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- 1995 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—ENGLISH PROGRAMS FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) How many Intensive English Program teachers have so far been employed under the Intensive English Program for Refugee Students in Primary Schools?
  - (2) How many Refugee Transition Program teachers have so far been employed under the Refugee Transition Program?
- 1996 ENERGY—NSW RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- Given the Minister's statements to the Legislative Council to the effect that the NSW Renewable Energy Target will not proceed in light of the Rudd Government's plans for an expanded national Mandatory Renewable Energy Target, why is the Renewable Energy (New South Wales) Bill still on the Notice Paper for the Legislative Assembly?
- 1997 ENERGY—EMPLOYEES—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) How many employees (full-time equivalent) does the Department of Water and Energy employ to work on the following:
    - (a) Renewable energy policies, programs and projects?
    - (b) Energy efficiency policies, programs and projects?
- 1998 LANDS—RATEABLE PROPERTIES—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) How many rateable properties in New South Wales have an unimproved land value of greater than:
    - (a) \$3 million?
    - (b) \$2 million?
    - (c) \$1.75 million?
    - (d) \$1.5 million?
    - (e) \$1.25 million?
    - (f) \$1 million?
    - (g) \$0.9 million?
    - (h) \$0.8 million?
- 1999 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—ADULT MIGRANT ENGLISH SERVICE—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) What is the rationale behind the restructure of the Adult Migrant English Service (AMES)?
  - (2) Will the restructure see the loss of nearly 10% of the service?
  - (3) What is the basis for the claim by AMES that teachers and other staff are in favour of the changes, given the recent stop work meeting and rally appeared to suggest the opposite?
  - (4) Why have permanent positions been spilled and staff required to apply for their own positions?
  - (5) Does the Minister consider restructuring in this way to be acceptable industrial practice?
  - (6) What steps has the Government taken since the stop work meeting on 23 June 2008 to negotiate in good faith with teachers and other affected staff?
- 2000 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) For each local government area in New South Wales, in respect of Catholic systemic schools in that area, please provide the following information for each year in the last 5 years for which data is available in a table format:
- Number of students enrolled?
  - Number of expulsions?
  - Number of suspensions?
  - Number of any other disciplinary actions for which data is available?
- 2001 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) For each local government area in New South Wales, in respect of Independent schools in that area, please provide the following information for each year in the last 5 years for which data is available in a table format:
- Number of students enrolled?
  - Number of expulsions?
  - Number of suspensions?
  - Number of any other disciplinary actions for which data is available?
- 2002 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SCHOOL DATA—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) For each Catholic systemic school in New South Wales, for each year in the last 5 years for which data is available, please provide the following information in a table format:
- School name?
  - School location?
  - School postcode?
  - Number of students enrolled?
  - Number of expulsions?
  - Number of suspensions?
  - Number of any other disciplinary actions for which data is available?
- 2003 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DATA—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) For each independent school in New South Wales, for each year in the last 5 years for which data is available, please provide the following information in a table format:
- School name?
  - School location?
  - School postcode?
  - Number of students enrolled?
  - Number of expulsions?
  - Number of suspensions?
  - Number of any other disciplinary actions for which data is available?
- 2004 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—INTENSIVE ENGLISH CENTRES—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- What are the locations of the Department's Intensive English Centres?
  - Are there Intensive English Centres in Newcastle?
    - If not, why not?
  - How much does the Government spend of its own funds (ie. not including funds provided by the Australian Government) to run Intensive English Centres?
  - How much does the Government receive each year from the Australian Government in respect of

these Centres?

- 2005 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—"OTHER EXPENSES" PAID TO NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) What is the breakdown of "Other Expenses" paid to non-government schools in the 2008/2009 Budget, totalling \$45,665,000? Please detail specific programs and amounts allocated to each?
- 2006 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROVISIONS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) What process does the Board of Studies use to assess applications for special provisions for students taking HSC exams?
  - (2) In light of recent news that some schools have been granted special provisions for up to six times the state-wide average number of students, what auditing has the Board of Studies done to ensure the scheme is not being abused by some schools?
- 2007 WATER—DAM CONTRIBUTIONS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Why do Hunter residents have to pay for another dam when the existing dams in the region (Chichester, Grahamstown, Glennies Creek, Lostock) are under utilised?
  - (2) Were Hunter residents compensated for their contribution to Glennies Creek Dam when the Water Management Act 2000 came into force and the Hunter Water Corporation allocation was removed?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 2008 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FOOD LABELLING LAWS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that because of the lack of regulation and inadequate food labelling laws consumers in New South Wales are unable to ascertain whether or not the food products they purchase contain artificially produced trans fatty acids, which are known to increase the risk of coronary heart disease and the concentration of "bad" (high density) cholesterol while decreasing the concentrations of "good" (low density) cholesterol?
  - (2) What action does the Minister intend to take so that consumers are able to make an informed choice on whether to buy or reject food products which contain artificially produced trans fats?
    - (a) When will the Minister take any such action?
- 2009 ENERGY—JINDABYNE PUMPING STATION—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Has there been any dredging of Lake Jindabyne near the Waste Point based Jindabyne Pumping Station?
    - (a) If so,
      - (i) for what purpose?
      - (ii) has there been a reason for the further apparent drop in levels of Lake Jindabyne?
      - (iii) how did this decision take into consideration the need to retain drought storage levels?
- 2010 ENERGY—DELTA ELECTRICITY LAND HOLDINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) For each local government area in which Delta Electricity has land holdings, please provide the following details in respect of those land holdings in that local government area:
    - (a) total hectares?
    - (b) the total estimated market value?

