—

The Bilateral Agreement between the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments sets the terms for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in NSW. An Operational Plan was also agreed between the NSW Government, Commonwealth Government and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) that sets out in more detail how transition will occur. Both documents ensure that people with disability in NSW transition to the NDIS as smoothly and effectively as possible, with minimal disruptions.

For people who are currently receiving specialist disability services funded by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services, streamlined eligibility arrangements have been agreed and the process for planning for those eligible for the NDIS is currently being finalised with the NDIA.

All governments have committed to providing support to people currently receiving specialist disability support services who are not eligible for the NDIS, so that people are not disadvantaged when the NDIS commences. Continuity of support arrangements have been agreed between the NSW and Commonwealth and are outlined in the Bilateral Agreement and the NSW Operational Plan.

*2789 VACANT GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Government-owned properties are currently vacant in Raymond Terrace?
- (2) How many of these vacant buildings is the Government planning to sell?
- (3) How many of these vacant buildings is the Government trying to lease?
- (4) How many of these vacant buildings are unoccupied and have no current future plan of use?

Answer—

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

*2790 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

What proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in New South Wales attend 15 hours or more of preschool education in the year before school?

Answer—

In 2015 the total participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in early childhood education in the year before school was 86.8 per cent.

*2791 PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE INSPECTIONS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many spot safety checks of preschools and childcare centres were conducted in each of the following years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 17 March 2016)?
- (2) What has been the cost of conducting regulatory compliance checks in each of the following years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 17 March 2016)?
- (3) How many centres have faced compliance enforcement action as a result of these inspections in each of the following years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 17 March 2016)?

Answer—

(1) 2013: 1,203;

2014: 1,409;

2015: 1,653;

2016: 345.

(2) This information is not collected. Regulatory compliance checks are not casted or budgeted

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separately.

(3) 2013: 57;

2014: 130;

2015: 231;

2016: 50.

*2792 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

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

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

Answer—

(1) and (2) This information can be found on the Department of Education's website.

*2793 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

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

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

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

Answer—

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

*2794 PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL MERGER—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) How many occasions have residents contacted the Minister or the Ministerial Office regarding the planned forced merger of Port Stephens Council and Newcastle City Council either:

(a) in writing;

(b) by email;

(c) by phone;

(d) in person?

(2) Of those contacts, what percentage were:

(a) Opposed to the merger?

(b) Supportive of the merger?

(c) Uncertain of their position on the merger?

Answer—

My office regularly receives, and responds to, contact from members of the public from across the state regarding local government matters. This correspondence is not collated in the manner in which you have requested, and it would be an unreasonable diversion of the office's resources to collate this information

*2795 SAFER PATHWAYS ROLLOUT—Ms Kate Washington 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 future sites have been costed as potential locations for the next expansion of the Safer Pathways model following the success of the six current trial sites?

(2) What is the estimated cost of these sites?

(3) What funding was allocated in the 2015-16 Budget for the expansion of the Safer Pathways model?

(4) When will the Government be announcing the next expansion of the Safer Pathways model?

Answer—

Refer to LA Question on Notice 2611

*2797 REGULATION OF SHIP EMISSIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) Will the Government introduce emission regulations for all ships docking in the Port of Newcastle, and protect the community from harmful emissions?

(2) When will the regulations be applied to other shipping types while in transit in harbours or at berth

in:

- (a) Sydney Harbour?
- (b) All other New South Wales ports?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government is reviewing emissions from all shipping types as part of the NSW Diesel and Marine Emissions Management Strategy released in 2015.

(2) The Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Amendment (Cruise Ships) Regulation 2015 requiring use of low sulfur fuel (0.1% or less) took effect for cruise ships at berth in Sydney Harbour on 1 October 2015 and will take effect for cruise ships operating in Sydney Harbour from 1 July 2016.

The Government is consulting with stakeholders about the use of 0.1% sulfur fuel by cruise ships in regional NSW ports with a view to making a decision in this regard in mid-2016. The NSW Diesel and Marine Emissions Management Strategy does not specify any change in regulation of the sulfur content of fuel used by other shipping types.

*2798 AIR QUALITY STANDARDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Considering the Government has agreed to new National Environment Protection Measures (NEPM) air quality standards, and that areas of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley have levels above these new NEPM levels, what is the Government doing to reduce the Newcastle/Hunter Valley levels into line with air NEPM Standards?

Answer—

The NSW Government, through the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), has delivered many air quality actions in NSW to manage and improve air quality, and to expand the evidence base and community access to information on air quality. This includes programs specific to the Newcastle and Hunter Valley regions, such as:

- Developing the Upper Hunter Air Particles Action Plan and establishing an Interagency Taskforce on Air Quality which has a priority focus on particle emissions in the Hunter.
- Completing the Upper Hunter Fine Particle Characterisation Study and undertaking the Lower Hunter Particle Characterisation Study to determine composition and sources of particle pollution (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) in areas near the Port of Newcastle. These studies will guide future regulatory actions and priorities for the EPA.
- Undertaking the Lower Hunter Dust Deposition Study to better understand the composition of coarse dust particles in the Newcastle area.
- Completing the 14 station Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network and establishing the three station Newcastle Local Air Quality Monitoring Network. Air quality data from both networks is publicly available in near real time on the OEH website.
- Implementing the wood smoke reduction framework and working with local councils, including in the Hunter, on wood smoke reduction initiatives and conducting social research on community attitudes to wood smoke in the Upper Hunter. This research will assist the EPA to tailor its future programs to address wood smoke.
- Implementing the Dust Stop Program at coal mines which requires open cut coal mines, including in the Hunter, to implement programs to reduce wheel-generated dust, reduce dust from operations in adverse weather conditions, and monitor and report on these initiatives.
- Investigating and publishing a benchmark study in December 2015 of best practice measures to reduce diesel emissions from machinery at coal mines. This study will inform requirements included in Pollution Reduction Programs attached to environmental protection licences.
- Directing the Australian Rail Track Corporation to complete two monitoring studies on dust from coal trains. These studies, and the independent reviews of the results, provided the EPA, the community and industry with a better understanding of particle emissions from the Hunter rail corridor.
- Working with the operators of the NSW coal shipping terminals, including those at Carrington and Kooragang Island, to develop a monitoring and reporting program on the condition of loaded coal wagons arriving at their facilities. This resulted in environmental improvement programs being added to their environment protection licences aimed at reducing loss of coal from coal wagons.
- Conducting compliance audits of 11 licensed coal loading premises and four coal terminals in 2014, representing all major coal fields and coal terminals in NSW including in the Hunter.
- Requesting that the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer undertake an Independent Review of Rail Coal

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Dust Emissions Management Practices in the NSW Coal Chain.

- Commissioning a comprehensive literature review of national and international management practices to control dust emissions from coal trains.
- Working closely with the Newcastle Community Consultative Committee on the Environment, the Rutherford Air Quality Liaison Committee and the Upper Hunter AirQuality Advisory Committee, enabling these communities to identify air quality concerns associated with nearby industrial activities, and helping government and local industry better understand community concerns.

*2799 CLEAN FUEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Does the Government plan to introduce a requirement for ships using New South Wales ports to use clean fuel with less than 0.5% sulphur?

Answer—

The Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Amendment (Cruise Ships) Regulation 2015 requires low sulfur fuel (0.1% or less) be used by cruise ships at berth in Sydney Harbour. From 1 July 2016 the regulation will require cruise ships operating in Sydney Harbour to use 0.1% sulfur fuel.

The NSW Government has been consulting with stakeholders about the use of 0.1% sulfur fuel by cruise ships in regional NSW ports.

*2800 NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

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

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water.

*2801 NEWCASTLE OFFICE OF LIQUOR, GAMING AND RACING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Will the Government commit to not closing the Newcastle Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing?
- (2) Will the Government commit to no reduction in staff numbers from this office?

Answer—

The new regulator for the liquor and gaming industries, Liquor and Gaming NSW, will be fully operational by June 2016 and tasked with ensuring the state's liquor and gaming rules are upheld.

Liquor and Gaming NSW will have increased compliance resources to ensure the entire state is appropriately regulated.

It is a matter for the new agency once operational to advise on best footprint to boost compliance.

*2802 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CAP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Did the Government make a cap on numbers at the Port of Newcastle a rule for a scoping study into leasing Port Botany?
- (2) Did the Government appoint Morgan Stanley in December 2011 to undertake a scoping study into leasing Port Botany?
- (3) Did the Government include a cap on numbers at the Port of Newcastle in the negotiations with Anglo Ports Pty Ltd pursuant to a tender conducted by Newcastle Port Corporation in 2010?
- (4) Does the cap on numbers at the Port of Newcastle conform to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010?

Answer—

(1) to (4) There is material already available on the NSW Parliament website that addresses these questions, including:

- my response to questions 24 and 25 in Budget Estimates 2015: Answers to Supplementary Questions General Purpose Standing Committee 1, dated 3 September 2015
- the answer to question LA 2191 -Newcastle Port- published in Questions and Answers Paper No. 61, dated 22 March 2016
- the answer to question LA 0765 - Cap on Container Movement- published in Questions and Answers

Paper No. 26 dated 8 September 2015

- the answers to question LC 0001 - Port of Newcastle- published in Questions and Answers Paper No. 12, dated 23 June 2015
- the answers to question LA 6677 - Port of Newcastle and Port Botany Leases - published in Question and Answers Paper No. 24, dated 2 March 2015.

*2803 STOCKTON SERVICE STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) When will the remediation of the Stockton Service Station site be finished?
- (2) When will the community consultation begin about the future of the site?

Answer—

(1) The project to remediate the site is in a planning phase.

(2) It is premature to discuss future use with the community until the remediation plan for the site has been properly assessed.

*2804 REVIEW OF SHUTTING DOWN RAIL LINES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has the Minister or his office at any time conducted a study or review into shutting down the rail lines between:
 - (a) Bankstown and Liverpool via Chester Hill;
 - (b) Bankstown and Lidcombe via Regents Park?

Answer—

No.

*2805 COST OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

What is the total value of all contracted residential care services in New South Wales in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Information on expenditure is available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report which is publically available.

*2806 HOMELESS WOMEN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many homeless women have been resettled into social housing directly from a women's refuge in each of the years 2011 to 2016 (to 16 March 2016)?

Answer—

Data on specialist homelessness services clients is published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

*2807 RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many residential care homes that provide care for vulnerable children are contracted out to non-government organisations?
 - (a) For each home contracted out what are the details of the non-government organisation?
 - (b) What is the location of each residential care home?

Answer—

Information on agencies contracted by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) to provide residential care is available in the FACS Annual Report.

*2808 MAINTENANCE REQUESTS BY CLIENT SERVICES OFFICERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

In each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (to 16 March 2016) how many maintenance requests in total have been initiated through a request made by a Client Services Officer?

Answer—

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Information about maintenance is available at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

- *2809 REQUESTS THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE TELEPHONE LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many maintenance requests in total have been initiated through a request made by a tenant through the maintenance telephone line for each of the years from 2011 to 2016 (as at 16 March 2016)?

Answer—

Information about maintenance is available at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

- *2810 OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN JOBS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Considering that nearly one in ten children in residential care have reported allegations of sexual abuse, (Daily Telegraph, 14 March 2016) will the Minister restore the \$2 million and 11 jobs removed from the Office of the Children's Guardian, the agency tasked with overseeing working with children checks, in the 2015-16 budget?

Answer—

Reports in the Daily Telegraph on 14 March 2016 about the safety of children in residential care in NSW are inaccurate.

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

- *2811 CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Considering reports that nearly one in ten children in residential care have reported allegations of sexual abuse (Daily Telegraph, 14 March 2016) will the Minister restore the \$3 million and 82 jobs removed from statutory child protection services in the 2015-16 budget?

Answer—

Reports in the Daily Telegraph on 14 March 2016 are inaccurate.

The figures in the 2015-16 Budget relates to a reduction in non-frontline roles and will have no impact on child safety.

- *2812 RESIDENTIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES JOBS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Considering reports that nearly one in ten children in residential care have reported allegations of sexual abuse (Daily Telegraph, 14 March 2016) will the Minister restore the 26 jobs that were removed from out of home care and community support services in the 2015-16 budget?

Answer—

Reports in the Daily Telegraph on 14 March 2016 about the safety of children in residential care in NSW are inaccurate.

The reduction in full-time equivalent staff in the 2015-16 Budget relates to non front-line roles and will have no impact on child safety.

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- *2813 SYRIAN REFUGEES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many Syrian refugees have been settled in New South Wales since the former Prime Minister Tony Abbott announced 12,000 would be settled in Australia?
- (2) In what ways is the Government acting to fulfil the Premier's promise to welcome at least 4,000 Syrian refugees to New South Wales?
- (3) What measures have been implemented to settle Syrian refugees in the Summer Hill electorate?

