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MINERAL RESOURCES—WATER USAGE AT LAKE COWAL GOLD MINE—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

1. (a) Does the Government plan to make any change to the consent conditions for the Lake Cowal gold mine?
(b) If so, why?

2. Is Barrick Gold Australia buying additional water for the Lake Cowal gold mine under water trading arrangements?
   (a) If so, from whom and how much?
   (b) If so, does this apply to surface or ground water or both?
   (c) If so, how much is coming out of the Lachlan catchment? Please show amount of both surface and ground water.

3. (a) How much water is Barrick Gold Australia using from the Bland paleochannel?
   (b) How much water is Barrick Gold Australia using from water sources other than the Bland paleochannel?

4. How much have the water levels fallen from Bland paleochannel?

5. How much have water levels fallen from water sources other than Bland paleochannel that Barrick Gold Australia is using?

6. Have there been any complaints from local councils, farmers, including irrigators, or anyone else about the falling groundwater levels?
   (a) If so, what are the details of these complaints?
   (b) If so, what actions have been taken to address the issues highlighted by the complaints?

Answer—

1. (a) and (b) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Planning.

2. (a) and (b) These questions refer to commercial arrangements between Barrick Australia and any prospective sellers.
   (c) Water purchased will be from existing entitlements.

3. (a) 2006-07 (up to 30.09.06): 862 megalitres.
   (b) The only other sources of supply are rainfall run-off from the mine site and the dewatering bores.

4. I am advised that since 1 July, 2006, groundwater levels have changed from 52.321 to 54.801 metres below the surface.

5. DNR focuses its monitoring effort on the water levels inside the Bland Palaeochannel.

6. Yes.
   (a) Neighbouring landholders are concerned about the impacts on stock and domestic bores.
   (b) A number of measures have been implemented to manage this situation:
      (i) Barrick Australia will supplement their supply by purchasing surface water.
      (ii) Shut-off levels in departmental monitoring bores have been agreed to by Barrick Australia, neighbouring landholders and DNR to protect stock and domestic supplies.
      (iii) Arrangements to maintain supply to impacted stock and domestic bores have been agreed to by Barrick Australia and neighbouring landholders.
(iv) Increased monitoring by DNR.
(v) Installation of data loggers.

*255 EMERGENCY SERVICES—DAMAGE TO ABORIGINAL SITE ON WALKER CORPORATION LAND—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Following a request from Walker Corporation, did Appin Rural Fire Brigade in the last month conduct a back burn on property owned by Walker Corporation parallel to Ousedale Creek and to the north of Macquarie Dale Road in the Appin area?

(2)
(a) Did the burn off take place over an area that contains a number of Aboriginal sites?
(b) If so, why was the burn off allowed to take place?

(3)
(a) Did Walker Corporation arrange for earth moving equipment to bulldoze the site following the burn off and after Appin Rural Fire Brigade had left the site?
(b) If so, why?

(4) Were Aboriginal sites damaged or destroyed a result of the burn off and bulldozing?

(5)
(a) Has any action been taken to repair the damaged Aboriginal sites?
(b) If not, why not?

(6) Can the damaged Aboriginal sites be repaired?
(a) If so, how?
(b) If so, has work started on this process?
(c) If not, is the damage too extensive?

(7) Has the National Parks and Wildlife Service investigated the damage to the Aboriginal sites?
(a) If so, what action have they taken?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—
The NSW Rural Fire Service has advised that no hazard reduction burns were carried out in the last month by Appin Rural Fire Brigade on the property described above.

*256 POLICE—POLICE MEDIA STATEMENT REGARDING GOULBURN MAN—Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Roads representing the Minister for Police—

(1) Was the person referred to in a NSW Police media statement entitled "Man Charged Over Traffic Offence - Goulburn" dated 4 September 2006 actually charged or issued an infringement notice as stated in the text of the statement?

(2) If the man was charged, what was the nature of the charge?

(3) If he was issued an infringement notice, what was the offence on the notice?

Answer—
(1) The person in question was issued an infringement notice and had his driver's licence immediately suspended for six months.
(2) He was not charged.
(3) The offence was "exceed speed by more than 45 km/h".

*257 PREMIER—MINISTERIAL OFFICE COSTS 2005-06—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—
What is the breakdown of the following costs incurred by the Premier's Private Office and each Ministerial Office for the 2005-06 financial year:

(1) Total employee related costs?
(2) Total domestic travel costs?
(3) Total international travel costs?
(4) Total rental costs?
(5) Total cost of office renovations?
(6) Total cost of mobile phone bills?
(7) Total other costs?
(8) Number of full-time equivalent employees?

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Answer—
I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to honourable member's question is:

Ministers' office staff are employed by the Director-General of the Premier's Department under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

Conditions of employment and entitlements are regulated by the provisions of the Public Sector Act. Salary costs are included in the employee-related expenses of the Premier's Department.

Ministers require executive offices to support them in discharging their portfolio roles and responsibilities. Executive offices provide essential support for Ministers in handling their workload, just as such offices do in large, complex organisations generally across the public and private sectors.

The Leaders of the Opposition are provided with executive office support, for similar reasons.

The budget estimates for staff, accommodation and operating expenses for Ministers' offices are considered in the usual budget process and, reported in accordance with the principles of transparency and accountability.

*258 PREMIER—MINISTERIAL OFFICE BUDGET 2006-07—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

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The Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 provides that a department/division head may create, abolish or otherwise deal with any positions in their department other than the position of department head. Internal branch/unit structures of departments are designed to ensure the most efficient and effective service is provided to the Minister and the people of New South Wales.

*259* ROADS—RTA MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—

With regard to the Roads and Traffic Authority's Ministerial Liaison Unit or any unit that has a primary function of Liaising with the Minister:

(1) How many people were employed in this unit as at:
   (a) 1 October 2006?
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Answer—
This information is already available in annual reports.

Under the Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985 and the Annual Reports (Statutory Reports) Act 1984 and the Freedom of Information Act 1989, agencies are required to set out their structure and business units in their annual report.

This includes units that assist the department and Minister in performing their roles.

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**260 ROADS—RTA MEDIA UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—**

With regard to any unit that is involved in media, community relations, public relations, and communications roles for the Roads and Traffic Authority:

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Agencies may employ staff to carry out media and/or communication functions to communicate important information including the department's activities to members of the public.

These staff play a vital role in informing the community of important public issues. An example of this is highlighted through the crucial role of the media/communications units during the 2005/06 bushfires. The emergency agencies were in the media constantly advising the public of the situation and danger, alerting the community to evacuation needs, providing advice as to temporary shelter arrangements and related medical and recovery support.

Also, the public is informed of the legislative and regulatory changes which impact on their business or private activities i.e. taxation changes administered by the Office of State Revenue; awareness campaigns by the Office of Fair Trading.

These staff are employed under Section 9(2) of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002, which provides for department heads to create, abolish or otherwise deal with any positions in their department other than the position of the department head.

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*261 ROADS—RTA MEDIA UNIT BUDGET 2006-07—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—

What is each unit that is involved in media, community relations, public relations, and communications roles for the Roads and Traffic Authority budget for the financial year 2006-07?

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Answer—
I am advised this information is published in the annual reports of the Ministry for Police.

POLICE—POLICE MEDIA UNIT BUDGET 2006-07—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Minister for Police—

What is the budget for each unit that is involved in media, community relations, public relations, and communications roles for NSW Police for the financial year 2006-07?

Answer—
NSW Police has advised me:
The units involved in the nominated roles belong to Public Affairs Branch and are not allocated separate budgets. The total 2006-07 budget for the Branch is $5.875 million.

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Answer—

Staffing information is published in NSW Police annual reports.

*265 TREASURER—NSW TREASURY MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

With regard to the NSW Treasury's Ministerial Liaison Unit or any unit that has a primary function of liaising with the Treasurer:
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With regard to any unit that is involved in media, community relations, public relations, and communications roles for Attorney General’s Department:

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With regard to any unit that is involved in media, community relations, public relations, and communications roles for the NSW Health, the Ambulance Service of NSW and each Area Health Service:

(1) How many people were employed in each of these units as at:

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*282 TRANSPORT—RAIL CORPORATION NEW SOUTH WALES MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

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*283 TRANSPORT—SYDNEY FERRIES CORPORATION MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

With regard to Sydney Ferries Corporation's Ministerial Liaison Unit or any unit that has a primary function of liaising with the Minister:

(1) How many people were employed in each of these units as at:
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*284 TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF NSW MINISTERIAL LIAISON UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

With regard to the State Transit Authority’s Ministerial Liaison Unit, Ministry for Police or any unit that has a primary function of liaising with the Minister:

(1) How many people were employed in each of these units as at:
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*285 EMERGENCY SERVICES—NSW FIRE BRIGADE MEDIA UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With regard to any unit that is involved in media, community relations, public relations, and communications roles for the NSW Fire Brigade:

(1) How many people were employed in each of these units as at:

(a) 1 October 2006?
(b) 30 June 2006?
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Answer—
The Government communicates a wide variety of information to the public ranging from matters such as public health, community welfare and safety, public education and training, environmental and rural support, arts, tourism and business development.

Governments use a variety of channels and media to communicate this information including print, radio and television media, advertising, marketing and promotional activities, publications, e-government and community liaison to name a few.

Agencies may employ staff to carry out media and/or communication functions to communicate important information including the department's activities to members of the public.

These staff play a vital role in informing the community of important public issues. An example of this is highlighted through the crucial role of the media/communications units during the 2005-06 bushfires. The emergency agencies were in the media constantly advising the public of the situation and danger, alerting the community to evacuation needs, providing advice as to temporary shelter arrangements and related medical and recovery support.