- (c) total hectares not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
  - (d) total estimated market value of the lands not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
- 2011 TREASURER—DELTA ELECTRICITY LAND HOLDINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) For each local government area in which Delta Electricity has land holdings, please provide the following details in respect of those land holdings in that local government area:
    - (a) total hectares?
    - (b) the total estimated market value?
    - (c) total hectares not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
    - (d) total estimated market value of the lands not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
- 2012 ENERGY—MACQUARIE GENERATION LAND HOLDINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) For each local government area in which Macquarie Generation has land holdings, please provide the following details in respect of those land holdings in that local government area:
    - (a) total hectares?
    - (b) the total estimated market value?
    - (c) total hectares not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
    - (d) total estimated market value of the lands not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
- 2013 TREASURER—MACQUARIE GENERATION LAND HOLDINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) For each local government area in which Macquarie Generation has land holdings, please provide the following details in respect of those land holdings in that local government area:
    - (a) total hectares?
    - (b) the total estimated market value?
    - (c) total hectares not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
    - (d) total estimated market value of the lands not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
- 2014 ENERGY—ERARING ERARING LAND HOLDINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) For each local government area in which Eraring Energy has land holdings, please provide the following details in respect of those land holdings in that local government area:
    - (a) total hectares?
    - (b) the total estimated market value?
    - (c) total hectares not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
    - (d) total estimated market value of the lands not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
- 2015 TREASURER—ERARING ERARING LAND HOLDINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) For each local government area in which Eraring Energy has land holdings, please provide the following details in respect of those land holdings in that local government area:
    - (a) total hectares?

- (b) the total estimated market value?
  - (c) total hectares not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
  - (d) total estimated market value of the lands not currently utilised for power station facilities or related purposes?
- 2016 REDFERN WATERLOO—STORMWATER AND WATER RECYCLING—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 the Arts—
- (1) What plans have been developed for stormwater capture as identified in the Built Environment Plan (Stage One)?
  - (2) What conditions have been applied to developments to ensure that water recycling has been included?
- 2017 REDFERN WATERLOO—POLICE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS—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 the Arts—
- (1) What is the status of plans to relocate the Police Community Youth Clubs in Redfern Waterloo?
  - (2) Will the Police Community Youth Clubs still be relocated?
    - (a) If so, when will this take place?
- 2018 REDFERN WATERLOO—COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE—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 the Arts—
- (1) Have tenders been called or concept plans initiated for the development of the new Community Health Care Centre in the old Courthouse in Redfern Street, Redfern?
    - (a) If so, when did this occur?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2019 REDFERN WATERLOO—RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE 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 the Arts—
- (1) Are any plans pending for the redevelopment of the Returned and Services League site in Redfern?
    - (a) If so, what are they?
  - (2) Has any concept plan been proposed?
    - (a) If so, by whom?
- 2020 REDFERN WATERLOO—AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY—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 the Arts—
- (1) Has provision been made for affordable housing in Redfern Waterloo?
    - (a) If so, how much has actually been provided?
    - (b) If not,
      - (i) when will funds be applied to the provision of affordable housing?
      - (ii) how much will be allocated for affordable housing, and over what period?
  - (2) Are 200 of the planned units in North Eveleigh earmarked for affordable housing?
  - (3) What number or percentage of units in the Rachel Foster redevelopment are earmarked for affordable housing?

- 2021 REDFERN WATERLOO—PEMULWUY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK—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 the Arts—
- (1) Will the Minister waive the \$60,000 fee that is holding up the development of 62 units of housing on the Pemulwuy development block?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (2) Will the Aboriginal Housing Company be allowed to develop its land on the block in a manner consistent with the company's concept plan?
- 2022 REDFERN WATERLOO—DESIGN OPTIONS FOR REDFERN STATION—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 the Arts—
- (1) Will a design excellence competition be part of the development of a concept plan for Redfern Railway Station?
  - (2) In the Built Environment Plan (Stage One), the Redfern-Waterloo Authority claimed that concept design options for Redfern Railway Station would be presented to the community at the end of 2006.
    - (a) Why has this not occurred?
    - (b) When will it occur?
  - (3) Are there any plans to build underground access from Redfern Railway Station to Regent Street and the North Eveleigh site?
  - (4) Is the Redfern-Waterloo Authority still considering building a footbridge to link the Australian Technology Park with the North Eveleigh development?
  - (5) Have any safety concerns been identified in connection with the building of this footbridge at the location suggested?
    - (a) If so, what?
- 2023 REDFERN WATERLOO—EMPLOYMENT—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 the Arts—
- (1) How many new permanent jobs have been created in the Redfern Waterloo area since the Built Environment Plan (Stage One) was introduced?
  - (2) Has the Cultural Industries Strategy been developed and put on display?
    - (a) If not, when is it expected to be displayed?
- 2024 REDFERN WATERLOO—PLANS, ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN—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 the Arts—
- (1) What measures have been taken to promote environmental sustainable design in the Redfern Waterloo area?
    - (a) Has the Ecologically Sustainable Development Strategy been produced and applied to significant site developments?
  - (2) What architectural design excellence competitions have been carried out?
  - (3) Were the concept plans for North Eveleigh the result of such a competition?
  - (4) Has the master plan for the Redfern Town Centre been produced?
    - (a) If so, when will it go on display?
  - (5) Have any concept plans been developed for a civic centre between Redfern Station and Redfern Street?
    - (a) If so, when will they go on display?