Answer—

- (1) As of 21 March 2016, 90 of the 124 refugees to have arrived in Australia as part of the additional intake from Syria and Iraq have settled in NSW.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to welcoming additional refugees, and has appointed Professor Peter Shergold AC as NSW Co-ordinator General for Refugee Resettlement to prepare NSW for the arrival of refugees from Syria and Iraq. Professor Shergold has been consulting across government, non-government, corporate and community sectors to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved.
- (3) Services are available and administered by Settlement Services International.

*2814 DRIVER LICENCE RENEWAL—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering motorists will no longer be given plastic card driver licences on the spot when they renew them at Auburn Service Centre, why can't the card printing machine at Merrylands Motor Registry be relocated to the Auburn Service Centre when the Government shuts down the Merrylands Motor Registry?
- (2) Will the card printing machine at Merrylands Motor Registry be sold or decommissioned when the Government shuts down the Merrylands Motor Registry?

Answer—

The card printing machine at the Merrylands Motor Registry is nearing the end of its service life and will be securely decommissioned when motor registry services relocate to the Auburn Service Centre.

*2815 POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—Ms Julia Finn asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many officers are based in the Police Transport Command?
- (2) How many infringements were issued by Police Transport Command officers in the six months prior to 21 March 2016?
- (3) How many infringements were issued by Police Transport Command officers in the six months prior to 21 March 2016 for:
 - (a) Malicious damage?
 - (b) Graffiti?
 - (c) Trespassing in the rail corridor?
- (4) How many infringements were issued by Police Transport Command officers each month in the six months prior to 21 March 2016 for travelling without a valid ticket on:
 - (a) Trains?
 - (b) Buses?
 - (c) Light Rail?
 - (d) Ferries?
- (5) Which railway stations were targeted by the Police Traffic Command for fare evasion in:
 - (a) January 2016;
 - (b) February 2016;
 - (c) March (as at 21 March 2016)?
- (6) Which bus routes were targeted by the Police Traffic Command for fare evasion in:
 - (a) January 2016;
 - (b) February 2016;
 - (c) March (as at 21 March 2016)?
- (7) What is the annual cost of operating the Police Transport Command?
- (8) What is the total amount of revenue expected to be generated in 2015-16 through infringement notices?

Answer—

- (1) Police numbers are available on the NSW Police Force website.
- (2) to (4) The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analyses NSW recorded crime statistics and provides these for a range of offences.
- (5) and (6) Police Transport Command officers patrol railway stations, bus interchanges and individual bus routes across NSW.
- (7) Budget detail can be found in the NSW Police Force annual report.
- (8) Police officers enforce the law and are not responsible for collecting fines.

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*2816 OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many applications from businesses wanting to be Opal card retailers have been received from businesses in the Granville electorate?
- (2) How many applications from Granville businesses wanting to be Opal card retailers have been denied?

Answer—

Details for all Opal retailers are available at www.retailers.opal.com.au.

*2817 MEETING AT WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Did the Minister attend a meeting on 20 May 2015 at Western Sydney University (Hawkesbury Campus)?

Answer—

Yes.

*2818 SERVICE NSW GIVING SERVICE BACK CAMPAIGN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How much money did the Government spend on its latest Service NSW advertising campaign '#givingserviceback'?
- (2) Considering the content of the advertisements, what provisions are now being made at each Service NSW centre for customers to request:
 - (a) Coffee on demand?
 - (b) A dog walking service?
 - (c) A car wash?
 - (d) A lawn mowing service?
- (3) What budget has been allocated for each of these services?
- (4) How many additional staff are being employed at Service NSW centres across New South Wales to deliver these services?

Answer—

Service NSW is a new agency and has significantly transformed how customer service is delivered. Aligned to our broader strategy, the advertising campaign is aimed at reducing the time customers spend navigating multiple shopfronts by informing them of the services we offer. Advertising as part of a broader information campaign has been used to ensure customers are aware of the changes to government service delivery and that Service NSW is now the government agency responsible for providing over 850 transactions from across government under one roof. It highlights the channels customers can access including service centres, the phone service and website.

The Giving Service Back campaign is supported through a mix of social media, radio and displays in service centres and complies with all necessary requirements. The campaign is still underway and when completed all advertising, general marketing and promotional costs are published in the annual report.

*2819 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Are any of the 280 hectares at Yanco Agricultural High School surplus to needs?
 - (a) If yes, how many hectares are surplus?
 - (i) What will happen to the surplus hectares?
 - (b) If no, on what basis was this assessment made?

Answer—

No.

*2820 SURPLUS LAND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much surplus land has been identified at:
 - (a) James Ruse Agricultural High School?
 - (b) Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School?

Answer—

The Department of Education has not identified any surplus land at James Ruse Agricultural High School or Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School.

*2821 MAJOR PROJECTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the review by the Department of Premier and Cabinet arising from the Auditor General's review of running major projects been completed?
 - (a) If so, when was it completed?
 - (b) If so, is it available on your website?
 - (c) If so, what were the recommendations?
 - (d) If not complete, when will it be completed?

Answer—

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Treasurer, I have referred the question to the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP.

*2822 REVIEW OF MAJOR PROJECTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) In relation to the 2015 Auditor General Report into major projects:
 - (a) Has Treasury completed a review of quality assurance for projects under \$100 million?
 - (b) Has Treasury completed a review in relation to managing risks on late changes to the scope of large projects?
 - (c) When were each of these reviews completed?
 - (d) Are these reviews available on your agency's website?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The NSW Government is committed to delivering projects on time and on budget for the people of NSW. The NSW Government continually monitors and reviews how best to undertake quality assurance for all projects and how best to manage projects risks.

*2823 PARKING SPACE LEVY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How much revenue was raised from the Parking Space Levy in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

Treasury publishes revenue data on a financial year basis. Actual revenue raised from the Parking Space Levy is currently available up to 2013-14 in the relevant budget papers. Actual revenue data for 2014-15 and 2015-16 will become available following the release of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Budget Papers, respectively.

*2824 APPLICATIONS TO HARDSHIP REVIEW BOARD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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

Answer—

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

*2825 LAND TAX REVENUE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How much revenue was raised from Land Tax in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

Treasury publishes revenue data on a financial year basis. Refer to the relevant budget papers for this information. The 2014-15 outcome can be found in the 2014-15 Report on State Finances.

*2826 UNCLAIMED MONEY REVENUE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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

Answer—

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

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*2827 NEW SOUTH WALES GAMING MACHINE TAX—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How much revenue was raised through the New South Wales Gaming Machine Tax in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?

Answer—

Treasury publishes revenue data on a financial year basis. Actual revenue raised from Gaming Machine Tax is currently available up to 2013-14 in the relevant budget papers. Actual revenue data for 2014-15 and 2015-16 will become available following the release of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Budget Papers, respectively.

*2828 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 25, 29, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 65 and 74?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Progress Report to the 2012 Ombudsman's Report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the NSW Government's Family & Community Services website.

*2829 OFFICE OF NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the Office of the NSW Trustee and Guardian in Liverpool close?

Answer—

The Liverpool Branch of the NSW Trustee and Guardian is scheduled to close in mid to late 2016.

*2830 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Education—

Which are the schools included in the Connected Communities initiative?

Answer—

This information is publicly available.

*2831 SNIFFER DOGS AT LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

On how many occasions have sniffer dogs been deployed at Liverpool Railway Station since 1 July 2015?

Answer—

The deployment of drug detection dogs to railway stations is an operational decision made by the NSW Police Force.

*2832 PROCLAMATION OF LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment (National Domestic Violence Orders Recognition) legislation be proclaimed?

Answer—

NSW was the first jurisdiction to introduce the model law for the National Domestic Violence Order scheme.

I am advised that the legislation can be proclaimed as soon as the national interim information sharing system is ready and the model law has been passed in at least one other jurisdiction.

*2833 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What has been the response of yourself and/or your Department to the Report of the Ombudsman entitled 'Auditing the implementation of the NSW Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal

Communities' (dated December 2012) in relation to recommendations 16, 21, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 50, 51, 52, 60, 65, 77, 79 and 81?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Progress Report to the 2012 Ombudsman's Report titled Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities is available on the NSW Government's Family & Community Services website.

*2834 MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government—

What action do you propose to take concerning the behaviour of the Mayor of Liverpool?

Answer—

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

Any concerns about a possible breach of the Council's code of conduct should be raised with the Council's General Manager.

*2835 RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What action, if any, has the Government taken in response to Recommendation 8 of the Final Report of the Social Issues Committee on Domestic Violence Trends and Issues in New South Wales?

Answer—

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, I have referred the question to the Hon Pru Goward MP.

*2836 PARKING FACILITIES FOR SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will you provide a substantive response to my written representations dated 10 February 2016 concerning parking facilities at railway stations on the South West Rail Link?

Answer—

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

*2837 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many international fee paying students were enrolled at schools within the Wallsend electorate in 2015?

(a) At what schools were they enrolled?

Answer—

(1) There were no full fee paying international school students enrolled in 2015 in the Wallsend electorate.

(a) Not applicable.

*2838 TRANSFER OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE STAFF—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—

Why are staff at Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) being offered lesser conditions in their transfer to the private sector than those given to power workers in a similar situation?

Answer—

The transfer of Ageing Disability and Home Care staff to the non-government sector is intended to provide a more diverse market and greater choice for people with disability to ensure continuity of their supports in the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

*2839 SUICIDE PREVENTION—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—

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What avenues for research, policy development and preventative action is the Government taking outside NSW Health's Suicide Prevention strategy, considering that suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15 to 44?

Answer—

Information about the NSW Government's decade-long whole-of-government reform of mental health care can be found at www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth.

This includes a focus on strengthening prevention and early intervention for those at risk of suicide.

The NSW Government also continues to work closely with the Black Dog Institute on the implementation of the Centre for Research Excellence in Suicide Prevention's Suicide Prevention Framework.

*2840 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND AREA HEALTH SERVICE DENTISTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many dentists were employed at the Hunter New England Area Health Service, Wallsend Dental Clinic for each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
- (2) How many dentists are employed as at 16 February 2016?

Answer—

Clinical staff involved in dental care comprise dental officers, dental therapists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists.

Dental therapists focus on dental assessment and treatment of patients aged 18 years and younger.

Oral health therapists focus on oral hygiene for adults as well as dental assessment and treatment for patients aged 18 years and younger.

*2841 SECURITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health—

What action is the Minister taking to ensure the safety of staff at the Calvary Mater Hospital Mental Health Unit, considering that there is no unit specific security staff and hospital security staff patrol the entire hospital, sometimes leaving the cleaning staff without protection?

Answer—

All staff can summon assistance by activating a duress alarm.

Hospital security staff located on the same campus as the Mental Health Centre are part of the Code Black response team, which responds to these alarms as a matter of priority.

All staff at the Mental Health Centre are encouraged to request the assistance of security and instigate a Code Black response when they feel personally threatened or unsafe. Staff are also encouraged to activate a Code Black early, rather than waiting for a situation to escalate.

Where the nurse unit manager or nurse in charge determines that there is a heightened level of risk within a mental health inpatient unit, non-clinical staff may be asked to leave the area or alternatively they may be accompanied by another staff member when performing their role.

012The Mater Mental Health Centre is also designed to allow all staff to enter through staff only corridors.

*2842 TOILET AND BABY CHANGE FACILITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What hours are toilets and baby change facilities open at the following train stations in the Wallsend electorate:
 - (a) Cardiff Station;
 - (b) Waratah Station;
 - (c) Beresfield Station?

Answer—

Facilities at Cardiff, Waratah and Beresfield stations are open during station opening hours and when staff are in attendance

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*2843 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2844 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
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Answer—

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*2846 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How much extra money is required by Roads and Maritime Services to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has Roads and Maritime Services applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2847 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How much extra money is required by Transport for NSW to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?
 - (a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched

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Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2848 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?

(2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?

(a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

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Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2849 HOUSING MAINTENANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What is the expected call wait time for a person telephoning the Family and Community Services Housing Maintenance Telephone Service Line?

(2) What is the current call wait time for tenants telephoning a maintenance line?

(3) What is the current call wait time for tenants telephoning the Mount Druitt Maintenance Line?

Answer—

I refer the Member to to my answer to Question on Notice 2405.

*2850 POSTAL CHARGES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How much extra money is required by your Ministerial Office to cover the cost of the 43 percent increase in postal charges, which commenced on 4 January 2016?

(2) Has the Ministerial Office applied for a budget supplement from the Treasurer to cover this increase in administration costs?

(a) If not, from what programmes are funds being diverted to cover these costs?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) holds the contract for the management of mail dispatched through DPC and Ministers' offices.

Individual postage charges for each item dispatched vary and are contingent on size, weight and intended destination, as well as other possible variables.

Postal charges continue to be met from within DPC's existing administrative budget.

*2851 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

In relation to each of the recommendations outlined in the Parliamentary Budget Office 2015 Post Election Report, can you outline the Government's response and any other action they have taken to implement these recommendations?