Also, the public is informed of the legislative and regulatory changes which impact on their business or private activities i.e. taxation changes administered by the Office of State Revenue; awareness campaigns by the Office of Fair Trading.

These staff are employed under Section 9(2) of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002, which provides for department heads to create, abolish or otherwise deal with any positions in their department other than the position of the department head.

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*286 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
(1) How many employees of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs who are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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(5) How many employees of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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(8) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council who are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff that become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

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The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

Employees of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council are not Public Sector Employees and therefore not under the responsibility of any NSW Government Minister and therefore not eligible to register with the PEO if displaced.

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*287 AGEING—AGEING DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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*288 ATTORNEY-GENERAL—ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BOARD DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the Anti-Discrimination Board were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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Answer—

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*289 ATTORNEY-GENERAL—ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS TRIBUNAL DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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**ATTORNEY-GENERAL—NSW REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES DISPLACED LIST—**Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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*293 ATTORNEY-GENERAL—OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the Office of the Protective Commissioner were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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*294 ATTORNEY-GENERAL—SOLICITOR GENERAL AND CROWN ADVOCATE DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the Solicitor General and Crown Advocate were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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*295 COMMERCe—DEPARTMENT OF ComMERCE DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Commerce were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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*296 COMMERCe—MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many employees of the Motor Accidents Authority were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

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**297** COMMERCE—WORKCOVER AUTHORITY DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many employees of the WorkCover Authority were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
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**298** ENVIRONMENT—DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DEC registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of DEC were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the public sector?
employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of DEC who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:
  • 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
  • 54 displaced officers gained temporary appointments within other agencies.

The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.
The NSW Government’s Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*299 ENVIRONMENT—SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) How many employees of the Sydney Catchment Authority were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Sydney Catchment Authority registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the Sydney Catchment Authority were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Sydney Catchment Authority who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*300 TREASURER—NSW TREASURY DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) How many employees of the NSW Treasury were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the NSW Treasury registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the NSW Treasury were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the NSW Treasury who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
I am advised the voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:
- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*301 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, SPORT AND RECREATION DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation (DTSR) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DTSR registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of DTSR were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of DTSR who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.
TRANSPORT—RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

(1) How many employees of the Rail Infrastructure Corporation were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Rail Infrastructure Corporation registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the Rail Infrastructure Corporation were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Rail Infrastructure Corporation who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

(1) to (4) I am advised:

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employee list.

TRANSPORT—SYDNEY FERRIES CORPORATION DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

(1) How many employees of the Sydney Ferries Corporation were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Sydney Ferries Corporation registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the Sydney Ferries Corporation were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Sydney Ferries Corporation who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

(1) to (4) I am advised:

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

**Transport—State Transit Authority of NSW Displaced List**—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

(1) How many employees of the State Transit Authority of NSW were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the State Transit Authority of NSW registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the State Transit Authority of NSW were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the State Transit Authority of NSW who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

**Answer**—

(1) to (4) I am advised:

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

**Community Services, Youth—Community Services Displaced List**—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Community Services, and Minister for Youth—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Community Services (DoCS) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DoCS registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of DoCS were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of DoCS who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

**Answer**—

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff that become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:
The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issued in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*306 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—DET DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Education and Training (DET) are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the annual wages cost of employees of DET who are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of DET are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of DET who are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(5) How many employees of TAFE are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(6) What was the annual wages cost of employees of TAFE who are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(7) How many employees of TAFE are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(8) What was the annual wages cost of employees of TAFE who are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-2006 financial year:

• 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*307 HEALTH—HEALTH DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many employees of NSW Health are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the annual wages cost of employees of NSW Health who are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of NSW Health are displaced employees but are not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of NSW Health who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(5) How many employees of the Ambulance Service of NSW were currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(6) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Ambulance Service of NSW who were currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(7) How many employees of the Ambulance Service of NSW were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(8) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Ambulance Service of NSW who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(9) How many employees of each area health service are currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(10) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of each area health service who were currently registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(11) How many employees of each area health service were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(12) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of each area health service who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
This matter falls outside my area of responsibilities.

*308 JUSTICE—DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Corrective Services were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Corrective Services registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the Department of Corrective Services were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Corrective Services who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

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The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.
EMERGENCY SERVICES—NSW FIRE BRIGADE DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many employees of the NSW Fire Brigade were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the NSW Fire Brigade registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the NSW Fire Brigade were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the NSW Fire Brigade who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations. In the 2005-06 financial year:

- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*310 JUVENILE JUSTICE—DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DJJ registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of DJJ were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DJJ who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
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The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.
As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*311 LANDS—DEPARTMENT OF LANDS DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Lands were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Lands registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of the Department of Lands were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Lands who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.
In the 2005-06 financial year:
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*312 PREMIER—PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many employees of the Premier's Department were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Premier's Department registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of the Premier's Department were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Premier's Department who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.
In the 2005-06 financial year:
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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*313 NATURAL RESOURCES—NATURAL RESOURCES DISPLACED EMPLOYEES LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Natural Resources were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Natural Resources registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of the Department of Natural Resources were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Natural Resources who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.
In the 2005-06 financial year:
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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*314 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES DISPLACED EMPLOYEES LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DPI registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of DPI were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of DPI who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become
displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:
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The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

**315 POLICE**—NSW POLICE DISPLACED EMPLOYEES LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Minister for Police—

(1) How many employees of NSW Police were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of NSW Police registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of NSW Police were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of NSW Police who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

NSW Police has advised me:

(1) 13.
(2) $1,051,756.
(3) 5.
(4) $270,830.

**316 ROADS**—RTA DISPLACED EMPLOYEES LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—

(1) How many employees of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the RTA registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(3) How many employees of the RTA were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the RTA who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*317 PLANNING—DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) How many employees of the Department of Planning were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Department of Planning registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of the Department of Planning were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Department of Planning who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.
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As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*318 WATER UTILITIES—SYDNEY WATER DISPLACED EMPLOYEES LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Water Utilities, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1) How many employees of Sydney Water were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of Sydney Water registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of Sydney Water were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of Sydney Water who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.
The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff that become displaced because of restructures or relocations.
In the 2005-06 financial year:

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The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*320 PREMIER—PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OFFICE DISPLACED LIST—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many employees of the Public Employment Office were registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(2) What was the cost in annual wages of employees of the Public Employment Office registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(3) How many employees of the Public Employment Office were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?
(4) What was the annual wages cost of employees of the Public Employment Office who were displaced employees but were not registered as displaced employees with the Public Employment Office as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—

I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:

The voluntary registration system for displaced employees was first established in 1993 under the Fahey Administration.

The NSW Government has had significant success in finding alternative jobs for staff who become displaced because of restructures or relocations.

In the 2005-06 financial year:

- 147 displaced officers were permanently redeployed to positions within the public sector
- 54 displaced officers gained temporary appointments within other agencies.

The Government is now moving towards a new strengthened policy which will include mandatory registration of displaced staff across the public service.

The NSW Government's Economic and Financial Statement issues in February 2006, confirmed that the Government will have the capacity to make employees redundant as a last and unavoidable resort where an alternative position is not found within 12 months.

As at 30 June 2006 there were 299 displaced employees on the displaced employees list.

*322 HEALTH—SAC INCIDENTS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Health—

(1) How many SAC 1 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in July 2006?
(2) How many SAC 1 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in August 2006?
(3) How many SAC 1 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in September 2006?
(4) How many SAC 1 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in October 2006?
(5) How many SAC 2 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in July 2006?
(6) How many SAC 2 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in August 2006?
(7) How many SAC 2 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in September 2006?
(8) How many SAC 2 incidents occurred in the NSW Health system in October 2006?

Answer—
I am advised:
(1) to (8) I refer the honourable member to the reports on incident management in the New South Wales public health system and the Clinical Excellence Commission's Annual Report and website for the most up to date published information.

*323 PREMIER—STAFF SECONDMENT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many people are currently seconded to the Minister's private office and each of the Minister's offices as at 1 October 2006?

(2) What is the annual cost of wages for employees seconded to the Minister's private office and each of the Minister's offices as at 1 October 2006?

Answer—
I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:

Ministers' staff are employed by the Director-General, Premier's Department pursuant to the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

Arrangements for the employment of special temporary employees to carry out work for political office holders are the same for Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly.

The 2005-06 Budget papers provide for a total of 252 staff in the Premier's Office and Ministers' Offices. The budget estimates for staff, accommodation and operating expenses for Ministers' offices are considered in the usual budget process and, reported in accordance with the principles of transparency and accountability.

*324 PREMIER—RIGHT OF RETURN—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many people currently employed in the Minister's private office and in each of the Ministerial offices have a right to return to a position within any government entity/agency?

(2) For each individual who has a right to return to any position within any government entity/agency what is the:
   (a) Position in Ministerial office?
   (b) Salary of position in Ministerial office?
   (c) Position that individual has right of return to?
   (d) Salary of position that individual has right of return to?
   (e) Date at which individual started work in a Ministerial office?

Answer—
I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:

The Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 provides that a department/division head may create, abolish or otherwise deal with any positions in their department other than the position of department head. Internal branch/unit structures of Departments are designed to ensure the most efficient and effective service is provided to the Minister and the people of New South Wales.

*325 PREMIER—MINISTERIAL STAFF LEAVING—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many of people have left the Premier's Private Office since 1 September 2006?