- (6) In the Built Environment Plan (Stage One), the Open Space and Public Domain Strategy indicates that 15% of the total North Eveleigh site will be retained for public space. Is this reflected in the current Concept Plan?
- (7) Have guidelines been developed and published for the provision of private open space at North Eveleigh?
- (8) Is a public park still part of the concept plan for North Eveleigh?
- 2025 REDFERN WATERLOO—TRAFFIC IMPACTS AND TRANSPORT ON REGENT STREET AND GIBBONS STREET—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 the Arts—
- (1) What steps have been taken to ameliorate traffic congestion on Regent Street and Gibbons Street?
- (2) Has a Transport Management Plan been developed?
- (a) If not, when will it be developed and made public?
- 2026 PLANNING—MASTER PLAN, WHITE BAY—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 the Arts—
- (1) In late 2006 the Premier announced the Government's intention to develop a new masterplan for White Bay.
- (a) What stage has work on the new masterplan reached?
- (b) When is it expected to be completed?
- (i) If work has not commenced, why not?
- (c) If the taskforce is not working on a new masterplan, what is it currently working on?
- (2) Is Baileys Marine Fuels Australia industrial and refuelling proposal currently being assessed using a masterplan document that many residents regard as out-of-date and deficient?
- (3) Will consideration of Baileys Marine Fuels Australia application be deferred until the masterplan is completed and adopted?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) In view of the fact that all occupants of the waterfront industrial area at White Bay have now relocated, will consideration of any applications for development at White Bay be considered in the context of the whole White Bay site rather than on a piecemeal basis?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 2027 PLANNING—LEPPINGTON AND EDMONDSON PARK TOWN CENTRES—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 the Arts—
- (1) Did David Barr of the Land Management/Acquisitions Branch of the Department of Planning tell residents of Leppington in 2006 that a town planner would report on the Leppington town centre and that this report would be used to determine underlying land values?
- (2) Has a town planning report been prepared?
- (a) If not,
- (i) why not?
- (ii) will such a report be prepared?
- (3) If a town planning report is not to be used to determine underlying land values, how will those land values be determined?
- (4) Is part of the property at Jardine Drive, Edmondson Park, acquired by Landcom via Australian General Resources from the De Angelis property group for \$9.4 million to be onsold to provide road entry to the Edmondson Park town centre?
- (a) If so, how much has the Growth Centres Commission or any other government department/authority indicated that it will pay for the land?

- 2028 ATTORNEY GENERAL—EXPENDITURE—RELATED EMPLOYEES APPEALS TRIBUNAL—Mr Clarke to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) What is the total cost incurred by the Attorney General's Department and Crown Solicitor's office (including expenditure on Counsel) on the matter involving Suzanne Burrows before the Government and Related Employees Appeals Tribunal?
  - (2) What is the total expenditure for each of the following periods by the Attorney General's Department and Crown Solicitor's office (including expenditure on Counsel) for matters involving the Attorney General Department before the Government and Related Employees Appeals Tribunal for the periods:
    - (a) 2003/2004?
    - (b) 2004/2005?
    - (c) 2005/2006?
    - (d) 2007 to present?
- 2029 ATTORNEY GENERAL—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION AND PROTECTED DISCLOSURES—Mr Clarke to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) What is the total costs incurred by the Attorney General's Department and Crown Solicitor's office (including expenditure on Counsel) in defending all proceedings in the Industrial Relations Commission by Ms Suzanne Burrows and the Attorney General's Department.
  - (2) What mechanisms has the Attorney General's Department put in place to prevent bullying and harassment?
  - (3) How many complaints of bullying and harassment have been received by the Attorney General's Department in the following periods:
    - (a) 2003/2004?
    - (b) 2004/2005?
    - (c) 2005/2006?
    - (d) 2007 to present?
  - (4) How many protected disclosures (or documents seeking protection under the Protected Disclosures Act) were submitted to the Attorney General Department in the following periods:
    - (a) 2003/2004?
    - (b) 2004/2005?
    - (c) 2005/2006?
    - (d) 2007 to present?
  - (5) How many documents submitted to the Attorney General's Department as protected disclosures were rejected as protected disclosures during the following periods:
    - (a) 2003/2004?
    - (b) 2004/2005?
    - (c) 2005/2006?
    - (d) 2007 to present?
  - (6) How many grievances were submitted by staff of the Attorney General's Department during the following periods:
    - (a) 2003/2004?
    - (b) 2004/2005?
    - (c) 2005/2006?
    - (d) 2007 to present?
  - (7) How many grievances from staff of to the Attorney General's Department were upheld during the following periods:
    - (a) 2003/2004?
    - (b) 2004/2005?

- (c) 2005/2006?
  - (d) 2007 to present?
- (8) How many grievances of staff of the Attorney General's Department were dismissed during the following periods:
- (a) 2003/2004?
  - (b) 2004/2005?
  - (c) 2005/2006?
  - (d) 2007 to present?

2030 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—WORKCOVER'S HANDLING OF PROTECTED DISCLOSURES—Mr Clarke to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Of the protected disclosures submitted in 2002 to the present, has WorkCover failed to commence investigations of any of those protected disclosures within a six month period?
- (a) If so,
    - (i) how many protected disclosures have not had investigations commenced within six months of the date the disclosures were submitted?
    - (ii) will ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) be called upon to conduct a full independent investigation into WorkCover's handling of protected disclosures, complaints and grievances? If not, why not?
    - (iii) will the Minister ensure that WorkCover refers all unresolved protected disclosures, complaints and grievances to ICAC for urgent investigation? If not, why not?
- Q4 the protected disclosures submitted in 2002 to the present, has WorkCover failed to have investigations concluded within six months of some of the protected disclosures being submitted?
- (a) If so, how many protected disclosures have not had investigations concluded within 6 months from the date the disclosures were submitted?
- (3) Will ICAC be called upon to conduct a full independent investigation into WorkCover's handling of protected disclosures, complaints and grievances?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Do any of the protected disclosures contain information that relates to the conduct of those WorkCover officers assessing or presiding over the disclosures?
- (5) If there is any information in a protected disclosure that alleges or tends to show misconduct on the part of those assessing or presiding over the protected disclosures, including newspaper articles or Hansard documentation, will WorkCover refer those protected disclosures immediately to the ICAC for independent investigation?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (6) Will the Minister call upon the ICAC to ensure that those officers who have failed to declare a conflict of interest and have presided over a protected disclosure are fully investigated?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (7) What is WorkCover doing to protect whistle blowers and those that have submitted protected disclosures?
- (8) How many WorkCover Officers have resigned or are on secondment to other Government departments following their submission of a protected disclosure or grievance within the last five years?
- (9) Will the Minister ensure that WorkCover have maintained the confidentiality and protection of those officers who have submitted protected disclosures?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (10) Please name all WorkCover officers who have assessed or presided over Protected Disclosures since 2002 and what were their positions?