Answer—

The Government response is provided to the Public Accounts Committee.

*2852 HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many heavy vehicles have been booked for exceeding the speed limit in the Auburn Electorate

in each of the years from 2012 to 2015?

- (2) How many heavy vehicles were caught breaching the speed limit on the following main roads in the Auburn electorate boundaries between 2012 and 2015:
- Parramatta Road;
 - St Hilliers Road;
 - Silverwater Road;
 - M4 Motorway;
 - Park Road (Auburn);
 - Hill Road (Newington);
 - Bennelong Road (Homebush Bay/Wentworth Point);
 - Joseph Street and Rookwood Road (Lidcombe to Chullora)?

Answer—

(1)

Year of Offence	Number of Penalties
2012	135
2013	100
2014	136
2015	116

(2)

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Parramatta Road	21	15	22	26
St Hilliers Road	0	0	0	0
Silverwater Road	0	0	1	0
M4 Motorway	1	0	0	1
Park Road	0	0	0	0
Hill Road	0	0	1	0
Bennelong Road	0	0	0	0
Joseph Street and Rookwood Road	0	0	3	17

*2853 MINE SUBSIDENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What action will the Government take for families in non-urban areas of the Hunter who have suffered from mine subsidence?

Answer—

The Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961 does not distinguish between urban and non-urban areas. All families can be assured that they are eligible to lodge a claim under the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961.

*2854 TRAFFIC STUDIES IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Was a traffic study completed in Toronto leading to the decision to establish a Service NSW kiosk at Toronto Library?

(a) If yes, what were the results of the traffic study (including traffic flow patterns)?

(2) Has the Minister asked for a traffic flow study in East Lake Macquarie, including in Belmont?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) No.

*2855 SITE SUITABILITY FOR SERVICE NSW KIOSKS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What 'site suitability' criteria are applied to the allocation of Service NSW Kiosks?

(2) What made the Toronto Library a suitable site for the provision of a Service NSW Kiosk?

(3) Has the Minister explored the site suitability of a location in East Lake Macquarie?

Answer—

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Digital store placements are based on a number of factors including demographics, additional support for the existing service centre network and to increase customer awareness of transaction services that are available online through Service NSW.

The Toronto Digital Store is expected to operate for a limited period of time, based on customer demand, to educate customers about transacting online and to inform customers of the availability of digital transactions through Service NSW.

Service NSW intends to continue to deploy additional temporary digital stores and relocate existing digital stores at strategic locations.

*2856 SERVICE NSW KIOSKS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What demographics determine the allocation of Service NSW Kiosks?
- (2) Has the Minister reviewed the demographics in East Lake Macquarie?
- (3) What statistical information in terms of population growth is used to determine the allocation of Service NSW Kiosks?
 - (a) What did this information reflect about the growth of West Lake Macquarie?
 - (b) What did this information reflect about the growth of East Lake Macquarie?

Answer—

Digital store placements are based on a number of factors including demographics, additional support for the existing service centre network and to increase customer awareness of transaction services that are available online through Service NSW.

The Toronto Digital Store will continue to operate, based on customer demand, to educate customers about transacting online and to inform customers of the availability of digital transactions through Service NSW.

Service NSW intends to continue to deploy additional temporary digital stores and relocate existing digital stores at strategic locations.

*2857 NON-URGENT SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health—

What is the Government doing to reduce waiting times at John Hunter Hospital for non-urgent surgeries?

Answer—

NSW elective surgery performance continues to be strong with 97 per cent of patients receiving their elective surgery on time. To ensure the most urgent cases are seen first, all surgeries are scheduled according to clinical need. The most serious cases are seen first.

Hunter New England Local Health District continues to implement a number of strategies to ensure elective surgery patients receive their treatment on time at the John Hunter Hospital.

Strategies include:

- Implementing processes to ensure the smooth transfer of patients to surgeons who are able to provide surgery within clinically appropriate timeframes.
- Strengthening collaboration with neighbouring facilities, including Belmont Hospital, Maitland Hospital and Kurri Kurri Hospital. Additional surgery time is being provided at these hospitals to transfer surgical patients from John Hunter Hospital.

*2858 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What justification does the Government have for moving the Powerhouse Museum from Ultimo to Parramatta?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to growing the arts and cultural sector across the whole of NSW and in February 2015 launched the first NSW Arts and Cultural Policy Framework - Create in NSW. This Framework is guided by the principles of Excellence, Access and Strength. It provides strategic direction for arts and culture over the next 10 years, with specific actions for Sydney, Western Sydney and Regional NSW.

Relocating the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta is part of developing a wider arts and cultural precinct in Western Sydney. Establishing the Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta will support the growth of the arts and culture sector, tourism and the visitor economy by providing a vibrant new experience for visitors from across Greater Sydney, Australia and the world.

Located on the banks of the Parramatta River, the new Powerhouse Museum will deliver a vibrant, exciting community hub that can be easily accessed and enjoyed day and night. It will be a beacon of art, culture and innovation in Western Sydney.

This is a unique opportunity for Australia's only Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences to re-invent itself in a purpose designed building, bringing to life its historically rich and innovative collection. The unique opportunity that this new museum presents will allow more of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences world-class collection to be on display than ever before with the size of the collection on display set to increase by at least 40 per cent. It provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a museum for the future, responding to the changing shape of Sydney, new methods of content delivery, design innovation, learning and collaboration.

*2859 MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) When did the Government take the decision to close the Motor Accidents Authority?
- (2) Why did the Government decide to close this body?

Answer—

(1) The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) assumed the regulatory functions of the Motor Accidents Authority in relation to compulsory third party insurance on 1 September 2015, following the passage of the State Insurance and Care Governance Bill 2015 through Parliament on 13 August 2015. SIRA has also assumed the regulatory functions of WorkCover NSW in relation to workers compensation insurance and the regulatory functions relating to home building compensation.

(2) The Government made the decision to consolidate regulatory responsibility for State insurance into one regulator so as to enable a consistent and robust approach to the monitoring and enforcement of insurance compensation legislation in NSW.

SIRA focuses on ensuring that key public policy outcomes are being achieved in relation to service delivery to injured people, affordability, and the effective management and sustainability of the insurance

*2860 MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the total amount of funding allocated for maintenance of public schools in the Summer Hill electorate in each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2015-16?
- (2) What is the Department of Education's estimate of what the total cost would be of fulfilling the maintenance backlog in public schools in the Summer Hill electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Maintenance information is published on the Department of Education's website.
- (2) Information relating to maintenance backlog in public schools can be found in the New South Wales Auditor-General's Report- Volume Eleven 2015.

*2861 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS PROVIDERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

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

Answer—

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

*2862 NSW PROCUREMENT RESTRUCTURE AND RECRUITMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the total cost of the NSW Procurement Restructure and Recruitment Program?
- (2) What is the total number of NSW Procurement employees and engaged contractors and consultants as at 16 March 2016 compared with the same period in 2014?

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- (3) How could the Commissioner's recommendations be made on 31 October 2014 when the internal review of the NSW Procurement Restructure and Recruitment Program was completed on 30 October 2014?

Answer—

(1)

Item	2014	2015	Total
Change Management	\$288,154.52	\$259,924.24	\$548,078.76
Recruitment Costs	\$16,320.00	\$72,801.79	\$89,121.79
Redundancy		\$4,956,276.92	\$4,956,276.92
	\$304,474.52	\$5,289,002.95	\$5,593,477.47

(2)

Employment Type	1603/2014	1603/2016
Employee	127	88
Contractor	6	19
Total	133	107

(3) The NSW Public Service Association (PSA) lodged a dispute with the NSW Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) seeking to have the recruitment processes under the NSW Procurement Restructure placed on hold so that a review could be undertaken. Industrial Relations Commissioner Peter J. Newall made recommendations on the same day as the appearance, 31 October 2014.

(4) The dispute was about the recruitment process that closed on 20 October 2014 in which a number of employees were not found suitable under the new Government Sector Employment (GSE) Act provisions and PSA sought to have any further Procurement recruitment action stopped due to concerns raised by members that had not been successful.

The Office of Finance and Services, as the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation was known at the time, undertook an internal review into the recruitment process and found that the recruitment process for all NSW Procurement activity has been completed in line with merit selection guidelines and in accordance with the GSE Act.

The internal review was run parallel and was not part of the IRC matter.

*2863 DRUG DETECTION OPERATIONS 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) What was the total number of searches undertaken during drug detection operations in each New South Wales Local Area Command in 2015?
- For each Local Area Command, of the above searches, in how many instances was no illicit drugs found?
 - For each Local Area Command, of the above searches in which no illicit drugs were found, what was the total number of people charged with another offence related to the interaction with police?
 - For each Local Area Command, of the searches where illicit drugs were found, how many resulted in a positive conviction for:
 - Possession?
 - Supply?
 - For each Local Area Command, of the searches where illicit drugs were found, how many resulted in a caution?
 - For each Local Area Command, of the searches where illicit drugs were found, what were the types of drugs found and what was the total volume and/or weight of each drug found?
- (2) What was the total cost of the drug detection program in each of the financial years 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to Legislative Council Written Question number 0858 on this subject.

*2864 OPAL CARD TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Opal top up machines are currently operational at train stations and light rail stops in the Summer Hill electorate?

- (2) What is the Government's timeline for installing Opal top up machines at train stations and light rail stops in the Summer Hill electorate?

Answer—

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

- *2865 HUNTER-CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL ILLEGAL DUMPING SQUAD—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How much money was allocated towards the Hunter-Central Coast Regional Illegal Dumping Squad in the financial year 2015-16?
(2) Will the funding be increased in the 2016-17 financial year?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

See response to Question on Notice no. 2506.

- *2866 WET WIPES IN SEWERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

What action is the Minister taking to review the advertising on 'wet wipes' products to ensure that they are no longer advertised as 'flushable' when they do not degrade, cause significant detriment to the environment and can create a bill costing up to \$15 million per year (Sydney Morning Herald, 25 February 2016)?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading has referred the matter to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) which is currently investigating these types of products under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) for false and misleading representations.

NSW Fair Trading is working with other State regulators and the ACCC to investigate claims by certain products which are advertised as 'flushable'.

The ACL prohibits businesses from making false or misleading representations regarding goods or services.

- *2867 WALLSEND FLOOD MANAGEMENT—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) Will the Minister review funding to Newcastle City Council with a view to allocating sufficient additional resources to complete modifications to bridges in the Wallsend and Ironbark catchments to protect the area from flooding?
(2) Will the Minister conduct a scoping study into the viability of undertaking these modifications as a State Roads project?
(3) Will the Minister conduct these requests in consultation with the Minister for Local Government and all invested parties to ensure the most economically prudent and effective course of action?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Tyrrell Street, Boscawen and Nelson Street bridges are the responsibility of, and maintained by Newcastle City Council. There are no plans to reclassify any of these roads.

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- *2868 PROCESSING AND DELIVERY OF DRIVER'S LICENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What timeframe has the Government set for the processing and delivery of driver's licences from a Service NSW site to a client's mailing address?
(2) How many driver's licences are being processed and delivered in the given timeframe?

Answer—

- (1) 10 business days.

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(2) On average, approximately 173,000 driver licence cards are processed and delivered each month.

*2869 LAWRENCE HARGRAVE DRIVE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What specific road upgrades and traffic flow solutions are being considered to improve traffic flow on Lawrence Hargrave Drive?

(2) When will road upgrades and traffic flow solutions take place?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime Services is expected to complete a traffic study of Lawrence Hargrave Drive in June 2016, at which point it will consider medium and long-term options.

*2870 CRASH STATISTICS FOR APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What are the crash statistics for the entire Appin Road (from Campbelltown to Bulli) for each of the years from 2010 to 2016 (to 23 March 2016)?

Answer—

Transport for NSW reports on road traffic crashes in which at least one person was killed or injured or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away.

Between 2010 and 2014 there were 238 crashes. 2015 and 2016 data is not included as it is incomplete and subject to change.

*2871 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE KITS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Are the Domestic Violence kits which were previously issued to Police still in circulation for General Duties Police Officers throughout New South Wales?

(2) How often are these kits utilised?

(3) When was the last time the contents of this kit were updated?

(4) What is the schedule for the maintenance and updating of resources within these kits?

Answer—

The Domestic Violence kits previously issued to police officers were upgraded following the Criminal Procedure Amendment (Domestic Violence Complainants) Act 2014.

*2872 HOUSING ACCELERATION FUNDING PROJECTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning—

Where are the 26 projects to construct new homes and developments that have been allocated by the Housing Acceleration Funding (to 23 March 2016)?