(2) How many of the people who have left the Premier's Private Office since 1 September 2006 have
moved to another Minister's Office?
(3) How many of the people who have left the Premier's Private Office since 1 September 2006 have moved to another position within a NSW government agency?
(4) How many of the people who have left the Premier's Private Office since 1 September 2006 have moved to a private sector position, e.g. left NSW government service?
(5) How many of people have left each Ministerial Office since 1 September 2006?
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Answer—
I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:
Ministers' and Leaders of the Opposition staff are employed as Special Temporary Employees under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Movement of staff within and between agencies is subject to the provisions of the Act.

*326 PREMIER, STATE DEVELOPMENT—PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

With regard to the Public Employment Office:
(1) How many people were employed in this unit as at:
   (a) 1 October 2006?
   (b) 30 June 2006?
   (c) 30 June 2005?
   (d) 30 June 2004?
   (e) 30 June 2003?
   (f) 30 June 2002?
(2) What is the annual wages bill for all the people employed in this unit as at:
   (a) 1 October 2006?
   (b) 30 June 2006?
   (c) 30 June 2005?
   (d) 30 June 2004?
   (e) 30 June 2003?
   (f) 30 June 2002?
(3) How many individuals in this unit as at 1 October 2006, 30 June 2006, 30 June 2005, 30 June 2004, 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2002 have a salary:
   (a) Greater than $150,000?
   (b) Between $125,000 and $149,999?
   (c) Between $100,000 and $124,999?
(d) Between $80,000 and $99,999?
(e) Between $60,000 and $79,999?
(f) Below $59,999?

(4) What was the total cost of running this unit for the financial years ending:
(a) 30 June 2006?
(b) 30 June 2005?
(c) 30 June 2004?
(d) 30 June 2003?
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Answer—

I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:

This information is already publicly available in the Budget Papers. The department's annual report provides information on the number of staff in each salary band.

*327 PREMIER—MINISTERIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

With regard to the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services:

(1) How many people were employed in this unit as at:
(a) 1 October 2006?
(b) 30 June 2006?
(c) 30 June 2005?
(d) 30 June 2004?
(e) 30 June 2003?
(f) 30 June 2002?

(2) What is the annual wages bill for all the people employed in this unit as at:
(a) 1 October 2006?
(b) 30 June 2006?
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(d) 30 June 2004?
(e) 30 June 2003?
(f) 30 June 2002?

(3) How many individuals in this unit as at 1 October 2006, 30 June 2006, 30 June 2005, 30 June 2004, 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2002 have a salary:
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This information is already publicly available in the Budget Papers. The department's annual report provides information on the number of staff in each salary band.

*328 PREMIER—SES POSITIONS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many SES positions were there in each Government Department and Agency as at:
(a) 1 October 2006?
(b) 30 June 2006?
(c) 30 June 2005?
(d) 30 June 2004?
(e) 30 June 2003?
(2) How many SES positions were created in each Government Department and Agency in the following periods:
(a) 1 July 2006 to 1 October 2006?
(b) 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006?
(c) 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005?
(d) 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004?
(e) 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003?
(3) What were the names of each SES position created in the period 1 July 2005 to 1 October 2006?
(4) What were the names of each SES position abolished in the period 1 July 2005 to 1 October 2006?
Answer—
I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:
This information is already publicly available in agency's annual reports.
Section 65 (1) (a) of the Public Sector Employment Management Act 2002 provides the composition of the Senior Executive Service as those persons holding positions for the time being determined by the Minister to be senior executive positions, being positions in the Government Service, on the staff of a public authority or in the Teaching Service (other than positions referred to in Part 3 of Schedule 2). Statutory Senior Executive positions are also part of the Senior Executive Services as provided in Section 65 (1) (b).
In accordance with the Act, a list of the positions determined under subsection Section 65 (1) (a) is to be made publicly available on the website of the Premier's Department.
TREASURER—LAND TAX—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) How much Land Tax was collected by the Government in each New South Wales postcode in the following periods and in total in the following financial years:
   (a) 2005-06?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2003-04?

(2) How much Land Tax was collected by the Government from owner occupied properties in each New South Wales postcode in the following periods and in total in the following financial years:
   (a) 2005-06?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2003-04?

(3) How much Land Tax was collected by the Government from investment properties, e.g. non-owner occupied properties, in each New South Wales postcode in the following periods and in total:
   (a) 2005-06?
   (b) 2004-05?
   (c) 2003-04?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Office of State Revenue does not hold land tax liability data based on postcode over a financial year. Data is based on a tax year from midnight 31 December in any given year. To provide a response to this question would involve considerable time and diversion of resources, away from core responsibilities of the Office of State Revenue, which cannot be justified.

(2) A principal place of residence is exempt under the Land Tax Management Act 1956.

(3) The Land Tax Management Act 1956 does not differentiate 'investment' properties from other property that may be liable for land tax.

PREMIER—SES CONTRACTS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

Given the Premiers Department SES Guidelines state "Details of the approved appointment using the SES Profile form must be forwarded to the PEO (attention Manager, Executive Services) to ensure that it meets its statutory obligations under ss. 65 and 125 PSEM Act 2002."

(1) How many SES appointments have been made in the period 1 August 2005 to date?

(2) Who was appointed to each of these SES positions in the period 1 August 2005 to date?

(3) What was the NSW Government Department/Agency that had an SES position filled in the period 1 August 2005 to date?

(4) What SES positions were filled by appointment in the period 1 August 2005 to date?

(5) What is the SES level of each position filled by appointment in the period 1 August 2005 to date?

(6) What was the date of appointment to each SES position filled by appointment in the period 1 August 2005 to date?

(7) When does the contract for each SES appointment filled in the period 1 August 2005 expire? Please
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In accordance with the Act, a list of the positions determined under subsection Section 65 (1) (a) is to be made publicly available on the website of the Premier's Department.

*331 TREASURER—NSW TREASURY STAFF TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) How many interstate trips did staff of the NSW Treasury undertake in 2005-06? 
(2) What were the destinations? 
(3) What was the purpose of visiting each destination? 
(4) What costs were associated with the travel?

Answer—

All overseas travel by agency staff is reported in annual reports which are publicly available.

Travel by New South Wales public officials is governed by Premier's Department Circular 2005-03 Official Travel within Australia and Overseas. Travel undertaken is always for official government business. It is determined on the basis of value to the tax-payer and public sector development. Significant benefits to the agency and/or the State must be established prior to approving travel.

*332 PREMIER—PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT STAFF TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

(1) How many interstate trips did staff of the Premier's Department undertake in 2005-06? 
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Answer—

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PREMIER—PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT EXTERNAL LEGAL ADVICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

How much has been spent by the Premier's Department on external legal advice since 1 July 2005?

Answer—

I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:

New South Wales public sector agencies may engage the Crown Solicitor's Office or private legal professionals to engage in non core (general) legal work for government agencies.

The Crown Solicitor acts for:

- the State of New South Wales,
- persons suing or being sued on behalf of the State,
- Ministers of the Crown,
- a body established by a law of the State,
- an officer or an employee of the Public Service or any other service of the State or of a body established by a law of the State,
- a person holding office under a law of the State or because of appointment to that office by the Governor or any Minister of the Crown, and
- any other person or body approved by the Attorney-General.

Agencies must engage the Crown Solicitor to perform core legal services in respect of matters which:

- have implications for Government beyond an individual Minister's portfolio,
- involve constitutional powers and privileges of the State and/or the Commonwealth,
- raise issues which are fundamental to the responsibilities of Government, and
- arise from, or relate to, matters falling within the Attorney-General's area of responsibility.

ROADS—RTA TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—

(1) How many interstate trips did staff of the Roads and Traffic Authority undertake in 2005-06?
(2) What were the destinations?
(3) What was the purpose of visiting each destination?
(4) What costs were associated with the travel?

Answer—

All overseas travel by agency staff is reported in annual reports which are publicly available. Travel by New South Wales public officials is governed by Premier's Department Circular 2005-03 Official Travel within Australia and Overseas. Travel undertaken is always for official government business. It is determined on the basis of value to the tax-payer and public sector development. Significant benefits to the agency and/or the State must be established prior to approving travel.

ROADS—RTA EXTERNAL LEGAL ADVICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—

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*336 PLANNING—DOMESTIC TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

(1) How many interstate trips did staff of the Department of Planning undertake in 2005-06?
(2) What were the destinations?
(3) What was the purpose of visiting each destination?
(4) What costs were associated with the travel?

Answer—

All overseas travel by agency staff is reported in annual reports which are publicly available.

Travel by New South Wales public officials is governed by Premier's Department Circular 2005-03 Official Travel within Australia and Overseas. Travel undertaken is always for official government business. It is determined on the basis of value to the tax-payer and public sector development. Significant benefits to the agency and/or the State must be established prior to approving travel.

*337 PLANNING—EXTERNAL LEGAL ADVICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

How much has been spent by the Department of Planning on external legal advice since 1 July 2005?

Answer—

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*338 POLICE—EXTERNAL LEGAL ADVICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Minister for Police—

How much has been spent by NSW Police on external legal advice since 1 July 2005?
Answer—
NSW Police has advised me:
Details of financial expenditure by NSW Police are available in the annual report.