- (11) In view of media reports and Public Service Association surveys showing high levels of bullying and harassment by management of WorkCover and that a high percentage of WorkCover staff are suicidal, will the Minister ensure that a full independent investigation is undertaken into WorkCover's executive and why such conduct continues?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 2031 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ARTIFICIAL FOOD COLOURINGS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that a 2007 study conducted by Southampton University in the United Kingdom found that consumption of bright, artificial food colourings No. 102 tartrazine, 104 Quinoline yellow, 110 sunset yellow FCF, 122 carmoisine (red), 124 ponceau 4R (red), and 129 allura red AC had a "significantly adverse" impact on hyperactivity levels in children?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the UK Food Standards Agency has called for manufacturers to voluntarily remove these six artificial food colourings from their products?
- (3) Does the Minister intend to take action to ban the addition of these six artificial colourings to food products?
- (a) If so, when will the Minister take any such action?
- (b) If not, what action does the Minister intend to take so that New South Wales consumers, particularly children with hyperactivity issues, do not consume these harmful artificial food colourings?
- 2032 PLANNING—WILPINJONG COALMINE—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 the Arts—
- (1) Considering Wilpinjong coalmine in the Upper Goulburn River catchment has lodged a preliminary application to pipe water from the Ulan coalmine, what considerations will go into developing the Director General's requirements for the development application?
- 2033 WATER—INDEPENDENT REGIONAL WATER STUDY—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—
- (1) Will the Government conduct an independent regional water study on the Upper Goulburn River in the western coalfields where the latest large coal mine projects have been approved, as has been done in the southern coalfields, Wyong area and Upper Hunter LGA.
- (a) If so, when?
- (2) Considering the Wilpinjong coalmine in the Upper Goulburn River Catchment has lodged a preliminary application to pipe water from the Ulan coalmine, who from the Department of Water and Energy will be examining this application?
- 2034 LANDS—DUSTHOLE BAY CAR PARK, BEROWRA WATERS—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Why has the Government agreed to the removal of the Dusthole Bay car park at Berowra Waters, a high-demand community resource that was constructed with federal funds on public land?
- (2) Why were employees of Cameron Brae Pty Ltd allowed to use the Dusthole Bay car park?
- (3) Was community consultation undertaken into the use by employees of Cameron Brae Pty Ltd of the Dusthole Bay car park?
- (a) If not, why not?

2035 EMERGENCY SERVICES—NEW HOMES IN SEVEN HILLS AND TOONGABBIE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Water—

- (1) The Blacktown Advocate of 18 June 2008 reports the Emergency Services Minister as announcing that 40 new houses were to be built in Seven Hills and Toongabbie and that three were already under construction.
  - (a)
    - (i) Did the Minister make this announcement?
    - (ii) Why did the Minister for Emergency Services, rather than the Minister for Housing, make this announcement?
  - (b) Are 3 houses currently under construction, and 40 more planned?
    - (i) If so, when will construction of the three houses be completed?
  - (c) When will construction of the 40 houses commence?
- (2)
  - (a) The same article in the Blacktown Advocate says that "when the Advocate asked for details, Mr Rees' office said there were in fact no homes currently being built".
  - (b) If the article is correct, why did the Minister announce construction of the three houses?
- (3) The article also noted that "Housing NSW admitted that it had no details of the projects and did not know when or [where] the homes would be built".
  - (a) Is this report correct?
    - (i) If so,
    - (i) why did the Minister make his announcement?
    - (ii) has the Minister issued a public correction or apology for his statement? If not, why not?

2036 HOUSING—SALE OF HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

- (1)
  - (a) Are any of the following properties advertised for sale on the Richardson and Wrench Rooty Hill website, currently or formerly owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation?
    - (i) 7 Bond Place, Oxley Park?
    - (ii) 11 Hammon Avenue, Doonside?
    - (iii) 49 Copeland Road, Emerton?
    - (iv) 6 Leyte Avenue, Lethbridge Park?
    - (v) 27 Leyton Avenue, Lethbridge Park?
    - (vi) 14 Field Place, Blackett?
    - (vii) 33 Riddell Crescent, Blackett?
    - (viii) 24 Koomooloo Crescent, Shalvey?
    - (ix) 37 Koomooloo Crescent, Shalvey?
    - (x) 6 Arnold Avenue, St Marys?
    - (xi) 11 Saddington Street, St Marys?
    - (xii) 13 Liddle Street North, St Marys?
    - (xiii) 6 Laura Place, St Clair?
    - (xiv) 9 Echo Close, Penrith?
    - (xv) 11 Fisher Avenue, South Penrith?
  - (b) If so, which?
- (2) Do all properties owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation include a stipulation in contracts of sale specifying that they are to be sold to owner-occupation buyers only?
- (3) Are Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Beams Avenue, Rooty Hill, currently or formerly, in the ownership of the NSW Land and Housing Corporation?
- (4) Are there any other properties on the Richardson and Wrench Rooty Hill website that are currently or

formerly owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation?

- (a) If so,
  - (i) are/were any being sold for an advertised price, rather than by auction, for example in Penrith, Riverstone, or in other locations without an address being cited?
  - (ii) what are the corruption risks associated with these properties being sold at a fixed price?
  - (iii) how is Housing NSW monitoring the way in which these properties are being sold?

2037 HOUSING—NEW HOUSING IN SEVEN HILLS AND TOONGABBIE—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Tourism—

The Blacktown Advocate on 18 June 2008 reported the Minister for Emergency Services, Nathan Rees, as announcing that Housing NSW was intending to build 40 new houses in Seven Hills and Toongabbie and that three were already under construction.