Answer—

The 26 projects are spread across high growth areas of the State including:

- North West (Sydney) priority growth area (including areas of The Hills and Blacktown local Government areas) – 11 projects;
- South West (Sydney) priority growth area (including areas of Camden, Liverpool and Campbelltown local Government areas) – 4 projects;
- Warnervale Town Centre – 1 project;
- West Dapto release area – 1 project;
- Green Square Sydney – 3 projects;
- Epping town centre – 1 project;
- Thrumster release area – 1 project; and
- Maitland release area – 4 projects.

*2873 ALCOHOL AND DRUG FUELLED VIOLENCE STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

What early intervention strategies has the Government put in place to tackle alcohol and drug fuelled violence throughout New South Wales?

Answer—

Early intervention strategies in place to tackle drug and alcohol fuelled violence in NSW include:

- 2014 Lock-out and last drinks requirements for the CBD and Kings Cross precinct;
- New offence of assault causing death which carries mandatory sentence of eight years where offender was intoxicated which provides a strong deterrent;
- Ongoing support for police, including the use of move-on powers;
- A new offence of continuation of intoxicated and disorderly behaviour following a move-on;
- The power under LEPRA to detain intoxicated persons for their own wellbeing;
- The use of drug detection dogs as a deterrent;
- Public education campaigns;
- Continued support for strong, responsible Service of Alcohol requirements;
- High visibility policing operations;
- Enhanced funding for methamphetamine rehabilitation services.

*2874 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health—

What upgrade projects have commenced or been completed at Fairfield Hospital since the start of the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

Over two terms (eight years) the Baird Government will invest almost \$10 billion in hospital infrastructure.

*2875 SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering that the Government's Better Prisons plan to install 142 new beds in the South Coast Correctional Centre by 2017, how many of these beds will be going into modular cells?
- (2) What is the classification breakdown for the impending 142 new beds?

Answer—

- (1) The number of beds to be installed in South Coast Correctional Centre is 160. It is currently proposed that all 160 beds will be in modular cells.
- (2) It is proposed all 160 beds will be maximum security beds.

*2876 ROADSIDE BREATH TESTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many roadside breath tests have been conducted from 1 January 2015 to 23 March 2016?
- (2) How many tests have found an individual to be driving while under the influence of alcohol?

Answer—

- (1) Approximately 8,000,000 random breath tests were conducted in the specified period.
- (2) Approximately 0.3 per cent of individuals were found by a subsequent breath analysis to have exceeded the prescribed concentration of alcohol.

*2877 ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What substances are tested for in a roadside drug test?
- (2) How many tests have been conducted from 1 January 2015 to 23 March 2016?
- (3) How many tests have found an individual to be driving while under the influence of drugs?
 - (a) Of the drugs that tested positive, what is the breakdown of each drug?

Answer—

- (1) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), Methylamphetamine and MDMA (Ecstasy).
- (2) Approximately 75,000 Roadside Drug Tests (RDTs) were conducted from 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2016.
- (3) Approximately 14% in (2) above returned a positive result.
 - (a) Approximately 9,000 samples tested positive by the Forensic and Analytical Science Service in the 2015 calendar year. Of those approximately 70% tested positive for THC; approximately 45% tested positive for methylamphetamine; and approximately 5% tested positive for MDMA. A single sample may test positive for more than one drug.

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*2878 FUNDING FOR SUPPORT TO MIGRANTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) Has the Government provided any additional funding to non-government organisations or to Fairfield City Council for them to provide the front line support required for the large number of newly arrived migrants to the Fairfield community?
 - (a) If so, how much funding has been provided?
 - (b) If so, who was the funding provided to?

Answer—

I am advised newly arrived migrants in the Fairfield community have access to services funded through the NSW Government.

Multicultural NSW publishes details of funding in its annual report.

*2879 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering that the Government's Better Prisons plan to install 620 new beds in Cessnock Correctional Centre by 2017, how many of these beds will be going into modular cells?
- (2) What is the classification breakdown for the impending 620 new beds?

Answer—

(1) It is currently proposed that all 620 beds will be in modular cells.

(2) 340 will be maximum security beds.

280 will be minimum security beds.

*2880 MILLER ROAD AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION AT BASS HILL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the status of the planned upgrade of the Miller Road and Hume Highway intersection in Bass Hill?
- (2) When will construction commence?
- (3) When will the project be completed?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the upgrade?

Answer—

(1) Works are in the final planning stages.

(2) Construction is expected to commence in May 2016.

(3) September 2016, weather permitting.

(4) \$1.9 million has been allocated to complete the extension and duplicate the right-turn bay on Hume Highway into Miller Road at Bass Hill.

*2881 MENTAL HEALTH IN NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is the total amount of funding that is provided for mental health services at each hospital within the Northern Sydney Local Health District in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Budget information can be found at www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au.

*2882 RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many residential care workers have been found to have criminal histories since mandatory criminal history checks came into place?

Answer—

I wrote to all residential services earlier this year outlining that while conducting National Police Checks are not yet mandatory, it does reflect best practice and will become mandatory in the future.

*2883 MENTAL HEALTH IN WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is the total amount of funding that is provided for mental health services at each hospital within the Western Sydney Local Health District in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Budget information can be found at www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au.

*2884 MENTAL HEALTH IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is the total amount of funding that is provided for mental health services at each hospital within the South West Sydney Local Health District in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Budget information can be found at www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au.

*2885 MENTAL HEALTH IN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is the total amount of funding that is provided for mental health services at each hospital within the Sydney Local Health District in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16?

Answer—

Budget information can be found at www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au.

*2886 WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

In what sectors, other than out-of-home-care for vulnerable children, are service providers receiving Government funding to care for children and other vulnerable people without undergoing criminal history checks?

Answer—

Funding to care for children and other vulnerable people is provided to disability service providers.

Criminal record checks are a requirement of the funding agreement.

*2887 RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKERS CRIMINAL CHECKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) What is the total number of people who have been checked since the mandatory criminal history checks came into place for residential care workers?

(2) What is the total number of people whose checks remain outstanding?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my answer to Question on Notice 2882.

*2888 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

How many reports have been made to the Department of Family and Community Services regarding the number of instances of sexual abuse and physical abuse of children in Out of Home Care in each of the years 2011 to 2016 (to 23 March 2016)?

Answer—

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

*2889 SERVICE NSW CENTRE CUSTOMER NUMBERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many customers have been served at Service NSW Centres at Warrawong, Corrimal, Kiama and Wollongong during the period between November 2015 and 23 March 2016?

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- (a) How many of these customers reside in the following postcodes:
 (i) 2528;
 (ii) 2527;
 (iii) 2529;
 (iv) 2530?

Answer—

The approximate number of customers served between 1 November 2015 and 23 March 2016 are listed below:

- Warrawong - more than 40,400.
- Corrimal - more than 20,000.
- Kiama - more than 17,600.
- Wollongong – more than 34,700.

The number of customers served that reside in the postcode areas listed is not available.

*2890 RELOCATION OF HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering the statement 'The Liberal/Nationals believe the relocation of Hurlstone is impractical and the school should be retained in its current form' (Macarthur Advertiser, 29 April 2009), why has the Minister now decided to sell Hurlstone at Glenfield to developers?

Answer—

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

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

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

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

*2891 RESEARCH INTO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

How much money will the State Insurance Regulatory Authority spend on research into motor vehicle accidents in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

It is anticipated that the State Insurance Regulatory Authority will allocate \$2.3 - \$2.4 million in funding for research into motor vehicle accidents during 2015-2016.

*2892 OPAL TOP UP MACHINES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many train stations across New South Wales have an Opal top up machine located on site?
 (2) How many train stations across New South Wales do not have an Opal top up machine located on site?
 (a) What are the stations which do not have an Opal top up machine on site?

Answer—

Information about the location of Opal top up machines is available on the Opal website.

*2893 PEDESTRIANS KILLED IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many pedestrians were killed on New South Wales roads in each of the years from 2012 to 2016 (to 18 March 2016)?
 (a) For each of the years from 2012 to 2016 (to 18 March 2016), how many of those pedestrians

were:

- (i) In Sydney?
- (ii) In Wollongong
- (iii) In Newcastle?
- (iv) On the Central Coast?

Answer—

Detailed NSW crash data, including pedestrian fatalities, is available on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

*2894 TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT CENTRE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the key performance indicator for the Transport Management Centre to clear an incident on the 25 identified principal transport routes in the Great Sydney Region?
- (2) What is the key performance indicator for the Transport Management Centre to clear a major traffic incident?
- (3) What are 25 identified principal transport routes and the number of incidents?
- (4) What are the average clearance times for each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (as at 29 February 2016)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Transport Management Centre reports on 45 Principal Transport Routes, prior to October 2014 there were 25. Within Sydney, the Transport Management Centre works to achieve key performance indicators of an average 40 minutes clearance time for 98 per cent of incidents on Principal Transport Routes, and four hours for major traffic incidents. These key performance indicators are usually achieved.

(3) The 45 Principal Transport Routes, together with the number of incidents that occurred in February 2016, are:

Principal Transport Route	Number of incidents in February 2016
Metroad 1 North – Brooklyn-City	406
Metroad 1 South – City-Waterfall	261
Metroad 2 – Windsor-Lane Cove	67
Metroad 3 – Warriewood – Blakehurst	184
Metroad 4 – Mt Victoria-Broadway	419
Metroad 5 – Blairmont-Beverly Hills	138
Metroad 6 – Eastwood-Lucas Heights	71
Metroad 7 – Thornleigh-Glenfield	187
Metroad 9 – Harrington Park-Windsor	22
Metroad 10 – Lane Cove-Mona Vale	90
State Route 27 – Punchbowl-Concord West	20
State Route 29 – Roseville-Dee Why	36
State Route 31 – Greenacre-Warwick Farm	76
State Route 40 East – Parramatta-Rozelle	63
State Route 40 West – Windsor-Kurrajong Heights	6
State Route 44 – Homebush-Emu Plains	85
State Route 61 – Liverpool-Richmond	33
State Route 64 – Kirrawee-Monterey	23
State Route 66 – City-Rockdale	78

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State Route 70 – Moore Park-Kingsford	66
State Route 76 – Darlinghurst-Edgecliff	23
State Route 83 – Brooklyn-Normanhurst	28
Principal Traffic Route X – Seven Hills-Pendle Hill	9
Principal Traffic Route Y – Moore Park-Darlington	17
Principal Traffic Route Z – Darlinghurst-Woollahra	43
Eastern Valley Way	8
Church Street/Windsor Road	22
Forest Way	17
Parramatta Road to Cahill Expressway via Wattle Street/ City West Link	110
M5 East (King Georges Road - General Holmes Drive)	142
Heathcote Road	18
M7	71
Foreshore Drive to McEvoy Street	40
Foreshore Road/Botany Road	8
Gardeners Road/Ricketty Street/Canal Road	17
Burns Bay Road/Centennial Avenue	6
Epping Road/Beecroft Road	41
Elizabeth Drive	3
Newtown to Casula	75
Hume Highway Campbelltown - Picton	59
Narellan Road	20
Castle Hill Road/Old Northern Road/Showground Road	12
New Line Road	8
Camden Valley Way - Narellan Road to Hume Highway	14
Woodville Road/Henry Lawson Drive	44

(4) 2011-2014: refer to my previous answer LC 5966.

2014-2015: 38.24 minutes

2015 to February 2016: 38.54 minutes.

*2895 WET WIPES IN SEWERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Considering the recent Hunter Water report indicating problems that have arisen due to clusters of wet wipes clogging sewer pipes across New South Wales, what action is the Minister taking to warn our community against placing wet wipes in sewers?

Answer—

DPI Water and NSW water utilities are preparing a brochure on 'wet wipes' to inform regional customers on how to avoid costly blockages of house drains and the utility's sewers.

Since May 2015 Sydney Water has been running its 'Keep wipes out of the Pipes' education program, which has reached nearly one million people on social media and over 12 million people through traditional media stories.

Hunter Water has been actively advising consumers of the impacts of wet wipes, including through information included with water bills, on-hold call centre telephone messaging, in traditional and social media, and in targeted advertising in public toilets.

*2896 CENTRAL COAST WATERWAYS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Does the Office of Environment and Heritage monitor the water quality of the following Central Coast waterways:
 - (a) Ourimbah Creek, and the creeks which feed into it (i.e Stringybark and Hallards Creeks);
 - (b) Tumbi Creek;
 - (c) Saltwater Creek?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied with the quality of water in these waterways?
- (3) Does the Minister receive reports on the water quality of these waterways?
- (4) If the Office of Environment and Heritage does not monitor the water quality of these waterways, who does?

Answer—

(1) The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) monitored the aquatic ecology of Ourimbah Creek as part of statewide monitoring of natural resource conditions. Conditions were measured twice in 1997, four times in 2008, and once each in 2010 and 2012. The Environment Protection Authority recently used the services of OEH to assess water quality in Hallards and Stringybark creeks to assess any potential downstream impacts from a local landfill.