*339 ROADS—RTA BRIDGE CLOSURES—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—
(1) Which Roads and Traffic Authority maintained bridges have been closed at any point since 1 January 2000 due to safety concerns? For each bridge that was closed please provide the following information:
(a) Local Government Area
(b) Date bridge closed
(c) Date bridge reopened
(d) Cost of work undertaken to bring the bridge up to a satisfactory standard?
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Answer—
There are currently no Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) managed bridges closed for safety reasons.
The Auditor General, in his report into NSW Roads found that all bridges on state roads were structurally sound in 2005-06.
The Premier has announced the NSW Government’s $60 million three year Timber Bridges Partnership.
It is a fully funded plan, with $20 million available immediately.
Funding will be provided on a 50:50 matching basis with local councils and sets a new direction for state and local governments working together to upgrade timber bridges on regional and rural roads.
The initiative will boost rural economies, improve safety for road users and reduce maintenance costs for councils.
There are 285 timber bridges on council managed regional roads eligible under the new program.
The first round of 11 bridges has been identified on the basis of sound criteria including: safety; strategic importance for freight or tourism to the local economy; bridge condition; and level of use by heavy vehicles.
The RTA will work with local councils to identify the next round of bridges eligible for funding under the Timber Bridges Partnership.
Between 1998 and 2004 the NSW Government upgraded or replaced 140 structures under our Country Timber Bridge Program worth $163 million.
In addition, the NSW Government has allocated $141 million in Block and Repair in 2006-07 to councils for roads and bridges on their regional roads.
In the 2006-07 budget, the NSW Government has also allocated $35 million toward maintaining Government-owned timber bridges.

*340 ROADS—RTA BRIDGES REQUIRING URGENT MAINTENANCE WORK—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads—
Which RTA maintained bridges have had urgent maintenance work undertaken at any point since 1 January 2000 due to safety concerns? For each bridge that required urgent work please provide the following information:
(a) Local Government Area
(b) Date bridge was found to need urgent work;
(c) Date at which work started on the bridge
(d) Date at which work on the bridge was completed;
(e) Cost of work undertaken to bring the bridge up to a satisfactory standard?
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The Auditor General, in his report into NSW Roads found that all bridges on state roads were structurally sound in 2005-06.

The Premier has announced the NSW Government's $60 million three year Timber Bridges Partnership. It is a fully funded plan, with $20 million available immediately.

Funding will be provided on a 50:50 matching basis with local councils and sets a new direction for state and local governments working together to upgrade timber bridges on regional and rural roads.

The initiative will boost rural economies, improve safety for road users and reduce maintenance costs for councils.

There are 285 timber bridges on council managed regional roads eligible under the new program.

The first round of 11 bridges has been identified on the basis of sound criteria including: safety; strategic importance for freight or tourism to the local economy; bridge condition; and level of use by heavy vehicles.

The RTA will work with local councils to identify the next round of bridges eligible for funding under the Timber Bridges Partnership.

Between 1998 and 2004 the NSW Government upgraded or replaced 140 structures under our Country Timber Bridge Program worth $163 million.

In addition, the NSW Government has allocated $141 million in Block and Repair in 2006-07 to councils for roads and bridges on their regional roads.

In the 2006-07 budget, the NSW Government has also allocated $35 million toward maintaining Government-owned timber bridges.

*341 JUVENILE JUSTICE—EMPLOYEES AT RODEN CUTLER HOUSE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

How many staff are currently employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice at Roden Cutler House Level 24/477 Pitt Street, Sydney?

Answer—

The Central Support Office of the Department of Juvenile Justice is located in the Sydney Central Building, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney. It was formerly located at Roden Cutler House, Campbell Street, Sydney.

Level 24 staff numbers:
52 permanent staff
7 temporary staff
Total: 59 staff

Note: all staff numbers are full time equivalent (FTE) as at 4 September 2006.

*342 PORTS AND WATERWAYS—WHITE BAY—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

(1) What was the total expenditure on rail infrastructure at White Bay for the following periods:
   (a) Financial year 2004-05
   (b) Financial year 2005-06
(c) Financial year 2006-07? Please identify what these funds have been spent on.

(2) What is the total budgeted expenditure on rail infrastructure at White Bay in the following periods:
   (a) Financial year 2006-07
   (b) Financial year 2007-08
   (c) Financial year 2008-09
   (d) Financial year 2009-10? Please identify what these funds will be spent on.

Answer—
(1) An amount of approximately $50,000 was spent in relation to rail infrastructure at White Bay.
(2) Further expenditure on rail infrastructure works at White Bay will depend on whether the IC&L development application is approved.

*343 TRANSPORT—TRANSPORT OFFICE BUILDING STAFF LEVELS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—
(1) How many staff are currently employed by the Rail Infrastructure Corporation at Level 15/55 Market Street, Sydney?
(2) How many staff are currently employed by the Rail Corporation at 18 Lee Street, Chippendale?
(3) How many staff are currently employed by the State Transit Authority at Prince Alfred Park Building Level 1, 219-241 Cleveland Street, Darlinghurst?
(4) How many staff are currently employed by the Sydney Ferries Corporation at Circular Quay, Sydney?
(5) How many staff are currently employed by the Tow Truck Authority at Level 1, 16-18 Wentworth Street, Parramatta?
(6) How many staff are currently employed by the Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation at Level 7, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood?

Answer—
I am advised:

The NSW Government occupies 1.2 million square metres of office accommodation in over 1,000 buildings across the State.

As at 31 August 2006, the total amount of vacant space was approximately 5,380 square metres, which is only 0.44 per cent of the total space occupied by Government, that is, less than half of one per cent.

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*344 COMMERCE—COMMERCE OFFICE BUILDING STAFF LEVELS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
(1) How many staff are currently employed by the Motor Accidents Authority at Level 22, 580 George Street, Sydney?
(2) How many staff are currently employed by the WorkCover Authority at 92-100 Donnison Street, Gosford?
(3) How many staff are currently employed by the Department of Commerce at McKell Building 2-24 Rawson Place, Sydney?
(4) How many staff are currently employed by the Office of Fair Trading at 1 Fitzwilliam Street, Parramatta?
(5) How many staff are currently employed by the Office of Public Works and Services at McKell Building 2-24 Rawson Place, Sydney?
(6) How many staff are currently employed by the Office of Industrial Relations at 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst?
(7) How many staff are currently employed by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care at Level 5, 83 Clarence Street, Sydney?

Answer—
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ENVIRONMENT—ENVIRONMENT OFFICE BUILDING STAFF LEVELS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—
(1) How many staff are currently employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council at 43 Bridge Street, Hurstville?
(2) How many staff are currently employed by the Sydney Catchment Authority at Level 2, 311 High Street Penrith?
(3) How many staff are currently employed by the Department of Environment and Conservation at 59-61 Goulburn Street, Sydney?
(4) How many staff are currently employed by the State Records Authority at 2 Globe Street, The Rocks?
(5) How many staff are currently employed by Arts NSW at Level 9, St James Centre 111 Elizabeth Street Sydney?
(6) How many staff are currently employed by the NSW Film and Television Office at Parkview Level 7, 157 Liverpool Street, Sydney?

Answer—
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*346 TRANSPORT—RAILCORP ADVERTISING—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

How much has RailCorp spent or has committed to spend in regards to advertising for the period 9 October 2006 to 29 October 2006?

Answer—

The Government completed a review of advertising practices across NSW Government and issued new advertising requirements that came into effect on 1 July 2005.

These requirements applied to the advertising of recruitment, tenders, statutory and regulatory notices, important public information and campaign advertising.

Changes to the Government's advertising policy were announced in Premier's Circular 2006-26: Changes to Government Advertising Policy.

To achieve savings, all advertisements will now be consolidated in a single government advertisement under the masthead NSW Government Noticeboard.

Those changes include:

1. Improving access to details of job vacancies by publishing the Government's composite recruitment advertisement in both The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph each Saturday; and

2. Consolidating all important public information and statutory notices into a single government advertisement that appears each Wednesday in The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph.

In 2005-06, advertising expenditure by budget dependent and self-funded agencies was $55.3 million and comprised of Community awareness advertising of $39.3 million and Public Notices/Information advertising of $16 million.

I am further advised the Howard Government has allocated at least $250 million in the 2006-07 Budget for 13 advertising campaigns including:

- $52.1 million Private Health Insurance Campaign claiming to increase consumer awareness of the incentives and benefits associated with private health insurance;
- $47.3 million Smartcard Awareness Campaign claiming to ensure all Australians are aware of the processes for registering for the card;
- $36.1 million Child Support Reforms to increase awareness of the changes; and
- $15 million Independent Contractors (AWA) communications campaign.

The $250 million is in addition to the $130 million advertising placement spent for the current financial year making a combined total of $380 million.

The Howard Government has spent over $1.1 billion on advertising since it came to office in 1996.

*347 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AUTHORITY—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

With reference to the Half-Yearly Budget Review 2005-06 page 15 and also to Budget Paper No. 3 Page 18-11:
(1) What were the circumstances causing the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) to recognise the disposal of facilities valued at $398 million which had previously been recognized as a lease to the Royal Agricultural Society?

(2) Was the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) disposal of facilities valued at $398 million, which were previously recognised as a lease to the Royal Agricultural Society, a write-off or a write down?

(3) Given SOPA also wrote back $211 million of a previously recognised emerging interest in privately financed infrastructure assets:
   (a) Was this written back to zero?
   (b) What was the basis on which the emerging interest was initially recognised?
   (c) What is the basis for writing back this asset?