- (1) Was Mr Rees' announcement correct?
  - (a) If so,
    - (i) when will construction of the three houses be completed?
    - (ii) when will construction of the 40 houses commence?
- (2) Why did the Emergency Services Minister, rather than the Minister for Housing make this announcement?
- (3) In the 2007-2008 financial year, in light of the trend to sell Housing NSW stock in the Blacktown LGA, what net loss/gain in public housing stock is expected, if current sales and projected new stock is taken into account?

2038 TREASURER—SALE OF DENHAM COURT LAND—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) On 22 February 1994, did Westcoast Development purchase for \$885,000 crown land (lots 24 and 25, Culverston Avenue, Denham Court), which had formed part of a transport/infrastructure corridor reserve?
- (2) Was lot 25 onsold on 19 April 1994 to Surface Pty Ltd for \$442,500, which then onsold it on 10 May 1996 to the State Rail Authority for \$1,700,000?
- (3) What is the explanation for the Crown selling lot 25 for \$442,500 in February 1994 and State Rail Authority repurchasing it in May 1996 for \$1,700,000 for almost four times the original sale price?
- (4) Was lot 24 also purchased by Surface Pty Limited for \$442,500, and subsequently onsold by Surface P/L to State Rail Authority on 10 May 1996 for \$17 million?
- (5) What is the explanation for the Crown selling lot 24 for \$442,500 in February 1994 and the State Rail Authority repurchasing it in May 1996 for \$17 million for approximately 35 times the original price?
- (6) Has the Minister referred the sale/acquisition of these properties to either the Auditor-General or the Independent Commission Against Corruption?
- (7) Is it the intention to retain both lots in public ownership?
  - (a) If not, when and how will the land be disposed of?

2039 LANDS—SALE OF DENHAM COURT LAND—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) On 22 February 1994, did Westcoast Development purchase for \$885,000 crown land (lots 24 and 25, Culverston Avenue, Denham Court), which had formed part of a transport/infrastructure corridor reserve?
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- (5) What is the explanation for the Crown selling lot 24 for \$442,500 in February 1994 and the State Rail Authority repurchasing it in May 1996 for \$17 million for approximately 35 times the original price?
- (6) Has the Minister referred the sale/acquisition of these properties to either the Auditor-General or the Independent Commission Against Corruption?
- (7) Is it the intention to retain both lots in public ownership?
- (a) If not,
- (i) when and how will the land be disposed of?
- 2040 TRANSPORT—SALE OF DENHAM COURT LAND—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Finance—
- (1) On 22 February 1994, did Westcoast Development purchase for \$885,000 Crown land (lots 24 and 25, Culverston Avenue, Denham Court), which had formed part of a transport/infrastructure corridor reserve?
- (2) Was lot 25 onsold on 19 April 1994 to Surface Pty Ltd for \$442,500, which then onsold it on 10 May 1996 to the State Rail Authority for \$1,700,000?
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- (4) Was lot 24 also purchased by Surface Pty Limited for \$442,500, and subsequently onsold by Surface P/L to State Rail Authority on 10 May 1996 for \$17 million?
- (5) What is the explanation for the Crown selling lot 24 for \$442,500 in February 1994 and the State Rail Authority repurchasing it in May 1996 for \$17 million for approximately 35 times the original price?
- (6)
- (a) Has the Minister referred the sale/acquisition of these properties to either the Auditor-General or the Independent Commission Against Corruption?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (7) Is it the intention to retain both lots in public ownership?
- (a) If not,
- (i) when and how will the land be disposed of?
- 2041 PLANNING—POLITICAL DISCLOSURES—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 the Arts—
- (1) Under the new section 147 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, as amended by the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Disclosures) Bill 2008, does a developer submitting a relevant planning application to a local council not have to disclose, at that time, any donation that the developer has made to a political party?
- (2) Under the clause 7.23 of the new Code of Conduct for Councillors, if a councillor has received a donation from a developer of greater than \$1000 directly into their own campaign account must, if that developer makes a relevant planning application to the council, declare a significant non-pecuniary interest in that application and not vote on the application?
- (3) Under clause 7.24 of the new Code of Conduct for Councillors, if a political party to which a councillor belongs has received a donation in excess of \$1000 from a developer, does the councillor have the discretion, if that developer makes a relevant planning application to the council, to declare or not declare a significant non-pecuniary interest in that application and has the discretion to vote or not to vote on the application?
- (4) Why are donations direct to campaign accounts and donations to central party accounts treated differently under the Code and the Act?

- 2042 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—POLITICAL DISCLOSURES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) Under the new section 147 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, as amended by the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Disclosures) Bill 2008, does a developer submitting a relevant planning application to a local council not have to disclose, at that time, any donation that the developer has made to a political party?
  - (2) Under the clause 7.23 of the new Code of Conduct for Councillors, if a councillor has received a donation from a developer of greater than \$1000 directly into their own campaign account must, if that developer makes a relevant planning application to the council, declare a significant non-pecuniary interest in that application and not vote on the application?
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  - (4) Why are donations direct to campaign accounts and donations to central party accounts treated differently under the Code and the Act?
- 2043 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—MARSHALL MOUNT TO CALDERWOOD VALLEY—Ms Hale to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1) Under the term of office of Mr David Broyd as Manager of planning at Wollongong Council, was it proposed that the valley from Mount Marshall to Calderwood be preserved as a riparian corridor?
  - (2) Was this valley recognised by the NSW Scientific Committee for its ecological significance?
  - (3) Is there now a proposal to allow residential development within this valley?
  - (4) Why has the policy of preserving this valley as a riparian corridor been changed?
  - (5) Has the Department of Environment and Climate Change been consulted about this proposal?
    - (a) If so, what views were expressed by the Department?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2044 PLANNING—MARSHALL MOUNT TO CALDERWOOD VALLEY—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 the Arts—
- (1) Under the term of office of Mr David Broyd as Manager of planning at Wollongong Council, was it proposed that the valley from Mount Marshall to Calderwood be preserved as a riparian corridor?
  - (2) Was this valley recognised by the NSW Scientific Committee for its ecological significance?
  - (3) Is there now a proposal to allow residential development within this valley?
  - (4) Why has the policy of preserving this valley as a riparian corridor been changed?
  - (5) Has the Department of Environment and Climate Change been consulted about this proposal?
    - (a) If so, what views were expressed by the Department?
    - (b) If not, why not?
- 2045 PLANNING—URBAN CONSERVATION AREAS—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 the Arts—
- (1) If a house is not heritage-listed or is not in a conservation area, can demolition of such a house be stopped?
  - (2) Why have the proposed Urban Conservation Areas for Ku-ring-gai and draft LEPs for Heritage



listings in Ku-ring-gai not been gazetted?