(2) Overall, the results of sampling at Hallards and Stringybark creeks indicate good biological diversity and water quality. Elevated nutrient concentrations in Hallards and

Stringybark creeks have been found. The source has not been identified, but possible sources include Mangrove Mountain Landfill, Mangrove Mountain Memorial Golf Course and a number of unsewered rural-residential properties in the catchment. These nutrients are not affecting the aquatic biota of the creek. Aluminium concentrations were elevated on all sampling occasions at all sites. This indicates background concentrations in the soils and creeks of the area, rather than pollution.

(3) No.

(4) The local water authority, Wyong Water monitors the section of Ourimbah Creek upstream of the weir, which forms part of the Gosford-Wyong water supply system.

*2897 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What measures is the Government taking to ensure that all cars residing in New South Wales are registered in New South Wales and not in other states?

Answer—

Information about NSW registration requirements is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Vehicle registration enforcement is a matter for NSW Police Force.

*2898 MANGROVE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL CLUB—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied that the landfill operation at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Golf Club operates in compliance with its licence (EPL 11395)?
- (2) Have there been any breaches of the licence?
 - (a) If yes, what was the nature of the breach and the date the breach occurred?
- (3) Is the Minister satisfied that the water quality of Ourimbah Creek has not been reduced by the operation of the landfill?

Answer—

(1) The landfill is not currently receiving waste and cannot resume landfilling until the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) approves revised Landfill Environmental Management and Leachate Management Plans.

(2) and (3) Yes. There have been 20 reports of non-compliance since 2001, all of which have been

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considered and dealt with in line with the EPA's prosecution guidelines and/or compliance policy.

(4) EPA and OEH water scientists have conducted detailed water quality assessments of Hallards and Stringybark Creeks downstream of the landfill. Results have shown the creeks to be in good health and did not show any evidence of any environmental impact from the landfill.

Stringybark Creek did show elevated levels of nitrogen and phosphorous relative to national water quality guidelines. Stringybark Creek catchment supports a range of land uses, such as a golf course and residential development that could be contributing to the nutrients in the creek.

*2899 MOUNT DRUITT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health—

Considering the recent release of Bureau of Health Information data showing 31 percent of patients waited for more than four hours at the Mount Druitt Emergency Department in the period of October to December 2015, can the Minister provide advice on the action being taken to alleviate these waiting times?

Answer—

The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) measures the time between arrival at the emergency department and leaving the emergency department. This includes the time the patient is actually receiving treatment within the emergency department, so the measure cannot be interpreted to mean that patients did or did not wait more than four hours for treatment.

The BHI quarterly reports have shown consistent and sustained improvement in the Mount Druitt ED over the past four years.

In October-December 2010, Mount Druitt Hospital had 49% of patients left the emergency department within four hours. In October-December 2015, 69% of patients left the emergency department within four hours.

*2900 HERITAGE SERVICES TEAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the total number of stonemasons currently employed in the Heritage services of NSW Public Works?
- (2) What was the number of stonemasons employed in June 2015?
- (3) How many apprentice stonemasons have been recruited since August 2015?
- (4) When assessing the viability of the Heritage Services Team remaining a part of NSW Public Works, what is the nature of the further market analysis being undertaken?

Answer—

- (1) Thirty stonemasons are directly employed by NSW Public Works.
- (2) Thirty.
- (3) A recruitment process is currently being undertaken to employ two stonemason apprentices and four stonemason tradespeople.
- (4) The market analysis includes a review of the market participants and supply chain, market gaps and an identification of any risks for the State. The results of the review will be incorporated into an overall plan for ensuring that Government can continue to maintain the State's heritage assets.

*2901 ELECTROTECHNOLOGY ELECTRICIANS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many trade teachers must now look for alternative employment following the discontinuance of Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30811) at Petersham TAFE?
- (2) How many students have been displaced?
- (3) How many other TAFE campuses now offer the Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE 30811)?

Answer—

- (1) None.
- (2) None.
- (3) Sydney TAFE has three campus locations which offer the Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE 30811). They are Ultimo College, St George College and Sutherland College-Gymea campus. Other metropolitan TAFE NSW locations which offer the qualification are Campbelltown, Granville, Meadowbank, Miller, Mt Druitt and Northern Beaches.

*2902 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many development applications have been approved in each of the years from 2011 to 2015 using the State Environmental Planning Policy for boarding houses in the following Local Government Areas:
 - (a) Marrickville;
 - (b) Ashfield;
 - (c) Canterbury?
- (2) How many development applications have been approved in 2016 (to 23 March 2016) for boarding houses in the following Local Government Areas:
 - (a) Marrickville;
 - (b) Ashfield;
 - (c) Canterbury?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The information required should be sought from the councils responsible for the determination of those development applications in their respective local government areas.

*2903 ARTIFICIAL REEF NEAR NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

When will the Government provide an artificial reef off the coast of Newcastle?

Answer—

The NSW Government previously announced that funds from the Recreational Fishing Trust were available for the construction of a fifth offshore artificial reef along the New South Wales coast. Applications, including from the Hunter region, are currently being assessed by DPI, based on broad physical, ecological and socio-economic criteria.

*2904 BROADMEADOW SPORT PRECINCT MASTERPLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) When will the Broadmeadow Sport Precinct Masterplan be publically released?
- (2) Will the community have an opportunity to comment on the masterplan?

Answer—

The Draft Hunter Stadium Sports & Entertainment Precinct Concept Plan is being developed by Venues NSW but has yet to be considered by the NSW Government. It is anticipated that the matter will be considered later this year.

If approved for public release, further stakeholder engagement and community consultation will take place.

*2905 WHOOPING COUGH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What actions are the Government taking to address the rise in whooping cough cases in the Newcastle electorate?
- (2) What actions are the Government taking ensure there is a constant supply of the whooping cough booster vaccine available to people in the Newcastle electorate?
- (3) What awareness campaigns are the Government currently running on whooping cough to ensure the community's safety during the vaccine shortage?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA 2253.

*2906 WICKHAM INTERCHANGE SITE SELECTION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Did the Government consider any other sites for the Wickham Interchange?
- (2) Was a site at, or near the old Hamilton Gasworks considered?
- (3) Was this site not selected due to the high level of contamination from the old Gasworks?

Answer—

Options for the Wickham Interchange were outlined in Revitalising Newcastle – the State's second-

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largest city.

*2907 OPAL CARD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Opal card top-up machines are located in the Newcastle electorate?
 - (a) What are the exact locations of these machines?
- (2) Are there any plans to roll out further machines in the Newcastle electorate?
- (3) How many student Opal card complaints has the Government received from students in the Newcastle electorate?
- (4) What is the Government doing to address issues with student Opal cards not working to ensure students can travel safely to school?
- (5) How many applications in the Newcastle electorate for the School Student Transport scheme were rejected in each of the years 2015 and 2016?

Answer—

- (1) to (2) Information on Opal top up machines is available on the Opal website.
- (3) to (5) The School Student Transport Scheme provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school. If a student lives too close to the school to be eligible, they may still be eligible for a School Term Bus Pass which provides discounted travel on buses between home and school. Further information about eligibility is available on the Transport for NSW website

*2909 PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the total amount of funding allocated for maintenance of public schools in the Newcastle electorate in each of the financial years from 2011-12 to 2015-16, by school?
- (2) What is the Department of Education's estimate of what the total cost would be to fulfill the maintenance backlog in public schools in the Newcastle electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Maintenance information is published on the Department of Education's website.
- (2) Information relating to maintenance backlog in public schools can be found in the New South Wales Auditor-General's Report- Volume Eleven 2015.

*2910 PORT OF NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION GRANTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning—

What is the date for the announcement of the successful applicants for the Port of Newcastle Community Contribution Grants?

Answer—

The announcement took place on Wednesday 13 April 2016 in Newcastle.

*2911 NEWCASTLE SOCIAL HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Considering the Government's recent announcements regarding the redevelopment of social housing, are there any plans for the redevelopment of social housing complexes in Newcastle electorate?

Answer—

Details about social housing properties are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2912 BACKPACKER HOSTELS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How does Fair Trading determine whether a backpacker hostel is covered under boarding house regulations?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of whether boarding house regulations could be applied to regulate other shared accommodation including backpacker hostels?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to improved regulation or licensing for backpacker hostels in order to protect community amenity?

Answer—

(1) Backpacker hostels are specifically excluded from the Boarding Houses Act 2012 (the Act). Local councils determine whether premises are operating as either boarding houses or backpacker hostels for the purposes of the Act.

(2) In July 2015, a NSW Government interagency working group was convened to examine the issue of overcrowding in residential shared accommodation. The working group was led by Fair Trading and included senior representatives from the Department of Planning and Environment, Justice, Premier and Cabinet, Family and Community Services, NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Police Force, NSW Health, Office of Local Government and the City of Sydney Council. The University of NSW and the Catholic University of Australia also took part in the working group meetings.

I can confirm the working group examined the Act and considered whether it could be applied to the regulation of other shared accommodation including backpacker hostels.

(3) The working group made recommendations in relation to improving the regulation of backpacker hostels, as it relates to overcrowding and community amenity and these are currently being examined by the Government.

*2913 ACCESSIBLE PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

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

Answer—

- (1) and (2) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Disability Services, Mr John Ajaka MP.
- (3) The Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) provides that a landlord cannot unreasonably refuse consent to add a fixture or to make a change that is of a minor nature. The Act does not currently define a minor alteration and it will depend on the specific circumstances of the tenant and their request. For a tenant with a disability, installing a grab rail in the shower may be considered a reasonable minor alteration. A statutory review of the Act is currently underway and the provisions relating to minor alterations as well as other provisions are being examined.
- (4) to (8) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Disability Services, Mr John Ajaka MP.

*2914 BALMAIN CAMPUS SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What school bus services operate for the Balmain Bay High School campus?
 - (a) From what locations do these services operate?
- (2) What direct school bus services does the Government provide for students from Paddington to reach this campus?
- (3) What direct school bus services does the Government provide for students from Potts Point to reach this campus?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of providing a service from Taylor Square to link with

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existing school bus services or direct to this campus?

- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the need for additional school bus services to this campus?
- (6) What consultation has the Government carried out with the school community about needed bus services?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve school bus services for this campus?

Answer—

Most Sydney school students travelling to and from school on State Transit buses do so by catching regular route services. Dedicated school services are supplementary to these only.

State Transit works constantly with Transport for NSW to improve its bus services. Particular attention is being given to all school routes.

*2915 311 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the trend in complaints about cancelled or late running 311 bus services since 4 October 2015 (to 22 March 2016)?
- (2) What does the service data show about reliability of 311 bus services during that time?
- (3) What route changes through Kings Cross and Potts Point have been considered or made since liquor restrictions were introduced?
- (4) What options has the Government considered for changes to the 311 bus route?
- (5) What assessment has been made of moving the terminus north to the George and Lower Fort streets intersection in order to provide transport to Lower Fort Street, Cumberland Street and George Street North?
- (6) What assessment has been made of rerouting the 311 bus to service Wynyard Station and adjacent shops?
- (7) What assessment has been made of an additional bus stop between Wynyard Park and the Queen Victoria Building?
- (8) What action has the Government taken to improve reliability of services on this route?
- (9) What further action does the Government intend to improve 311 bus service reliability?

Answer—

The NSW Government, along with State Transit, continually reviews and considers customer feedback on the bus network, including 311 series routes. Factors including frequency and reliability of bus services, in addition to convenience for customers, are considered. The new redesigned CBD bus network commenced in October 2015. The CBD bus routes, which included some new or relocated stops, mean less bus congestion in the heart of the city.

*2916 GREYHOUND RACING CLUB REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many greyhound racing meetings have occurred since 1 July 2015 (to 22 March 2016)?
- (2) How many greyhound racing clubs have been registered for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016?
- (3) How were these greyhound racing clubs registered, given all Greyhound Racing NSW board members resigned their posts in February 2015 and Section 42 (2) of the Greyhound Racing Act 2009 excludes Greyhound Racing NSW from delegating its function related to registration of greyhound racing clubs?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made on the validity of greyhound racing club registrations since 1 July 2015 (to 22 March 2016)?

Answer—

- (1) Greyhound Racing NSW advises that 873 greyhound racing meetings occurred between 1 July 2015 and 22 March 2016.
- (2) Greyhound Racing NSW advises that 34 greyhound racing clubs were operating as registered clubs for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.
- (3) Registration of greyhound racing clubs is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW as the controlling body for greyhound racing in this State.
- (4) Section 5 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2009 provides that Greyhound Racing NSW is independent of Government, does not represent the Crown and is not subject to direction or control by or on behalf of the Government. The Government does not determine the validity of greyhound racing club registrations.

*2917 DRUG DOG OPERATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What proportion of possession charges imposed as a result of drug dog operations from 1 September 2015 to 18 February 2016:
 - (a) Resulted in a conviction;
 - (b) Resulted in a Section 10;
 - (c) Were dropped;
 - (d) Were dismissed in court;
- (2) What proportion of supply charges imposed as a result of drug dog operations from 1 September 2015 to 18 February 2016:
 - (a) Resulted in a conviction;
 - (b) Resulted in a Section 10;
 - (c) Were dropped; and
 - (d) Were dismissed in court?