Answer—

(1) An explanation of this issue was included in the Annual Report of SOPA for the financial year ending 30 June 2005. The Olympic Co-ordination Authority (OCA) constructed new facilities for the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) at Sydney Olympic Park in 1998 as part of the RAS move from Moore Park. The RAS were given an 99 year lease (plus option) of the Sydney Olympic Park Showgrounds including an Administration Centre, Exhibition Halls, Animal Pavilions and the Showground Arena. No consideration was paid by the RAS; however, the RAS surrendered their interest in the site at Moore Park to facilitate the move. The RAS administration building vests with the RAS and is included in its balance sheet. All other buildings including all land is held as Non-Current Assets in the books of the Authority. This accounting treatment has been in place since the completion of the RAS buildings, where the RAS Agreement to Lease has been treated by government as an operating lease thus recognising the asset at written down replacement cost.

(2) Write off.

(3)
   (a) No.
   (b) and (c) I am advised that the accounting treatment was fully explained in the Annual Report of SOPA for the financial year ending 30 June 2005. I am further advised that the accounting treatment used is in accordance with prevailing accounting standards and was signed off and certified by the Auditor General.

*348 PLANNING—STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

What is the average time taken to approve a project of State Significance?

Answer—

Average assessment times for major projects are listed in the New South Wales Major Development Monitor 2005-06 which is available from the Department of Planning’s website.

*349 PLANNING—SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

With reference to page 27 of the Economic and Financial Statement 23 February 2006:

(1) In respect of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, what was the financial impact from outsourcing functions?

(2) In respect of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, what was the financial impact from leasing of assets?

Answer—

The Financial Statements of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority are included in the Authority’s annual reports.
PREMIER—PREMIER'S SERVICE DELIVERY UNIT—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

With reference to Budget Paper No. 3 page 2-822 and page 29 of the Economic and Financial Statement February 2006:

(1) Given the Premier's Service Delivery Unit had no staff in 2005-06, what was $1 million spent on in this unit in 2005-06?

(2) Which are the key areas of service improvements that the Premier's Service Delivery Unit is currently examining?

Answer—

I have been advised by the Premier that the answer to the honourable member's question is:

The Premier's Delivery Unit was established in April 2006. Funding for the Unit is provided in the Operating Budget of State Administration Services.

The Unit's staffing figure in the 2006-07 relates back to the 2005-06 Budget papers when there was no provision for PDU staff in the Premier's department's original budget.

The Premier's Delivery Unit is currently working with delivery agencies to drive measurable improvements in three specific areas:

(1) Working with the Department of Health to achieve national benchmark waiting times for emergency department patients in triage categories 3 and 4.

(2) Working with RailCorp to achieve and sustain on time running and customer satisfaction improvements

(3) Working with NSW Police and a number of other agencies to reduce the level of non domestic violence related assault.

In addition, the Premier's Delivery Unit has been responsible for the coordination of the development of the NSW State Plan, which is focused on long term service improvements across government.

*353 LANDS—LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION OFFICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) What were the number of Strata Plans lodged in 2005-06?

(2) Does the number of Strata Plans lodged in 2005-06 compare with the number of Strata Plan lodgements in 2004-05?

(3) How much did the Land and Property Information Office earn from Strata Plan lodgements in 2005-06?

(4) How many staff were employed in the Land and Property Information Office to process Strata Plan lodgements in 2005-06?

(5) What was the total cost of processing Strata Plan lodgements in 2005-06?

(6) How many staff were employed in the Land and Property Information Office to process Strata Plan lodgements in 2004-05?

(7) What was the total cost of processing Strata Plan lodgements in 2004-05?

(8) What is the average turn-around for Strata Plan lodgements by the Land and Property Information Office in 2005-06?

(9) What is the average turn-around for Strata Plan lodgements by the Land and Property Information Office in 2004-05?

(10) Does the Land and Property Information Office have any plans to improve turn-around time for Strata Plan lodgements?

(11) Does pre-examination of Strata Plans improve turn-around time?

(12) How many Strata Plans were lodged electronically in 2005-06?

(13) How many Strata Plans were lodged electronically in 2004-05?
Are Strata Plans turned around more quickly if lodged electronically?

Answer—

(1) 2334 Strata Plans were lodged in 2005-06.
(2) 2512 Strata Plans were lodged in 2004-05.
(3) Revenue from all plan lodgements in 2005-06 was $16.1 million, of which $4.2 million was generated by Strata Plan lodgements.
(4) Some resources are shared across the processing of all plan types. The equivalent of 14.6 Land and Property Information (LPI) staff were involved in processing Strata Plan lodgements in 2005-06.
(5) The total cost of processing all plan lodgements in 2005-06 was $20.4 million, with costs of $3.0 million attributed to Strata Plan lodgements.
(6) The equivalent of 13 LPI staff were involved in processing Strata Plan lodgements in 2004-05.
(7) The total cost of processing all lodgements in 2004-05 was $18.7 million with $2.7 million of these costs attributed to Strata Plan lodgements.

(8) The LPI standard is to register or requisition 85 per cent of strata plans within 12 working days of lodgement. In 2005-06, 89 per cent of strata plans were either registered or requisitioned in this time frame.

Over the past few years the type and complexity of strata plans has changed. Changes to the Strata Schemes (Freehold Development) Act 1973 have seen the introduction of 'part strata' legislation that allows for multiple strata schemes in the one building. There was a 35 per cent increase in the number of these types of strata plans in 2005-06 compared to 2004-05.

(9) In 2004-05, 93 per cent of strata plans were either registered or requisitioned within 12 working days of lodgement.

(10) A high proportion of strata plans do not comply with the Registrar General's requirements when they are first lodged. This has a significant impact on turnaround times, as requisitions setting out required corrections must be satisfied before processing can be completed. LPI's plans for improving turnaround times are focused on programs designed to assist industry in improving the quality of the plans they prepare. Accordingly, staff involved in processing strata plans are also involved in presenting regular strata plan interpretation seminars for industry participants. Staff also conduct field audits of completed strata developments to identify discrepancies between plans and the developments as built, and provide feedback to industry on their findings.

(11) The intent of the pre-examination service is to ensure as far as possible that when the final plan is lodged, any survey requisitions and associated legal issues have already been resolved, thus giving developers a measure of certainty that no unforeseen delays will arise after lodgement. However, in many cases the final plan differs from that lodged for pre-examination, reducing the benefits obtained from the pre-examination.

(12) In 2005-06, 212 Strata Plans were lodged electronically.
(13) In 2004-05, 157 Strata Plans were lodged electronically.
(14) The advantage of lodging plans electronically is that the plan can be lodged directly by the surveyor without the added cost or delay of using a lodging agent. In order to ensure that the interests of all developers are treated fairly, plans are processed in lodgement date order. Staff involved in processing strata plans are also involved in preparations for a major expansion of electronic plan lodgement facilities over the next few years.
(4) What was the total value of creditors that are between are over 135 days old days overdue? e.g. are greater than 180 days old.

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*355 HEALTH—GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Health—

With regards to Greater Western Area Health Service creditors at 1October 2006, 30 June 2006, 30 June 2005, 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2003:

(1) What was the total value of creditors that are current? e.g. are less than 45 days old.

(2) What was the total value of creditors that are between 0 and 45 days overdue? e.g. are between 45 and 90 days old.

(3) What was the total value of creditors that are between 45 and 135 days old days overdue? e.g. are between 90 and 180 days old.

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25 OCTOBER 2006

(Paper No. 24)

*356 WATER UTILITIES—WATER USAGE AT LAKE COWAL GOLD MINE—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Water Utilities, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for the Illawarra—

(1)  
(a) Does the Government plan to change the consent conditions for the Lake Cowal gold mine?  
(b) If so, why?

(2) Is Barrick Gold Australia buying additional water for the Lake Cowal gold mine under water trading arrangements?
(a) If so, from whom and how much?
(b) If so, does this apply to surface or ground water or both?
(c) If so, how much is coming out of the Lachlan catchment? Please show amount of both surface and ground water.

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(a) How much water is Barrick Gold Australia using from the Bland paleochannel?
(b) How much water is Barrick Gold Australia using from water sources other than the Bland paleochannel?

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(a) How much have the water levels fallen from Bland paleochannel?
(b) How much have water levels fallen from water sources other than Bland paleochannel that Barrick Gold Australia is using?

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(a) If so, what are the details of these complaints?
(b) If so, what action has been taken to address the issues highlighted by the complaints?

Answer—
(1) to (5) These questions fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Natural Resources.

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*357 TRANSPORT—CASINO TO MURWILLUMBAH RAIL LINE WORKING PARTY—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Roads representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Transport—

(1) How many meetings have been held of the Working Party into the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line since the Minister for Transport announced it in October 2005?
(2) Who are the members of the Working Party?
(3) Has the Working Party produced a report?
   (a) If so, is the report publicly available?
   (b) If not, why not?
(4) Has the Working Party made any recommendations on transport options in northern New South Wales?
   (a) If so, what are the recommendations?
   (b) If so, have the recommendations been acted on? Please detail which of the recommendations have been acted on and how.
   (c) If not, why not?

Answer—
I am advised that the last meeting was held in October 2005.

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26 OCTOBER 2006
(Paper No. 25)

*359 ENVIRONMENT—FOX STUDIOS CONSENT CONDITIONS—Dr Chesterfield-Evans asked the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) What is the zoning status of Fox Studios?
(2) What is the zoning status of the surrounding area?
(3) Did the Holmes Air Quality Reports compiled for Fox Studios and submitted for approval by the Government state on page nine: "While the area is urban, where the appropriate goal is two odour
units per 99th percentile, the population that would possibly be affected is likely to be less than 125. Therefore an odour goal of 4 may be appropriate."?

(4) Are the odour goals quoted in Holmes report inappropriate for an urban population of the Moore Park area's density?