- (3) What grounds exist to offer protection for the proposed Urban Conservation Areas in Ku-ring-gai or the significant heritage items within Ku-ring-gai that are not currently gazetted?
  - (a) Given that the reforms to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act have now been passed, will the Minister immediately gazette the proposed Urban Conservation Areas and any outstanding draft LEPs for Heritage listings for Ku-ring-gai in order that legitimate grounds for protection of these important heritage areas is established?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (4) Does the Minister intend to gazette any and/or all of the proposed Urban Conservation Areas and any outstanding draft LEPs for Heritage listings for Ku-ring-gai?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) What assurance can the Minister give that the proposed Urban Conservation Areas and the significant heritage items within Ku-ring-gai that are not currently gazetted will not be adversely impacted by the newly passed reforms to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 before these items are gazetted?

2046 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LAKE COWAL GOLD MINE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) Was WorkCover informed when a pit wall at the Lake Cowal gold mine collapsed?
  - (a) If so, was the report made on the day of the collapse?
  - (b) If not, how many days after the collapse was the report made?
- (2) Did a WorkCover inspector investigate the collapse?
  - (a) If so, did the inspector visit the mine to make the inspection?
- (3) Were any workers injured when the pit wall collapsed?
  - (a) If so,
    - (i) how many workers were injured?
    - (ii) what was the nature of their injuries?
- (4) What machines were buried in the pit wall collapse?
- (5) Has WorkCover ordered any changes in work practices at the Lake Cowal gold mine since this accident occurred?
  - (a) If so, what changes have been ordered?

2047 MINERAL RESOURCES—EXPLORATION DRILLING PROGRAM—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) What is the purpose of the Government exploration drilling program currently being conducted in the Laheys Creek area in Central West New South Wales?
  - (a) What is the quality of the coal that the exploration has discovered so far?
  - (b) What is the depth of the coal seam?
  - (c) When will the drilling program be finalised?
  - (d) Is the Government planning to tender out commercial exploration licenses to develop up more coal mining in this area?
  - (e) When will the tenders be advertised?
- (2) Does a coal exploration license need to go to tender if the resource is known to be less than 20 million tonnes?
- (3) Is a coal mine project developed to extract less than 20 million tonnes considered to be of state significance?
- (4) Has the Minister granted mining leases over the entire area of the Moolarben Stage 1 project, approved in September 2007?

- 2048 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—WARRINGAH COUNCIL—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—
- (1) In reference to previous advice and letters to members of the public from the Minister for Local Government that complaints concerning Warringah Council and Dick Persson's handling of the Dee Why Town Centre should be referred to the Minister for Planning, is the Minister aware that the Department of Planning has written to complainants advising "The Department of Local Government also has powers to investigate Council under the Local Government Act 1993. You may wish to approach the Department of Local Government with your concerns"?
  - (2) In reference to previous advice from the Minister for Local Government and Department of Local Government that complaints about Warringah Council and/or Mr Dick Persson should be referred to the General Manager of Warringah Council, has Mr Persson has written to complainants advising them that should they have any complaints they should refer them to the Minister for Local Government?
  - (3)
    - (a) In view of 1 and 2, will the Department fully investigate all complaints received by the Minister and Department to date concerning Warringah Council and/or Dick Persson and respond accordingly to those people who have submitted such complaints?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (4)
    - (a) Why haven't allegations of Mr Persson's serious misconduct continually not been investigated?
    - (b) Why was the appointment of Mr Persson as Administrator of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council recommended in view of the serious allegations that have been raised in the Queensland and New South Wales Parliaments concerning Mr Perssons' conduct?
- 2049 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) Is the Government intending to retain the Industrial Relations Commission in its current form?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (2) Has the Government cut back resources for the Industrial Relations Commission?
    - (a) If so, why?
  - (3) Has the Minister for Industrial Relations or any other minister had communications with the Federal Government about taking over industrial relation responsibilities in New South Wales?
- 2050 ROADS—HOUSE DAMAGES CAUSED BY RUNAWAY CARS—Mr Gay to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—
- (1) What avenues for redress are available to constituents who have had their house damaged by a runaway car?
  - (2) Can police charge a driver with an offence of not properly securing their car?
  - (3) Is there a provision in the current legislation that covers a person being injured by a runaway car?
- 2051 HEALTH—SPENDING IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—
- (1) Did the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare expenditure data for 2005-06 show that non-government spending in public hospitals was \$1.8 billion, a 20 per cent increase from the previous year?
  - (2) What has been the amount of such non-government spending in New South Wales public hospitals in 2005-06 and 2006-07?

- (3)
- (a) According to the latest State of Our Public Hospitals report, were almost 600,000 private patients treated in public hospitals in 2005-06?
  - (b) Were approximately 400,000 of these private patients covered by private health insurance, equating to about 10 per cent of public hospital admissions?
  - (c) Beyond these, are there also veterans, patients covered by compensation and patients who self-insure?
- (4)
- (a) How many public and how many private patients were treated in New South Wales public hospitals in 2005-06 and 2006-07?
  - (b) In 2005-06 and 2006-07, how many of these private patients were:
    - (i) covered by private health insurance?
    - (ii) veterans?
    - (iii) patients covered by compensation?
    - (iv) patients who self-insure?