Answer—

Existing data systems do not record data about drug dog operations in the form that has been requested.

*2918 FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS REDRESS SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What has been done to investigate the development of a New South Wales redress scheme for the Forgotten Australians?
- (2) What assessment has been made on other redress models such as the scheme in Queensland and in Western Australia?
- (3) What discussions have occurred with other Australian Governments for a national redress scheme?
- (4) What is the Government's response to the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse for a redress scheme?

Answer—

COAG discussed the importance of providing redress for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse at its meeting in April 2016. The NSW Government supports the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse's recommendation for a national scheme for victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

*2919 STROKES POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to raise the need for a national stroke strategy, with prevention and early intervention, on the agenda at the Council of Australian Governments Health Council?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to funding the StrokeConnect program, which connects stroke survivors and their carers with information, services, support and each other when its 12 months of private funding expires?
- (3) How does the Government promote the Face, Arms, Speech, Time (FAST) campaign, which improves community awareness of the early signs of stroke?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made on promotion of the FAST campaign by the Victorian Government and adopting a similar approach in New South Wales?
- (5) To what extent will the Government support a help line for victims of stroke and their carers?

Answer—

(1) to (5) In 2013, the NSW Government launched the NSW Stroke Reperfusion Program. Additionally, the Agency for Clinical Innovation Stroke Network has supported the implementation of the NSW Stroke Reperfusion Program which has an identified pathway for treatment of stroke.

In 2015, the Council of Australian Governments Health Council endorsed the implementation of the National Acute Stroke Clinical Care Standard. This Standard provides a set of recommendations and principles for the appropriate treatment of acute stroke in Australia including: recognising stroke, timely provision of reperfusion therapy, care in a stroke unit, commencement of rehabilitation, minimising risk of another stroke, provision of carer training and support and transition for hospital care. Resources to support the Acute Stroke Clinical Care Standard have been developed to support the delivery of appropriate clinical care and reduce unwarranted variation in clinical care for stroke patients.

The Agency for Clinical Innovation works closely with clinicians to assess emerging models of care. A formal assessment of any new projects would be required to support additional programs, such as StrokeConnect.

Face Arm Speech Time (FAST) is an evidence based clinical assessment tool which has been embedded in the clinical practice pathways across NSW clinical stroke services.

The Agency for Clinical Innovation, as a clinically-led organisation, also works closely with the non-government sector including the National Stroke Foundation and the Stroke Recovery Association in the promotion of FAST. All paramedics in NSW have received training in the identification of stroke patients using the FAST technique.

Existing helplines are available for people in the community affected by stroke. These include HealthDirect, a national phoneline for quality health information and advice and the helpline operated by the Stroke Recovery Association, an organisation that advocates for and provides a range of support and information services to people affected by stroke and their families and carers.

*2920 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Did greenhouse gas emissions for New South Wales increase in 2014-15 from levels in 2013-14?
 - (a) If so, by how much?
- (2) How many megatonnes of carbon dioxide did New South Wales generate in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2014-15?
- (3) Compared to levels in 2013-14, for which of the following was there an increase in emissions generated in New South Wales in 2014-15:
 - (a) Energy electricity;
 - (b) Energy stationary energy (excluding electricity);
 - (c) Energy transport;
 - (d) Energy fugitive emissions;
 - (e) Industrial processes and product waste;
 - (f) Agriculture?
- (4) Which of these generated the most emissions in New South Wales in 2014-15?
 - (a) How have these emissions changed for it compared to 2013-14?
- (5) What increase or decrease in greenhouse gas emissions has occurred from 'Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry' as defined under the Kyoto Protocol?
- (6) What is the chief reason for the change?

Answer—

(1) The NSW greenhouse gas emission inventory data, prepared according to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change accounting methodology by the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory, is used as the basis for assessing greenhouse gas emission trends in NSW. This data is then published by the Commonwealth Department of the Environment.

The most recent data published by the Commonwealth Department of the Environment is for the 2012-13 period. NSW greenhouse gas emissions data for 2013-14 and 2014-15 has not yet been published.

(2) to (6) Refer to the answer to question 1.

*2921 INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATION APPROVALS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) How does new habitat modelling take into account social ties and past disturbances such as intensive fires and logging which affect whether koalas will use an area?
- (2) What concerns have been raised that the new modelling cannot accurately predict where koalas are located?
- (3) Why has on ground surveying been replaced with habitat modelling?
- (4) What studies has the Government conducted to assess the impact of logging on koala populations?

Answer—

(1) The government is working to improve how koalas and their habitat are identified, and protected in native forestry operations. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is in the final year of a three-year \$373,000 program that is examining new approaches to the mapping of koala habitat in NSW native forests.

The EPA is trialling a range of different koala habitat mapping options to improve koala habitat identification and management on public and private forestry areas. This includes testing of three different models that predict koala occurrence or potential habitat based on a range of environmental variables.

One of these is a state-wide model of probability of koala occurrence, whilst the other two are models of potential koala habitat.

(2) The EPA is aware of comments and concerns raised about one of the three models being trialled. This particular model was in a very preliminary stage of development, and has since been discontinued.

The models that continue to be trialled by the EPA are designed to predict the location of potential habitat of koalas, or to indicate the probability of koalas occurring in a general area. They are not intended to pinpoint where koalas are actually located.

(3) Ground surveying for koalas has not been replaced by habitat modelling. The rules for identifying koala habitat on state forests continue to require a thorough search for evidence of koalas.

The models that continue to be trialled by the EPA are designed to predict the location of potential habitat of koalas, or to indicate the probability of koalas occurring in a general area. They are not intended to pinpoint where koalas are actually located.

The approach being considered would result in potential koala habitat being identified and protected across the landscape at all times, irrespective of occupancy. This will provide a more comprehensive, adequate and transparent way of protecting important koala habitat.

(4) There are limited independent studies assessing the impacts of logging on koala populations. The government will be establishing a strategic monitoring program in the new Coastal IFOA that would evaluate the effectiveness of the IFOA conditions, including those designed to identify and protect important koala habitat.

*2922 FORESTRY CORPORATION ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What investigations are underway or recently completed into the Forestry Corporation's timber logging operations?
- (2) What proportion is this with regard to the total number of operations being carried out across New South Wales?
- (3) To what extent do these investigations assess the long term sustainability of logging in State forests?
- (4) How were these investigations initiated?
- (5) What action is the Government taking to change the practices and culture of the Forestry Corporation to improve compliance with environmental compliance?
- (6) What consideration will the Government give to initiating an independent review of Forestry Corporation's timber logging operations, environmental breaches and overall sustainability?

Answer—

(1) There are 15 investigations underway or which have been recently completed into Forestry Corporation of NSW logging operations. The investigations were conducted by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in the following state forests:

- Badja State Forest
- Barrington Tops State Forest
- Bodalla State Forest
- Bretts State Forest
- Bulga State Forest
- Brassey State Forest
- Cherry Tree State Forest
- East Boyd State Forest
- Enfield State Forest
- Glen bog State Forest (2 separate investigations)
- Johns River State Forest
- Kippara State Forest
- Mt Belmore State Forest
- Styx River State Forest.

In addition to these investigations, the EPA carried out audits of Forestry Corporation of NSW logging operations as part of its native forestry compliance program. In the

2014-15 financial year, the EPA carried out 55 audits and investigations.

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(2) These investigations pertain to 23.3 per cent of Forestry Corporation of NSW logging operations active in March 2016.

(3) The EPA investigations assess Forestry Corporation of NSW compliance with the conditions of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOAs). The IFOAs were designed to ensure that logging operations on state forests deliver the principles of ecologically sustainable forest management.

(4) Of the 15 investigations outlined above, eight were proactively initiated by the EPA, while seven were triggered by reports received by the EPA from members of the public.

(5) The EPA has an active compliance and enforcement program that operates under a publicly available Crown Forestry Compliance Strategy. The strategy provides a comprehensive and transparent framework for the regulation of native forestry on public land. The strategy adopts a risk-based approach to compliance which ensures the EPA focuses its attention and resources on those issues that pose the greatest risk to the environment and/or are of major concern to the community.

The strategy uses a range of regulatory tools to drive improvements in compliance with the IFOAs. This includes compliance monitoring, auditing, investigations, notices and directions, enforcement and education programs.

(6) There is no need for an independent review. The government established the EPA as an independent statutory authority in February 2012 so it can better regulate activities that have the potential to impact on the environment. The government is also undertaking a remake of the Coastal IFOAs to modernise the regulation of crown forestry operations.

*2923 SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many appeals were submitted for the 2015 school year under the School Student Transport Scheme?

(a) How many of these appeals were rejected for travel in the 2015 school year?

(2) How many appeals have been submitted for the 2016 school year under the School Student Transport Scheme (to 23 March 2016)?

(a) How many of these appeals have been rejected travel in the 2016 school year (to 23 March 2016)?

Answer—

Information on the School Student Transport Scheme is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2924 QUIET CARRIAGE SIGNAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Will the Government update the 'This is a quiet carriage' signage on NSW Trainlink trains to include a number of other languages to ensure all commuters are aware of the status of the carriage?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Quiet carriage signage is communicated using both English and pictograms. Pictograms effectively communicate with NSW Trains customers who speak little or no English. This is consistent with how other transport networks communicate similar messages to their customers

*2925 LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health—

(1) When will the construction timeframe of the new Lower Hunter Hospital be announced?

(2) What services will be available at the new Lower Hunter Hospital?

(3) How many beds will be available?

Answer—

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

*2926 MAITLAND STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How much recurrent funding did the Maitland State Emergency Services Unit receive from the Government in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16?
- (2) How much capital funding did the Maitland State Emergency Services Unit receive from the Government in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16

Answer—

Information on NSW State Emergency Service budgets can be found in the relevant Budget Papers. Allocation of resources to individual NSW SES Units is a matter for the Commissioner.

*2927 OFFENCES REGARDING PARAMEDICS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

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

Answer—

This question should be asked to the Minister for Health.

*2928 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Justice and Police, the Hen Troy Grant MP, who has responsibility for police staffing allocations.

*2929 VICTIMS RIGHTS AND SUPPORT REGULATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many people are eligible to apply for re-assessment of their victims compensation claim pursuant to the Victims Rights and Support Regulation 2013, Part 5, Division 3?
 - (a) How many people have applied for re-assessment?
- (2) What ongoing steps are being taken to ensure everyone who is eligible to apply for re-assessment receives notice of this opportunity?

Answer—

(1) Data about the number of people who became eligible to apply for reassessment, and the number of people who have applied, will be provided by Victims Services in data profiles as part of the annual reporting process to be released later this year. The data profiles will be available at <http://www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/>

(2) Steps taken to provide notice include:

- Correspondence sent to each of those people identified as eligible for reassessment.
- Notices published in metropolitan and regional newspapers.
- Information concerning re-assessment provided on Victims Services Website
- Dedicated information telephone line.

*2930 GAMING MACHINE TAX—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much revenue has been raised directly from clubs and pubs from the gaming machine tax in the Maitland electorate for each of the financial years from 2009-10 to 2015-16 (to 23 March 2016)?

Answer—

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Revenue data relating to Gaming Machine Tax revenue for clubs and hotels is held by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing.

Actual revenue raised from Gaming Machine Tax is currently available up to 2013-14 in the relevant budget papers. Actual revenue data for 2014-15 and 2015-16 will become available following the release of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Budget Papers, respectively.

*2931 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) When police request assistance from a victim of domestic violence or child sexual abuse, to make contact with an offender to gain an admission of guilt, does the victim have access to a police specialist domestic violence and/or sexual assault counsellor/psychologist?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has procedures in place to ensure victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault have access to victims support services. For child sexual assault matters, interviews are usually conducted within a Joint Investigative Response Team approach where support and counselling are provided by NSW Health. For domestic violence matters, victims are provided information on support services available to them via both Government and Non Government Organisations (NGOs).

The NSW Government acknowledges the importance of these services and has implemented initiatives centred around victim support. For instance, since 2014 we have been rolling out the Safer Pathways initiative, aimed at coordinating services for victims of domestic violence. The Government also recently launched Australia's first ever Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, underpinned by a Police-NGO partnership, to ensure potential victims of domestic violence have access to support services.

*2932 SOCIAL HOUSING 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 social housing are currently held for people requesting housing in the Cessnock electorate?

(a) How many of these applications are listed for:

(i) Priority Housing?

(ii) Wait Turn Housing?

(2) How many properties since 2011 have been:

(a) Purchased?

(b) Constructed?

(c) Sold?

(d) Transferred to Community Housing?