(5) Are the following chemicals being used on the Fox Studios site:
Ethacure 300L C Curative
PR-1167 (contains xylene)
AD-1147
F60 Part A&B polyurethane
F80 Part A&B polyurethane
WC788 Part A&B polyurethane
F25 Part A&B polyurethane
TC8764 Part A&B polyurethane
Erapol ETX 76D (foam)
AF-4 anti foam
J-wax
Methylated spirit
Mineral Turpentine
Shellite (shellac)
Acrylic Paints
Primer Etch
Solvent Paints
Eralese WE1
Polymer Daystar dyes
Dyes (Barnes products)
Silastic Thixo additive + 81 curing agents (silicon)
FGI (Fibreglass) (the precursor to silicosis)
Easycoat (urethane)
Procast (urethane)
Supercast (urethane)
Aluminium Powder
Metal Powder
Elastocil M4470 silicon rubber
Alcoat (Burman Industries)?

(6)
(a) Are the workshop and soundstage facilities at Fox Studios mainly reliant upon 'natural ventilation'?  
(b) If so, can the chemicals outlined above be legally used in buildings that are ventilated in this manner?

(7) Did a report by BBC Consulting Planners for Fox Studios state on page 24, without citation of any source: "That all relevant potential impacts of the proposal are addressed in this SEE and it's attachments. The proposal will have no adverse affect on the landscape, scenic quality of the locality, the amenity of the area or the items of heritage significance on the site."

(8) Did a report compiled by BBC Consulting Planners for Fox Studios state, on page 24, without citation of any source: "The proposal will have no adverse social impact "?

(9) Is the use of the chemicals referred to above only permissible by facilities zoned as 4B Heavy Industrial?
Did the consent conditions for the Fox Studios development require that the amenity of nearby residents would not be compromised?

Has action been taken by government departments or agencies to ensure that this consent condition is being met?

(a) If so, what action was taken?

(b) If not, why not?

Have the licence conditions for Fox Studios had elements removed, specifically requirements for a vapour wall incorporating carbon filters, through the intervention of the Department of Environment and Conservation?

(a) If so, why?

(b) If not, why?

Why has the Department allowed Fox Studios to undertake activities that are inconsistent with zoning, hazards and other health and environmental requirements?

Answer—

I have been advised by the Minister for the Environment that the answer to the honourable member's Question is:

Much of the question should be directed to the Minister for Planning as it relates to the zoning and development consent applied to activities at Fox Studios (questions 1, 2, and 7 to 11).

As you are aware, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) licenses activities carried out at Fox Studios. I am advised by DEC that the strictest possible criterion for the emission of odour from licensed premises is applied (2 odour units at the nearest sensitive receiver, for example, residences).

I am further advised Fox Studios Australia Pty Ltd is in compliance with the conditions of its Environment Protection Licence. DEC officers have inspected the site and surrounding areas 35 times since March 2004, and have not detected any odours beyond the boundary of the Fox Studios Australia premises during these inspections.

The 'Holmes Air Quality report' was received by DEC in August 2005. I understand that this report also cites this strict criterion in its assessment of odour emissions from the Fox Studios Australia site, and Fox Studios' compliance.

The Fox Studios site includes various craft workshops which make sets and models used in the production of films and television programs. The materials used in their construction include wood, metal, plastic, paper, glues, fibreglass, paints, solvents and dyes. The list of chemicals provided at Question 5 is consistent with the materials commonly used in making models and sets.

The craft workshops are mechanically ventilated through carbon filters which act to remove odorous substances. DEC advises that the Environment Protection Licence was specifically amended to require the installation of carbon filters in the ventilation systems for the craft workshops. This was to ensure the filtration of any odours associated with the presence of fibreglass, paints, solvents. The licence condition was subsequently removed once Fox Studios Australia had complied by installing the carbon filters. However, the requirement to maintain the plant and equipment in a proper and efficient manner remains.

Is Crown land exempt from Rural Lands Protection Board rates?

Is St Francis College at Leeton being charged rates by the Narranders Rural Lands Protection Board because it has reduced its rateable land to 10 hectares?

What is the financial impact of this change in rates on St Francis College?

(a) Will sporting clubs and school be exempt from paying Rural Lands Protection Board rates in the same way rifle clubs are exempt?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—
(1) I am advised that Crown land is exempt from Rural Lands Protection Board rates, except if it is leased to a person. Also, certain lands in the Western Division of the State may be subject to Board rates under section 141 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

(2) No. The College was notified that the Board's minimum prescribed rating area had been reduced from 50 to 10 hectares. The Narrandera Rural Lands Protection Board has since resolved to waive rates on educational institutions and incorporated sporting bodies.

(3) Nil.

(4) (a) Narrandera Board has waived rates for such bodies.
(b) Not applicable.

*361 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ELLENBOROUGH RURAL LANDS PROTECTION BOARD RATES—Mr Gay asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) (a) Is Ian Strawbridge, who owns a property larger than 10 hectares at Ellenborough, required to fill out a livestock return for a property that can no longer carry livestock, and is then forced to pay Rural Lands Protection Board rates?
(b) If so, why?

(2) Why should residents pay Rural Lands Protection Board rates when they are not farming?

(3) (a) Will farmland and residential properties be zoned so those that are residential are exempt from further rates?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) (a) Yes.
(b) The Rural Lands Protection Act 1998, requires occupiers of rateable land are required to lodge an Annual Return form with the Board. The Act also requires these occupiers of rateable land to pay rates.

(2) Rural Lands Protection Board A primary function of the Board involves such as pest animal control are not confined to farming enterprises.

(3) (a) I am not aware of any such proposal from Rural Lands Protection Boards or the RLPB State Council No.
(b) See answer to question (2).

*362 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RLPB RATE FOR WINE PRODUCERS IN RIVERINA REGION—Mr Gay asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) (a) Did wine grape producers in the Riverina region in New South Wales receive notices from the Narrandera Rural Lands Protection Board stating that they will now be required to pay rates for all properties that are 10 or more hectares in size?
(b) If so, why?

(2) Why does the Wine Grapes Marketing Board believe that none of the services provided by the Rural Lands Protection Board are needed or valued by local property owners?

(3) Has this regulation been designed to increase revenue for the Rural Lands Protection Board?

(4) Why was there no consultation on this change?
(5) Given that wine grape prices have considerably declined recently, was this taken into consideration before the Narrandera Rural Lands Protection Board decided to increase its rateable land?

(6) 
(a) Will this charge be removed?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) 
(a) Yes.
(b) Because the Board services properties of 10 hectares or more.

(2) Any view held by the Wine Grapes Marketing Board is a matter for the Board.

(3) Rural Lands Protection Board rates are set at a level to meet budgeted expenditure.

(4) Landholders were advised of the changes in the notices referred to in question (1)(a).

(5) The Rural Lands Protection Regulation requires rate assessments to be made whether or not land is used for any purpose.

(6) 
(a) I am not aware of any proposal by the Narrandera Rural Lands Protection Board to change its rates.
(b) See answer to (1)(b).

*363 NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—YARANBAH BORE PIPE AND CAP SCHEME—Mr Colless asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) Have landholders purchased tanks and troughs in preparation for the Yaranbah Bore Pipe and Cap scheme?

(2) 
(a) Has the Department failed to turn a wheel or lay one metre of pipe, despite landowners facing critical water shortages due to the drought and despite summer fast approaching?
(b) If so, why?

(3) When will the project start and when is it expected be completed?

Answer—

(1) Yes, to date one landholder has purchased tanks for the scheme.

(2) 
(a) and (b) The Yeranbah Bore Water Trust has entered into an agreement with a private contractor for the construction of the piping component of the scheme.

(3) The agreement between the Yeranbah Bore Water Trust and a private contractor has an agreed commencement date of 8 August 2006.

A quantity of pipeline materials have arrived and preparations for the pipe laying have commenced.

The completion date on the contract is 28 weeks from the date of commencement.

*364 MINERAL RESOURCES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FORESTRY INDUSTRY STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE—Mr Colless asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) Has $1 million been released in the Forestry Industry Structural Adjustment Package (FISAP) funding for timber companies and communities affected by the Government's Brigalow Belt South Bio-Region lockup?

(a) If so, when?
(b) If not, why not?

(2) How has the funding been distributed?
When will Narrandera, Gunnedah Timbers and Gulargambone Timbers receive their industry assistance?

(a) Have community groups submitted proposals to create more jobs?
(b) If so, what actions have been taken to instigate the proposals?

Answer—
As part of the Government's decision on the Brigalow and Nandewar bioregions, the Government is providing $80 million for job creation, timber industry development and conservation management of the unique woodlands of these bioregions.

Funding for the Government's commitments to forestry restructuring following its decision on the Brigalow and Nandewar Bioregions is sourced from the Environmental Trust Fund. Funding under the Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package is also managed within the Environmental Trust Fund. Both programs are managed within the overall budget of this Fund.

Since the commencement of the Government's Brigalow and Nandewar forest industry restructuring program on 1 July 2005 to the end of October 2006, almost $32.6 million in assistance has been approved to businesses and workers affected by the decision in respect of the Brigalow and Nandewar forests, of which $27.6 million has actually been paid. The amounts paid include $7.4 million to former timber industry workers, consisting of Special Redundancy Payments and retraining assistance, $18.2 million to businesses that decided to exit the industry, $0.6 million to assist remaining businesses that have had reductions to their long term wood supply allocations, and over $0.9 million on Industry Development Assistance grants to remaining businesses. $0.3 million has also been spent on operating costs and grants to assist stakeholder participation in the industry adjustment process. Just under $150,000 has also been provided by way of Transitional Assistance to one Brigalow timber industry business. The difference between the amount approved and the amount paid is due to amounts as yet unclaimed for site rectification and clean-up of former mills sites, and payment of final instalments of exit assistance to mills pending verification that worker entitlements have been properly paid.