2052 PLANNING—WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—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 the Arts—

- (1) Under the draft 2007 Wollongong City Centre LEP, is the water in Wollongong Harbour zoned W3 "working waterway"?
- (2) The night before Wollongong Council was dismissed, did Wollongong Council endorse an amendment to remove all references on this document to "recreational waterways"?
- (3) Is by definition a working waterway, exclusive of recreational waterways, under the portfolio of the Minister for Ports?
- (4) Given that the Blue Mile Masterplan Wollongong Council endorsed did not refer to marinas, and state government proposals for the future of Wollongong Harbor in the public media include a marina, is the Minister for Ports a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding Wollongong Council has signed with the state government?
- (5) Was Joe Scimone employed by the Minister for Ports at any time during the negotiations between Wollongong Council and the state government with respect to the future of Wollongong Harbour?
- (6) In Council business on 24 June 2008 did the Wollongong Council administrators endorse the draft 2009 Wollongong LEP?
- (7) Are you aware that on 20 June 2008 residents in the electorate of Keira had sent a submission to the General Manager of Wollongong Council in relation to the sites listed in Questions on Notice from myself for Mr Sartor on 4 June 2008?
- (8) Are you aware that that submission contained allegations of collusion by senior Wollongong Council staff in relation to the reclassification of environmentally protected public land in Joanne St Woonona?
- (9) On 24 June 2008 did Wollongong Council administrators remove all reclassifications from the 2009 draft Wollongong LEP?
- (10) Do the 24 June 2008 Council minutes state 35 parcels of open space were identified as surplus to Councils needs but Council minutes dated 4 December 2006 stated Council had identified 36?
- (11) On the draft 2009 LEP endorsed by Wollongong Council on 24 June 2008 has the site specific rezoning in favour of the Village Building Company which appeared on earlier drafts been deleted?

2053 HEALTH—PRIVATE PATIENT REVENUE TARGETS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

- (1)
- (a) Does anyone set private patient revenue targets for New South Wales public hospitals?
  - (b) If so, who set the targets?

- (2) What was/is the total target for private patient revenue for New South Wales public hospitals in:
  - (a) 2005-06?
  - (b) 2006-07?
  - (c) 2007-08?
  - (d) 2008-09?
- (3) What was/is the total private patient revenue for New South Wales public hospitals in:
  - (a) 2005-06?
  - (b) 2006-07?

2054 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Under the draft 2007 Wollongong City Centre LEP, is the water in Wollongong Harbour zoned W3 "working waterway"?
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- (11) On the draft 2009 LEP endorsed by Wollongong Council on 24 June 2008 has the site specific rezoning in favour of the Village Building Company which appeared on earlier drafts been deleted?

2055 PORTS AND WATERWAYS—WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) Under the draft 2007 Wollongong City Centre LEP, is the water in Wollongong Harbour zoned W3 "working waterway"?
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the Minister for Ports a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding Wollongong Council has signed with the state government?

- (5) Was Joe Scimone employed by the Minister for Ports at any time during the negotiations between Wollongong Council and the Government with respect to the future of Wollongong Harbour?

2056 HEALTH—PATIENT LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) Which New South Wales public hospitals employ dedicated Patient Liaison Officers or other such persons whose principal function is to persuade patients and their families to go private?
- (2) Has any New South Wales public hospital employee offered any financial and other incentive such as paying medical gaps, writing off health fund co-payments and writing off health fund excesses that an insured patient otherwise would incur under his or her policy, to persuade a patient to use their private health insurance?
- (a) If so, how many patients were offered and accepted such incentives in 2005-06 and 2006-07?

2057 HEALTH—PAYMENTS FROM HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) The recent submission from The Australian Private Hospitals Association to The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission states: "The current arrangements enable the States and Territories to both double-dip revenue and cost-shift by receiving payments from health insurance funds for the treatment of private patients in addition to the funding already received from the Australian Government for the treatment of all members of the jurisdiction's population should they require hospital care. This double-dip also imposes an extra cost on health insurers (now running at some \$500 million per year) which they must pass on to their contributors through higher premiums. The double-dip also shifts extra costs to the Australian Government via additional payments under the Medicare Benefits Schedule.":
- (a) How much extra cost did such double-dip impose on health insurers covering New South Wales public hospital patients in 2005-06 and 2006-07?
- (b) What was the value of payments under the Medicare Benefits Schedule to New South Wales public hospital patients in 2005-06 and 2006-07?
- (2) Will the Australian Private Hospitals Association recommendation to impose a cap on private inpatient admissions on public hospitals in the next Australian Health Care Agreements, initially set at 10 per cent of total admissions for 2007-08, decreasing to five per cent at the end of the five-year AHCA, be supported?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (3) In what other ways will the concerns of the Australian Private Hospitals Association about the growth in private patient revenue of public hospitals be addressed?

2058 POLICE—WEBSITE TARGETING YOUNG DRINKERS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Police, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the practice of licensed premises targeting young drinkers with pornographic and obscene websites featuring blogs where high risk behavior with alcohol is promoted?
- (2) Does the Minister believe that the message at [www.myspace.silkiguana.com](http://www.myspace.silkiguana.com) is consistent with the principle of responsible service of alcohol?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the licensee of the establishment responsible for this website is the chairman of the Gosford Liquor Accord?
- (4) What action if any, does the Minister propose to take in relation to this matter?

2059 ENERGY—STATE'S LIQUID FUEL EMERGENCY PLAN—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

- (1) When was the State's Liquid Fuel Emergency Plan last updated?
- (2) What input did the Government receive from academics, industry and community groups in drawing up this plan?
- (3) Is it available for interested parties to read?
  - (i) If not, when will it be made public?

2060 HEALTH—ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

Has NSW Health given consideration to the Aboriginal Medical Service being recognised as a training resource for new doctors and health care workers to increase such personnel in aboriginal communities?