Answer—

Information about the NSW Housing Register and housing properties are available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2933 MAINTENANCE WORK BY HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) Considering that the 'Your Home' newsletter (March 2016, Issue 74) included the statement 'Contractors will also help to train tenants to undertake basic maintenance work', what is the scope of the 'basic maintenance work'?

(2) What is the time allowed for the training to be undertaken?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services is working with maintenance contractors to provide basic property maintenance training to tenants on matters including changing light globes and lawn care.

*2934 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

(1) How many residential properties does Family and Community Services (FACS) own and operate (as at 29 February 2016)?

(a) Is a local council rate applied to, and paid, for each of these properties?

(b) What is the total amount paid in council rates for each of these properties for each of the

financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

- (2) Are residential properties owned by FACS insured for building and/or contents?
 - (a) If yes, what is the annual total cost of this insurance for each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (3) How many additional properties are owned and operated by an external source but accessed and used by FACS as at 29 February 2016?
 - (a) Is a local council rate applied to, and paid, for each of these properties?
- (4) What is the total amount paid in council rates, by FACS NSW, for FACS leased or accessed residential properties for each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (5) Are residential properties leased or accessed by FACS NSW insured for building and/or contents?
 - (a) If yes, what is the annual total cost of this insurance for each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Information on social housing is published in the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report, which is available at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au

(4) and (5) The Department of Family and Community Services does not pay rates or insurance costs for properties it does not own.

*2935 FLYING FOX CAMP MANAGMENT PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What size do flying fox colonies which are located on Crown Land need to be for the Government to provide funding to enable a Flying Fox Camp Management Plan to be drafted?
- (2) How long does the colony need to have existed for the Government to provide funding to enable a Flying Fox Camp Management Plan to be drafted?
- (3) What criteria is required to be met for the Government to provide funding to enable a Flying Fox Camp Management Plan to be drafted?

Answer—

(1) to (3) A funding proposal for a Flying Fox Camp Management Plan would need to be considered in the context of all other applications for reserve management funding on its merits.

*2936 PRIVATE PATIENTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients were admitted to New South Wales public hospitals utilising their private medical in each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
 - (a) What dollar value did this equate to in each of these years?
- (2) Were these funds used by the individual hospitals or were they allocated to the NSW Health Budget?
- (3) Are these funds in addition to the Local Area Health budget allocation or are these funds deducted for the following years Local Area Health budget?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The total amount reimbursed from Health Funds in NSW to the health system is published in the NSW Health Annual Report at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/pages/default.aspx.

*2937 CESSNOCK POLICE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Considering the increase in prisoner intake to Cessnock Correctional Centre which will make it the largest gaol in New South Wales, how many additional police will be stationed at Cessnock Police Station?
- (2) When will any additional police be allocated to commence at Cessnock Police Station?
- (3) Will Cessnock Police Station be renovated/extended to house the additional police?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to returning more police to the frontline to be out in the communities, patrolling the streets. The Government's commitment is to boost the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force to 16,795 over this term of Government.

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Since May 2011, 29 probationary constables have been allocated to the Central Hunter Local Area Command, which polices the Cessnock area. As at December 2015, the Central Hunter Local Area Command had an operational capacity of 100% and an authorised strength of 157.

The NSW Police Force uses intelligence driven rostering and strategies to target known offenders and crime hot spots and deploys police to places where crime may be expected to occur. I'm advised the current tasking and deployment model operating within the Central Hunter Local Area Command provides is efficient.

*2938 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES—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 many mental health facilities are there in New South Wales?
 - (a) How many of these facilities are located in the Hunter?
 - (b) How many of these facilities are located in the Cessnock electorate?
- (2) Are any of these facilities privately run?
- (3) How many new facilities have been established between 1 July 2011 and 23 March 2016?
- (4) Have any facilities closed between 1 July 2011 and 23 March 2016?

Answer—

Information regarding mental health facilities in NSW is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

Additional information regarding mental health facilities in the Hunter New England Local Health District is available at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

*2939 STAFF AT CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering the increase in prisoner intake to Cessnock Correctional Centre which has made it the largest gaol in New South Wales, how many additional correctional services staff will be stationed at the Centre?
- (2) When will the additional correctional services staff commence at Cessnock Correctional Centre?
- (3) What is the current correctional services staff to prisoner ratio?
- (4) What will be the correctional services staff to prisoner ratio when the prison reaches the new maximum capacity?

Answer—

- (1) Future staffing for Cessnock Correctional Centre has not yet been finalised.
- (2) Please see response to (1).
- (3) 1 to 3.29.
- (4) Please see response to (1).

*2940 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many residential properties does Government Property NSW own and operate (as at 29 February 2016)?
 - (a) Is a local council rate applied to, and paid, for each of these properties?
 - (b) What is the total amount paid in council rates for each of these properties for each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?
- (2) What percentage of properties owned or managed by Government Property NSW are insured for building and/or contents?
 - (a) What is the annual total cost of this insurance, per financial year, for each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15?

Answer—

- (1) 30
 - (a) Yes for residential properties held under a lease for private purposes.
 - (b) Mooney Mooney, Peat Island Cottages – Municipal Rates

Address	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15

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64 Kowan Rd, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,071.22	\$2,189.65
66 Kowan Rd, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,128.64	\$2,248.14
67 Kowan Rd, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,128.24	\$2,248.14
68 Kowan Rd, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,128.24	\$2,248.14
50 Pacific Highway, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,128.24	\$2,248.14
51 Pacific Highway, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,071.22	\$2,189.65
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62 Pacific Highway, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,071.22	\$2,189.65
63 Pacific Highway, Mooney Mooney	\$1,934.27	\$2,071.22	\$2,189.65
Lot 2 Pacific Highway, Mooney Mooney	\$1,220.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,404.00
Total Per Financial Year	\$35,593.86	\$38,850.44	\$41,051.66

(2) All Government Property NSW owned properties are insured for building insurance. Insurance for contents is the responsibility of the tenants, and is not managed by Government Property NSW except where the properties are occupied by Government Property NSW (where 100% of these properties are covered for contents).

(a) 2012-13 – \$659,460;
2013-14 – \$723,190;
2014-15 – \$711,370.

*2941 SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) For the two years prior to the speed camera being installed, how many traffic incidents occurred within 500 metres of each camera location in the Auburn electorate?

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- (2) For the two years following the installation of the speed camera, how many traffic incidents occurred within 500 metres of each camera location in the Auburn electorate?

Answer—

Information about individual speed camera effectiveness is published in the Annual NSW Performance Review of Speed Cameras on the Centre for Road Safety website.

*2942 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES AND CALL-OUTS—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many ambulance call-outs were there in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate from January 2012 to January 2015:
- (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Newington;
 - (d) Wentworth Point;
 - (e) Rookwood;
 - (f) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (g) Berala;
 - (h) Regents Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) South Granville?
- (2) What was the average response time between a call for assistance being placed and an ambulance arriving at the scene in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate from January 2012 to January 2015:
- (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Newington;
 - (d) Wentworth Point;
 - (e) Rookwood;
 - (f) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (g) Berala;
 - (h) Regents Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) South Granville?
- (3) On how many occasions were the patients alive at the time of the call to 000 and deceased when the ambulance arrived at the scene in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate from January 2012 to January 2015:
- (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Newington;
 - (d) Wentworth Point;
 - (e) Rookwood;
 - (f) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (g) Berala;
 - (h) Regents Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) South Granville?
- (4) What was the longest, average and shortest ambulance response times from call-out to arrival for each year between January 2012 to January 2016 in the following suburbs in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Lidcombe;
 - (b) Auburn;
 - (c) Newington;
 - (d) Wentworth Point;
 - (e) Rookwood;
 - (f) Sydney Olympic Park;
 - (g) Berala;
 - (h) Regents Park;
 - (i) Silverwater;
 - (j) South Granville?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my previous response for question on notice LA2277.

*2943 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) With reference to the infringement notices issued in school zones in the Auburn electorate between 2012 and 2015:
- How many of the offenders elected to take the matter to court?
 - Were any offenders successful in appealing the fine?
 - Were any offences found proven and dismissed without costs?

Answer—

- (1) (a)

Year Infringement notice issued	Infringement notices Court elected
2012	51
2013	43
2014	54
2015	44

(b) and (c) The Office of State Revenue does not hold this information. These questions should be directed to the Attorney General.

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

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

2945 ASBESTOS INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- What advice has the Attorney General received concerning the financial viability of the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (AICF)?
- Will the AICF continue to be able to meet verdicts or claims resulting from liabilities it was established to meet?
- What is now estimated to be the peak year for the mesothelioma claims?

2946 COMMENTS MADE BY COUNCIL STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- What steps will you take in relation to the following inappropriate comments made by Carole Todd, Liverpool Council's Director, Business Improvement:
 - Posting political comments about Liverpool Council on the Facebook page of the Hon. Shayne Mallard MLC?
 - Saying after the resignation of Liverpool CEO, Carl Wulff 'Sad day for Liverpool but we'll bounce back at the next election!' on a Liberal Party MP's website?

2947 DISTRICT COURT BACK-LOG COMMITTEE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- Who are the members of the District Court Back-log Committee?
- When was this Committee established?
- How often does the Committee meet?

2948 ROLLING LIST COURT PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- Has the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research evaluated the Rolling List Court Pilot Program that commenced in the District Court in April 2015?
 - If not why not?
 - If it has, when will a report of the evaluation be publically available?

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- 2949 COURT VERDICTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
On how many occasions has a diagnosis of morbid jealousy been used in NSW Courts to justify a verdict of not guilty by reason of mental illness in the 2 years to 31 March 2015?
- 2950 RESPONSE TO NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
What is the Government's response to recommendation no 3.6 in Report 138 of the NSW Law Reform Commission?
- 2951 DISTRICT COURT ROLLING LIST PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
Why is the District Court Rolling List Court Pilot Program limited to matters with an estimate of no more than two weeks hearing times?
- 2952 DECISION RESPONSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
What is your response to the recent decision in *Sabanayagan v St George Bank* [2016] NSW WWC CPD 3?
- 2953 SYDNEY ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What assistance, if any, has the Government provided to the Sydney St Patrick's Day Parade since 1 July 2011?
- 2954 COMMUNITY COHESION AMBASSADORS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
(1) Has a Community Cohesion Ambassadors Program been developed by the Government as part of the measures to counter violent extremism?
(a) If yes, who are the Ambassadors?
(2) What is the cost of the program to 8 March 2016?
- 2955 RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
What action, if any, has the Government taken in response to Recommendation 8 of the Final Report of the Social Issues Committee on Domestic Violence Trends and Issues in New South Wales?
- 2956 COMMUNITY COHESION PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
(1) What Community Cohesion Programs have been developed by the Government since 1 July 2015 as part of measures to counter violent extremism?
(2) What is the cost of the programs?
- 2957 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
(1) How many Domestic Violence Liaison police officers are allocated to the Maitland Local Area Command?
(2) How many Domestic Violence Liaison police officers are allocated for New South Wales?
(3) How many positions were vacant as at 1 March 2016:
(a) In Maitland?
(b) In New South Wales?
(4) Is the number of Domestic Violence Liaisons allocated based on population or on domestic violence statistics for each Local Area Command?
- 2958 EAST MAITLAND COURT HOUSE SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Attorney General—
(1) Has the Government taken any steps to sell off any of the East Maitland Court House site?
(2) Are there any future plans from the Government to sell off any or all of the East Maitland Court

House site?

- 2959 OFFENCES REGARDING PARAMEDICS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How much was spent in the 2014-15 financial year on advertising and/or raising the awareness of offences against, or the obstruction of, paramedics?
 - (2) How much has been spent in 2015-16 (to 23 March 2016)?
 - (3) How much will be budgeted for 2016-17?
- 2960 CENTRAL WEST ACTION PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many businesses in the Orange electorate have successfully applied for the payroll tax rebate of \$5,000 under the Jobs Action Plan?
 - (2) What has been the total spent through this program in the Orange electorate?
 - (3) How many businesses in the Orange electorate successfully applied for the additional \$1,000 in funding available through the Fresh Start Support Scheme?
 - (4) What has been the total spent, as at 9 March 2016, through this scheme in the Orange electorate?
- 2961 CENTRAL WEST ACTION PLAN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) How much funding has been made available through Jobs for NSW in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2015-16?
 - (2) How much of the Jobs for NSW funding in each of those financial years has been spent in the Orange electorate?
 - (3) What specific projects has the funding been allocated to?
- 2962 CESSNOCK ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) positions were based at the Cessnock Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office as at 31 January 2016?
 - (2) How many FTE positions were based at the Cessnock RMS office as at 31 January 2011?
 - (3) Is the Cessnock RMS earmarked to become a full Service NSW centre?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeline for that transition?
 - (4) What was the sale price of the RMS building at Cessnock?
 - (5) What is the rental price of the RMS building in Cessnock following its sale?
- 2963 FLYING FOX COLONIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) What was the estimated number of flying foxes in New South Wales at the time the animal was listed as an endangered species?
 - (2) What is the current estimated number flying foxes as of 17 March 2016?
 - (3) How many current colonies are there in New South Wales as of 17 March 2016?
 - (4) How many colonies are located in urban areas?
 - (5) How many colonies are located within 500 metres of a school?
 - (6) How many colonies are located within 100 metres of a school?
- 2964 MACQUARIE FIELDS AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many hours per week is the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station staffed?
 - (2) How many full-time staff work at the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station?
 - (3) Will the Macquarie Fields Ambulance Station remain open indefinitely?
- 2965 REVITALISING NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning—
- When will the Government publish the answers to questions which were submitted by the participants of the September 2015 Revitalising Newcastle Community Consultation forum, in lieu of a live Questions and Answers session?
- 2966 OLD NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

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

2967 FUNDING COMMITMENT TO NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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

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

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

2969 HAMILTON GASWORKS SITE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How do you respond to the suggestion that the railway interchange is at Wickham because nothing was done to remediate the AGL site for all those years?