The Brigalow Assistance Fund Advisory Committee and the Community Conservation Council (CCC) have reviewed all applications received under the BTIDAF. These include applications that will enhance employment. Six applications relating to prior expenditure have been approved for funding. A further two are expected to be approved in the near future. Gulargambone Cypress Pty Ltd and Gulargambone Sawmilling Pty Ltd have both already received funding in respect of their applications under the Brigalow Timber Industry Development Assistance Fund (BTIDAF) that relate to mill upgrade works already completed. Grants Holdings Co Pty Ltd at Narrandera has been approved for funding in relation to mill upgrade works already completed and payments are expected to be made in the near future. Consideration is currently being given to an application from Gunnedah Timbers relating to mill upgrade works already completed. Payments to Gunnedah Timbers will be made once an approval is given, a Funding Agreement is in place and milestones have been satisfied, in accordance with normal procedure. The CCC has also authorised progression of around 30 applications to a second stage of processing where financial viability is further assessed before a final determination in made.
(a) Will farmers be provided with compensation considering October is the month where most summer crop planting decisions are made, and in some cases had already been made prior to the media release of the cuts?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1)
(a) The Government recognises the impacts this decision will have on farmers, due to the severity of the worst drought on record. However, the consequences of doing nothing and being forced to cease all extractions later in the season would have been far worse and resulted in even greater hardship to the rural community.
(b) The Government will monitor the situation closely and take the appropriate measures to ensure the continued integrity of the resource in the Murray Valley. This has already resulted in further measures announced on 10 November 2006, necessitated largely by Snowy Hydro's decision to exercise its licence conditions and reduce water releases to Hume Dam, as a result of the record drought.

(2)
(a) and (b) No, while vital information on water availability became available on 5 October 2006. This data had to be carefully analysed and a variety of options considered and modelled, and appropriate due diligence conducted prior to the announcement on Sunday 15 October 2006.

(3)
(a) and (b) The restrictions were forced on the Government by the record drought conditions. Water will be re-credited to licence holders' accounts as soon as conditions improve and more water becomes available. Further assistance measures to help farmers are currently being investigated.

*366 LANDS—PIPELINE THROUGH CROWN LAND—Mr Colless asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Did Tocumwal pensioner, Mr Bosher, rent a parcel of crown land to run a pipeline through it to water his farm?

(2)
(a) Has he given up the lease because he was forced to pay an annual rent of $403 for the crown land, which is only 60 square metres when the actual rental value is more like $135?
(b) If so, why?

Answer—

(1) Yes. Mr. Bosher held a permissive occupancy which authorised him to run a pipeline on Crown land.
(2) Mr Bosher's permissive occupancy was terminated at his request. Unfortunately the Department of Lands did not consider whether any part of the annual rent payable should be waived because of his particular circumstances. I have asked the department to reconsider this case as a matter of urgency.

*367 LANDS—CONVERTING ENCLOSED ROAD PERMITS—Mr Colless asked the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) Have Mr and Mrs Kena of Larnook, New South Wales, been forced to pay $2,320 in costs so far to convert an enclosed road permits for land, which is only 1,586 square metres?

(2)
(a) Will the Kena's have to buy the land at a projected cost of $511.85 plus stamp duty?
(b) If so, why?

(3) Is the system of converting enclosed road permits just another means for raising revenue?
(4) Will the system of converting these enclosed roads permits be changed to make it more affordable for people like the Kena's?

Answer—

(1) No. Mr and Mrs Kena's applications to close and to purchase the Crown public road that they hold under enclosure permit were accompanied by $475 (for the application to close); $220 (for the application to purchase); and $250 to prepare a compiled plan.

(2) The purchase price for a Crown road under this initiative is based on the Statutory Land Value of the adjoining land. In this particular case, the purchase price will be about $500. Stamp duty will apply as normal.

(3) No. The aim of this Government's initiative is to remove all unformed "paper" roads from the public road network. Although, in many cases, these roads are enclosed and used as part of the adjoining owner's property, the land is still an asset of the State and unless the road is formally closed it must be available to the public for access purposes at all times, whether on foot, in a vehicle, or otherwise.

(4) There will be times when the associated administrative costs will exceed the price of the land. Unlike a normal real property transfer, a closed road is generally unsurveyed land and not included in the Torrens register. Furthermore, like all public land there are a number statutory processes that must be observed before a sale can be completed.

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*368 MINERAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RESTRUCTURE OF BUSINESSES FOLLOWING BRIGALOW BELT SOUTH DECISION—Mr Colless asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) Of the $80 million that was allocated to fund the restructure of businesses following the Brigalow Belt South and Nandewar Bioregions decision, how much has been paid to businesses affected by the decision?

(2) What proportion of this $80 million has been diverted to other industry buyouts such as Sydney Harbour fishermen?

(3) Has financial compensation been promised despite the unavailability of funding?

Answer—

In May 2005 $80 million funding was announced in relation to the Brigalow Belt South and Nandewar Bioregions decision to be used towards job creation, timber industry development and conservation management over 5 years. Government has put in place the Brigalow Assistance Fund as a scheme of ex-gratia payments to affected businesses and workers. Government has ensured that sufficient funds will be available to meet its commitments to the businesses and workers affected by the Brigalow Belt South and Nandewar Bioregion decision and to achieve industry restructuring.

Approximately $29 million has been allocated towards the Brigalow Assistance Fund to assist business restructuring. To the end of October 2006, approximately $23 million in restructuring assistance had been approved, and $19.5 million had been paid. The difference represents costs for site rectification and clean up of former mill sites, yet to be claimed, and payments of final instalments to mills, pending verification that all worker entitlements have been properly made.

$3.709 million was re-allocated from the Brigalow Transitional Fund toward Sydney harbour fishing industry assistance. This was deemed to be appropriate because it was evident the need for transitional assistance in the Brigalow timber industry would be very much less than the $10 million originally identified for this purpose. To the end of October, less than $150,000 in Transitional Assistance had been provided.

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*369 MINERAL RESOURCES—DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR MINING COMPANIES—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

(1) How many former employees of the Department of Mineral Resources have commenced working for mining companies in the past three years?

(2) Have any employees taken leave of absence from the Department of Mineral Resources to work with mining companies?

(a) If so:
(i) How many employees are currently on leave of absence to work with mining companies?
(ii) What conditions, if any, does the Department for Mineral Resources impose on these employees?

(3) Are employees of the Department allowed to accept consultancies from mining companies while still employed by the Department?

Answer—

(1) The department does not keep records that enable it to answer this question. Once the employment relationship is completed between the department and employee there is no further track kept of subsequent employment.

(2) Yes.

(a)

(i) One employee is currently on leave with formal approval to undertake secondary employment with a mining company.

(ii) Employees can only do so on the basis that they meet the conditions as outlined in the NSW Public Sector Personnel Handbook on undertaking secondary employment. As part of this process, staff must certify that any secondary employment that is approved is done in the employee's own time, does not interfere with their official duties and does not present as a potential or actual conflict of interest with their work in the department.

(3) Employees of the department may undertake secondary employment provided they have requested and received formal approval to do so.

*370 HEALTH—LONG BAY PRISON AND FORENSIC HOSPITAL PROJECT—PPP SOLUTIONS CONSORTIUM—Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Health—

(1) With regard to the Long Bay Prison and Forensic Hospitals project awarded to the PPP Solutions Consortium, exactly what maintenance and selected services will be undertaken by the PPP Solutions Consortium?

(2) What maintenance and selected services will remain the responsibility of the Government?

Answer—

This information is contained within the Long Bay Prison and Forensic Hospitals PPP contract summary which is publicly available.

*371 PLANNING—DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR MINING COMPANIES—Ms Rhiannon asked the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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(3) Are employees of the Department allowed to accept consultancies from mining companies while still employed by the Department?

Answer—

(1) to (3) These matters do not fall within my portfolio areas.

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372 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NANOTECHNOLOGIES—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

373 ENVIRONMENT—NANOTECHNOLOGIES—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

374 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

375 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—REDEVELOPMENTS OF HOLRODY SCHOOL—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

376 MINERAL RESOURCES—MONEY RAISED FROM LEVY ON MINING COMPANIES—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

377 HEALTH—INCARCERATION OF KYLIE FITTER—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health—

378 ENVIRONMENT—KANGAROO POPULATIONS—Mr Breen to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

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379 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—WORKCOVER SCHEME SURPLUS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

380 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—STUDY CONDUCTED BY FSANZ—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

381 HOUSING—SALE OF PROPERTIES IN WELLINGTON STREET, WATERLOO—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

382 HOUSING—MONEY SPENT ON DIRECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND DRIVER—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

383 HOUSING—COMPLEX ON PETERSHAM ROAD, MARRICKVILLE—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

384 HEALTH—BEDS AVAILABLE IN PSYCHIATRIC WARDS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health—
385 PLANNING—REHABILITATION SERVICE AT CALLAN PARK—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

386 PLANNING—WHITE BAY BULK CEMENT TERMINAL AND ROZELLE DRY DOCK STORAGE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

387 PLANNING—DRAFT STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

388 PLANNING—MULTIPLEX ROZELLE SITE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

389 PLANNING—TAYLOR OVAL MOREE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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390 PLANNING—AGILITY ALLIANCE GAS PIPELINE—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