2061 ROADS—PEDAL AND MOTOR ASSISTED BIKES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) What is the justification on safety or other grounds for treating differently for the purpose of registration "pedal-assisted motor bikes" and "motor-assisted pedal bikes"?
- (2) Are e-bikes inherently unsafe compared to pedal bikes, in light of the fact that a racing bike under human power can achieve speeds in excess of 60kmh?
- (3) Is the speed of a motor-assisted bike imited by how fast the wheels turn, and not by the power of the motor, whose primary purpose is to assist uphill travelling?
- (4) Given that American model e-bikes are equipped with 750 watt motors, what is the reason for limiting electric bikes in Australia to 200 watts?
- (5) Will the Minister consider granting an exemption from registration for motor cycles with electric engine motors, provided output power does not exceed 750 watts, and riders are obliged to follow the same road rules as for pedal cycles without motors, including wearing a helmet?
  - (a) If not, why not?

2062 HEALTH—HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

What is NSW Health doing to improve the reporting of indigenous status by health agencies and registers to increase public knowledge of health service delivery to indigenous communities?

2063 HEALTH—CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE SCREENING—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

What screening programs are being conducted by NSW Health in aboriginal communities in relation to chronic kidney disease?

2064 RURAL AFFAIRS—FOOD PRICE INCREASES UNDER E10—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Acting Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Does the Minister agree with the New South Wales E10 Taskforce Report, which was recently echoed by the Productivity Commission, that "in drought years, the impact on food prices and the livestock feedstock industry may be counter productive to the Government's intent"?
- (2) Does the Minister wish to revise his suggestion that there is no price implications for food after The Australian's Greg Roberts established that the Manildra plant uses substantial quantities - possibly

- 50,000 tonnes which I have previously suggested to the Minister – of wholegrain and commercial grade starch?
- (3) Does the Minister agree that although there may be marginal reduction in the price of fuel at the bowsers from an E10 mandate, the permanent 25 per cent plus increase in grain prices under an E10 mandate, as highlighted in a 2005 report by the Centre for International Economics, would translate into significantly higher grocery bills for New South Wales' families?
- 2065 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NRC REPORT ON SNOWY HYDRO—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) On what basis does the Minister support the findings of the Snowy Hydro Expert Panel that stated "cloud seeding has no significant adverse environmental impacts" when the Natural Resource Commission's 2007 Progress Report stated "the information available from the trial is insufficient to determine if cloud seeding is causing an environmental impact"?
- (2) Have all the recommendations from the NRC 2007 Progress Report been adopted in the new Environmental Management Plan?
- 2066 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NSW FOOD AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Will the NSW Food Authority's website make public the date and result of the most recent food safety inspection for each restaurant in NSW?
- (2) Is there a requirement for restaurants to display the result of the most recent food safety inspection?
- (a) If not, will diners be able to ascertain:
- (i) whether the restaurant they are considering dining in has been inspected?
- (ii) the most recent date and result of the food safety inspection of the restaurant where they are considering dining?
- (3) As food poisoning puts approximately 18,000 Australians in hospital and causes approximately 120 deaths nationally each year, will the Government take preventative action and make the most recent date and result of the food safety inspection of each restaurant in New South Wales publicly available information?
- 2067 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GM FOOD LABELLING—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) Will "mum and dad consumers" be provided with choice on GM consumption when Food Standards Australia and New Zealand said in recent Senate Estimates that an appropriate standard for labelling GM products could take up to two years to develop?
- (2) Is there potential for a whole range of producers in the production chain to be subjected to Section 53 (a) and 55 Trade Practices Act proceedings if products are labelled 'non-GM' and have a GM contamination level of between 0.1% and 0.9% GM presence?
- (3) What testing regime will be introduced to ensure GM contamination is below the market demands for GM-free canola?
- 2068 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FOREST SCIENCE CENTRE—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—
- (1) What was the total cost of operating the NSW DPI Forest Science Centre of Excellence for 2005/06 and 2006/07?
- (2) What proportion of the total operating costs is incurred for the operation of the Forest Science Centre at Cumberland State Forest, such as wages and salaries, depreciation, overheads, materials, expenses?
- (3) What proportion of the total operating costs does NSW DPI costs incur for administering and managing the Forest Science Centre?

2069 ATTORNEY GENERAL—CHRIS SPENCE—JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—Ms Rhiannon to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Is Mr Chris Spence a registered Justice of the Peace (JP)?
  - (a) If so;
    - (i) when did Mr Spence apply to register as a JP?
    - (ii) when was he successfully registered as a JP?
    - (iii) was this before or after the reformed JP application process was implemented?
    - (iv) has Mr Chris Hartcher MP ever supported an application by Mr Spence to register as a JP, or renew as a JP?

2070 HEALTH—AMBULANCE OFFICERS AT BUNDEENA AND MAIANBAR—Ms Ficarra to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Justice, and Acting Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will the Minister respond to calls from the community of Bundeena and Maianbar for their three local duty ambulance officers rostered appropriately for local duty?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Why has this community been covered for ambulance emergencies during the past 15 years by local officers who have volunteered to be on call in addition to their duty rosters?
- (3) What do you intend to do now that these three officers have withdrawn their services due to fatigue, so that this community is assured that life threatening situations are dealt with in a time efficient manner, rather than other ambulance officers having to travel extraordinary long distances?

2071 ROADS—BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL PARKING SCHEME—Mr Gay to ask the Minister for Roads, Minister for Commerce, Acting Minister for Industrial Relations, and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Finance—

- (1) Why has the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) not required Byron Shire Council to cease operating its illegal Pay Parking Scheme until it is brought into compliance with the law?
- (2) What action is being taken against Byron Shire Council in respect of its flouting of the pay parking and permit parking legislation?
- (3) What action is being taken in regard to the fees and fines illegally collected from motorists by Byron Shire Council?
- (4) Is the Chief Executive Officer of the RTA's suggestion that the RTA does not have the power to enforce compliance of the New South Wales parking legislation by Councils supported?
  - (a) If so, what action is being taken to remedy the situation?

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