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

(1) How many priority housing applications were made in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) across New South Wales?

(2) How many priority housing applications from across New South Wales in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were not successful?

(3) What proportion of priority housing applications from across New South Wales in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were successful on the basis of:

- (a) Homelessness;
- (b) Safety or at-risk factors;
- (c) Medical conditions;
- (d) Inappropriateness of existing accommodation?

(4) How many priority housing applications were made in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) in the allocation zones covering the Granville electorate?

(5) How many priority housing applications in the allocation zones covering the Granville electorate in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were not successful?

(6) What proportion of priority housing applications in the allocation zones covering the Granville electorate in each of the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (as at 3 May 2016) were successful on the basis of:

- (a) Homelessness,
- (b) Safety or at-risk factors;
- (c) Medical conditions;
- (d) Inappropriateness of existing accommodation?

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

(1) How often are actual meter reads required for electricity bills?

(2) In the absence of an actual meter read how are estimates calculated for electricity bills?

(3) What options are available to a customer to dispute an electricity bill for an inaccurate meter read?

(4) What options are available to a customer to dispute an electricity bill for an inaccurate estimate?

(5) What benchmarks does the Government require electricity retailers to meet in relation to the proportion of actual, as opposed to estimated, meter reads?

(6) What is the legal basis for electricity retailers to compel the payment of an electricity bill based on an estimate, rather than actual meter read?

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

(1) What action is the Government taking to minimise and mitigate against flooding in suburban areas such as Granville?

- (2) What funding will be made available to local government, or non-government organisations to minimise or mitigate against flooding in Granville?
- 2973 NSW GRAFFITI HOTLINE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made by residents of the:
 - (a) Holroyd Local Government Area (LGA);
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
 - (2) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, how many reports to the Graffiti hotline have been made concerning properties in the:
 - (a) Holroyd LGA;
 - (b) Parramatta LGA?
 - (3) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Holroyd LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
 - (4) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what proportion of graffitied properties in the Parramatta LGA were on:
 - (a) Private property;
 - (b) Local, state or Commonwealth Government property?
 - (5) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, which were the top ten government agencies or authorities to which the NSW Graffiti Hotline referred the most reports of graffiti clean-up and removal?
 - (6) Over the last 12 months to 23 February 2016, what was the average time taken between reporting of graffiti and clean-up/removal?
- 2974 SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many students with special needs attend schools in the Granville electorate?
 - (2) What is the per capita funding for students with special needs in the Granville electorate?
- 2975 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Mr Luke Foley to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) With reference to the infringement notices issued in school zones in the Auburn electorate between 2012 and 2015:
 - (a) Were any offenders successful in appealing the fine?
 - (b) Were any offences found proven and dismissed without costs?
- 2976 ACCESSIBLE PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- (1) What shortfalls have been identified in the current supply of accessible and adaptable private rental housing?
 - (2) What shortfalls have been identified in the current supply of accessible and adaptable private rental housing in the Inner City and Eastern Suburbs?
 - (3) What work has the Government undertaken to encourage internet based private rental market advertisers such as Domain and realestate.com.au to include accessibility and adaptability in online searches?
 - (4) What consideration will the Government give to developing a search function or a register to identify accessible dwellings, improve the efficient use of existing stock and expand the information base about accessible housing for rental properties?
 - (5) What consideration will the Government give to encouraging partnerships between disability organisations and local councils to ensure people with a disability are informed about new residential developments with accessible and adaptable dwellings?
 - (6) Has the Government considered introducing a scheme similar to international models where landlords or management companies are required to rent accessible properties to a person with a disability or to hold the property for 15 days while searching for a renter with a disability?
 - (7) What further action will the Government take to improve access to appropriate rental properties for

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people with a disability?

- 2977 YASMAR SITE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1) For how many years was Juvenile Justice the tenant of the Yasmar site in Haberfield?
 - (2) How much rent was paid by Juvenile Justice to occupy the Yasmar site over this time?
- 2978 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS PROVIDERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) Of the total number of Outside of School Hours (OOSH) providers in New South Wales public schools, how many are:
 - (a) For-profit providers?
 - (b) Not-for-profit or community providers?
 - (2) Of the total number of OOSH providers in public schools in the Summer Hill electorate, how many are:
 - (a) For-profit providers?
 - (b) Not-for-profit or community providers?
- 2979 DISABILITY FRIENDLY CARRIAGES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Considering the Government's January 2016 announcement that the amount of carriages, will be doubled on five services which run between Hamilton Station and Central Station, why were no allocations for wheelchair accessible carriages made, despite the absence of disability friendly carriages being a frequent issue for New South Wales train passengers?
- 2980 LEARNING MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What is the current state of the Learning Management and Business Reform program in TAFE?
 - (2) What does the Government propose to put in place if the Learning Management and Business Reform program is ended?
 - (a) How will that be funded?
- 2981 STEEL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- Aside from the provisions set forth by the Australian Industry Policy Plan, what commitments is the Government making to utilize locally manufactured steel in their upcoming infrastructure projects and to support the 1200 Newcastle and Hunter steel industry workers in this time of uncertainty?
- 2982 NEWCASTLE LOCAL AREA COMMAND STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the current authorised strength of the Newcastle Local Area Command as at 1 January 2016?
 - (2) When was this authorised strength determined?
- 2983 VACANT GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many Government-owned properties are currently vacant in Wallsend?
 - (a) How many is the Government planning to sell?
 - (b) How many is the Government trying to lease?
 - (c) How many are unoccupied and have no current future plan of use?
- 2984 LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND STRENGTH—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the current authorised strength of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command as at 1 January 2016?
 - (2) When was this authorised strength determined?
- 2985 OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) How many public schools in the Wallsend electorate have an outside of school hours care centre

- (OHSC) located on site?
- (a) What is the total capacity of those centres?
- (2) What percentage of public schools have an OSHC centre located on site across New South Wales?
- 2986 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What was the total funding allocated and spent on maintenance of schools in the Wallsend electorate in each of the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15?
- (2) What was the total funding allocated for maintenance of schools in the Wallsend electorate in 2015-16?
- 2987 REAL ESTATE LICENCES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General—
- What is the total number of complaints that have been made against licensed real estate agents at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 1 March 2016)?
- 2988 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) Are Conciliators with the Consumer and Commercial Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal subject to specific guidelines that inform their work in dealing with members of the public?
- (a) If so, where are those guidelines published?
- (2) Does the Tribunal keep a record of complaints or concerns in regards to the audio recording facility that documents proceedings in the Consumer and Commercial Division?
- (a) If so, can the Minister give figures on the number of cases in which complaints or concerns about audio recordings were raised in each of the years from 2013 to 2016 (as at 16 March 2016)?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm whether there is any means for the costs of an appeal to the Tribunal to be waived?
- (4) On what basis are the charges for an appeal to the Tribunal determined?
- 2989 WESTCONNEX PLANNING APPROVAL FOR THE ALEXANDRIA LANDFILL SITE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Can the Minister indicate the consents or approvals under which WestConnex commenced this work at the Alexandria Landfill Site in St Peters since September 2015 and is still operating under on the site?
- 2990 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR WESTCONNEX CONTRACTORS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Does the requirement of the NSW Procurement Board 'Construction Procurement Direction C2013-01: Financial Assessments' regarding obligations on agencies to undertake financial assessments prior to and throughout the life of a government procured construction project apply to the Sydney Motorway Corporation and the WestConnex project?
- (2) Considering that the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation's 'Central Repository: Financial Assessment Services Reports 13/01/2016' do not contain financial assessments of many of the companies that have been awarded millions of dollars in contracts for WestConnex such as major companies Leighton Holdings and Samsung C & T, can the Minister outline what assessments have been done on companies that are contracted for WestConnex work?
- 2991 UPGRADE OF CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Health—
- When will work begin on the \$150 million upgrade of Concord Hospital?
- 2992 SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- How many staff are employed at the Sydney Motorway Corporation as at 1 March 2016?
- 2993 SYDNEY METRO PROJECT—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- When will the Business Case for the Sydney Metro project be released?

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- 2994 CAR REGISTRATIONS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- What measures is the Government taking to ensure that all cars residing in New South Wales are registered in New South Wales and not in other states?
- 2995 POPULATION PROJECTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning—
- Will the Minister recalculate the 2031 population projections for Bankstown City Council and also for Canterbury City Council to include the Minister for Planning's recent Sydenham to Bankstown Rail Corridor Urban Renewal Strategy targets?
- 2996 KAMIRA COURT SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- (1) What is the current status for the redevelopment of the Kamira Court site at Villawood?
 - (2) Who is currently undertaking the development of both the affordable and social housing components?
- 2997 KAMIRA COURT SITE PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—
- When are works expected to commence on the Kamira Court site owned by the Land and Housing Corporation, which was scheduled to be redeveloped previously by Watpac?
- 2998 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning—
- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report for all agencies under the Planning portfolio?
 - (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce the annual reports?
 - (a) If so, which organisations were engaged?
 - (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the reports?
- 2999 PREMIUM LAND TAX—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) How much revenue has been generated through the Premium Land Tax charge in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
 - (2) How many properties were impacted by this charge in each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
- 3000 APPIN ROAD SAFETY UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- When will the Government provide funds for Appin Road to improve the road surface, construct separation barriers and widen the road to reduce injuries and fatalities currently experienced on the road?
- 3001 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report for all agencies under the Justice and Police portfolio?
 - (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce these annual reports?
 - (a) If so, which organisation were engaged?
 - (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the reports?
- 3002 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report for all agencies under the Health portfolio?
 - (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce the annual reports?
 - (a) If so, which organisation were engaged?
 - (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the report?
- 3003 COST AND PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much was spent to produce the current annual report, for all agencies under the Education portfolio?
- (2) Were any external organisations engaged in any way to produce the annual reports?
- (a) If so, which organisations were engaged?
- (b) If so, how much funding was received to produce the report?
- 3004 UNCLAIMED MONEY REVENUE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- How much revenue was raised from Unclaimed Money in each of the years from 2011 to 2015?
- 3005 SERVICE NSW CORRIMAL OFFICE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff and part-time equivalent staff are employed at the Corrimal Service NSW office?
- (2) Were all Corrimal Roads and Maritime Services office full-time equivalent staff and part-time equivalent staff offered positions at the Service NSW Corrimal office?
- (a) How many were retained?
- (b) How many were made redundant?
- (3) Why was the infrastructure that was used in the Corrimal Roads and Maritime Services office not transferred for use in the Service NSW office?
- (a) Where was the infrastructure relocated to?
- (4) Since the opening of the Service NSW office, have there been any reports of licences or photo ID cards not arriving via post when ordered at Corrimal?
- (5) How many days does a customer wait from when they order their license or photo ID card to be processed, mailed and received?
- (6) Why can Opal card issues not be resolved at a Service NSW office?
- (7) What is the average wait time for customers at the Service NSW Corrimal office?
- 3006 APPLICATIONS TO HARDSHIP REVIEW BOARD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many applications were received by the Hardship Review Board for review of their application for hardship consideration for each of the years from 2013 to 2015?
- (a) How many of these applications have been refused?
- 3007 PROMOTION OF SERVICE NSW—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- What is the total cost of all marketing, advertising and promotional expenses incurred to promote Service NSW for each of the financial years from 2010-11 to 2014-15?
- 3008 CT SCANNING MACHINES—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many CT scanning machines are currently at Campbelltown?
- (a) Of those, how many are operational?
- (b) In which year was each of these machines installed?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to replace and or all of the CT scanning machines at Campbelltown Hospital?
- (a) If so, when will this occur?
- (b) If so, what is the total cost of replacement?
- 3009 ADHC AND HOME CARE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—
- (1) Has ADHC and Home Care been sold to a private provider?
- (a) If yes, what was the sale price and sale arrangements?
- (b) Will there be an affect to the service delivery standards?
- 3010 DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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

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

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

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