391 ENVIRONMENT—ASIAN ELEPHANTS—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

392 NATURAL RESOURCES—IRRIGATORS IN LOWER GWYDIR AREA—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

393 ENERGY—VALES POINT POWER STATION EXPLOSION—Mr Cohen to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

394 HOUSING—FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

395 HOUSING—ICAC INQUIRY INTO ASSET SALES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

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396 GAMING AND RACING—POKER MACHINE ENTITLEMENTS—Dr Chesterfield-Evans to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Central Coast—

397 HOUSING—MILLERS POINT HOUSING—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

398 HOUSING—WATER SAVING APPLIANCES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

399 HOUSING—REDEVELOPMENT OF INNER WEST HOUSING—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

400 HOUSING—REDEVELOPMENT OF ORANGE GROVE ESTATE, LILYFIELD—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

401 HOUSING—TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY HOUSING—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

402 HEALTH—EMERGENCY CARE TASKFORCE RESIGNATIONS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health—

403 HEALTH—HEALTH FACILITIES IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health—

404 PLANNING—HEALTH FACILITIES IN SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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405 COMMUNITY SERVICES—COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE RENOVATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Youth, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

406 COMMUNITY SERVICES—COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Youth, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
ATTORNEY-GENERAL—ATTORNEY GENERAL’S DEPARTMENT OFFICE RENOVATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

ATTORNEY-GENERAL—ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

TRANSPORT—RAILCORP OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

TRANSPORT—SYDNEY FERRIES OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

HEALTH—NSW HEALTH OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

STATE DEVELOPMENT—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE RENOVATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

STATE DEVELOPMENT—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

COMMUNITY SERVICES—OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS OFFICE RENOVATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Youth, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

COMMUNITY SERVICES—OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Youth, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—
418 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES—DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE OFFICE RENOVATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

419 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES—DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

420 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, SPORT AND RECREATION OFFICE RENOVATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

421 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, SPORT AND RECREATION OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

422 PORTS AND WATERWAYS—HARBOUR LEASES—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

423 COMMUNITY SERVICES—CANTERBURY MULTICULTURAL AGED AND DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICE—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Community Services, Minister for Youth, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

424 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—ARTIFICIAL DIVE REEF—Mr Harwin to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

425 NATURAL RESOURCES—LOGGING OF TREES ON FREEHOLD BLOCK—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

426 WATER UTILITIES—WATER EXTRACTION AND CONSUMPTION—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Water Utilities, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for the Illawarra, Leader of the House—

427 ENVIRONMENT—OCEAN SEWERAGE OUTFALLS—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

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GAMING AND RACING—ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN BY GLINE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for the Central Coast—

ENERGY—COAL FIRED POWER STATION—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

TRANSPORT—LOWER HUNTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

TRANSPORT—FOUR-LANE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

PLANNING—MOOLARBEN EXPLORATION LICENCE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

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POLICE—PENSION FOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

POLICE—OPERATION RETZ—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

POLICE—CASE CONCERNING RICHARD MCDONALD—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

PREMIER—CLEAN START CAMPAIGN—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

PLANNING—DUNLOE PARK SAND MINING—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
MINERAL RESOURCES—DUNLOE PARK SAND MINING—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

JUSTICE—LONG BAY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

JUSTICE—FORENSIC AND PRISON HOSPITAL AT LONG BAY—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—BASS HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—CLEAN START CAMPAIGN—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

ENERGY—GEOSEQUESTRATION OF EMISSIONS FROM POWER STATIONS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

ENERGY—ENERGY GENERATION UNITS AT MOUNT PIPER—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

WATER UTILITIES—ENERGY GENERATION UNITS AT MOUNT PIPER—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Water Utilities, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for the Illawarra, Leader of the House—

MINERAL RESOURCES—SUBSIDENCE MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

MINERAL RESOURCES—MOOLARBEN EXPLORATION LICENCE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

POLICE—USE OF CAPSICUM SPRAY AT UNSW—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SALE OF LAND OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—FUNDING FOR TAFE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—
EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SALE OF MAROUBRA HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

POLICE—RED LIGHT CAMERAS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

TRANSPORT—AVAILABILITY OF TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

MINERAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—HARDIE HOLDINGS DEVELOPMENT—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

ENERGY—DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

PLANNING—WATER ALLOCATION FOR LAKE COWAL GOLD MINE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

ENVIRONMENT—EDUCATION STRATEGY ON MONOFILAMENT NETTING—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

PLANNING—BREACHES BY DURALIE COAL MINE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

PLANNING—LAND GRAB BY COAL COMPANIES—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

PLANNING—DUST STORM CAUSED BY BHP BILLITON—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

PLANNING—CURFEW FOR PORT KEMBLA COAL LOADER—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
466 ENERGY—MATERIALS INCINERATED IN POWER STATIONS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

467 ENVIRONMENT—MINING COMPANIES ISSUED WITH FINES—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

468 ROADS—REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMITS ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

469 MINERAL RESOURCES—BORES IN THE BLAND PALEOCHANNEL—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

470 TRANSPORT—IRON COVE BRIDGE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

471 TRANSPORT—EASTBOUND BUS LANE TO ROZELLE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

472 ROADS—PLANS FOR M4 EAST—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

473 RURAL AFFAIRS—TAYLOR OVAL AT MOREE—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

474 HEALTH—HOSPITAL AT BYRON BAY—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Health—

475 MINERAL RESOURCES, NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COMPLIANCE CHECKS ON HUNTING—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources—

476 ENVIRONMENT—POPULATION OF WHITE IBIS—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

477 PLANNING—NORTH COAST STRATEGY—Mr Cohen to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

478 PLANNING—BUS DEPOT AT BOWRAVILLE—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
479 PLANNING—PERISHER BLUE VILLAGE PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

480 PLANNING—NSW POLICE AND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING COMBINED HOME VISITS—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

481 HOUSING—HOUSING POLICY AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Housing, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

482 HEALTH—FUNDING FOR MPS PROJECT—Mr Colless to ask the Minister for Health—

483 LANDS—BULLDOZERS REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE—Mr Colless to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

484 JUSTICE—BREAKOUT DESIGN AND PRINT—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

485 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—GUIDE FOR PREVENTION OF BULLYING BY WORKCOVER—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

486 PLANNING—ANVILL HILL PROJECT—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Redfern Waterloo, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

487 ROADS—DIVERSION OF HEAVY TRUCKS FROM PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

488 TRANSPORT—LINE HAUL FREIGHT BY RAIL—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

489 ATTORNEY-GENERAL—COURTLINK IT SYSTEM—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

490 POLICE—NSW POLICE WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

491 COMMERCE—NSW POLICE WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
492 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health—

493 COMMERCE—NSW HEALTH WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

494 HEALTH—AMBULANCE STATIONS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health—

495 COMMERCE—AMBULANCE STATIONS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

496 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—EDUCATION WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

497 COMMERCE—EDUCATION WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

498 COMMERCE—DADHC WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

499 PORTS AND WATERWAYS—PORTS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

500 COMMERCE—PORTS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

501 ENERGY—POWER STATIONS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Ports and Waterways, and Minister Assisting the Treasurer on Business and Economic Regulatory Reform—

502 COMMERCE—POWER STATIONS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

503 TRANSPORT—TRAIN STATIONS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

504 COMMERCE—TRAIN STATIONS WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
POLICE—SYDNEY FERRIES WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

COMMERCE—SYDNEY FERRIES WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

POLICE—STA BUS FACILITIES WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

COMMERCE—SYDNEY BUS FACILITIES WORKCOVER INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—

HEALTH—MANLY HOSPITAL—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health—

EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SEAFORTH TAFE—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

TRANSPORT—MANLY FERRY AND JETCAT—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

ROADS—SPIT BRIDGE—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

ROADS—MANLY LAGOON—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

ENVIRONMENT—QUARANTINE STATION—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

WATER UTILITIES—MANLY OVERFLOW—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Water Utilities, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for the Illawarra, Leader of the House—

TRANSPORT—NORTHERN BEACHES BUSES—Mr Mason-Cox to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police—

HEALTH—HIV IN PRISONS—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health—

COMMERCE—PENRITH FOOTBALL STADIUM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
519 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—PENRITH FOOTBALL STADIUM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

520 STATE DEVELOPMENT—PENRITH FOOTBALL STADIUM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship—

521 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL RAPID EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health—

522 HEALTH—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT NEPEAN HOSPITAL—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health—

523 ROADS—BLUE MOUNTAINS ROADS—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

524 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

525 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—GLENBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

526 ILLAWARRA, WATER UTILITIES—HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs representing the Minister for Water Utilities, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for the Illawarra, Leader of the House—

527 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—PENRITH TOURISM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

528 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS TOURISM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

529 TOURISM AND SPORT AND RECREATION—CRONULLA TOURISM—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Mineral Resources representing the Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation, Minister for Women, and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development—

530 ENVIRONMENT—BLUE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—
531 ROADS—CAMDEN ROADS—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

532 ROADS—GOVERNOR MACQUARIE DRIVE AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

533 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—MOUNT ANNAN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

534 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Education and Training—

535 ENVIRONMENT—MULGOA NATURE RESERVE—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Finance, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts—

536 HEALTH—CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health—

537 ROADS—COWPASTURE ROAD—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

538 ROADS—HOXTON PARK ROAD—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

539 ROADS—HORSLEY DRIVE—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport—

540 JUSTICE—BIRTH CONTROL IN PRISONS—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Justice, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Lands, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

541 HEALTH—BIRTH CONTROL IN PRISONS—Mr Lynn to ask the Minister for Health—

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