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*3661 PREMIER—COMMUNITY CABINET MEETING IN PARKES—Mr Gay asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In regards to the Government's community cabinet meeting in Parkes last year:

(1)

- (a) Was almost \$40,000 spent on the Government's community cabinet meeting in Parkes last year?
- (b) Was approx \$30,000 of the total \$40,000 spent on charter flights for the meeting?
 - (i) Why were charter flights used instead of using a commercial carrier?
 - (ii) Had estimate been sought?

(2)

- (a) Was \$1430 spent on artwork for a newsletter about the meeting, which was never printed?
- (b) If so, why was the decision not to use the material made?

(3)

- (a) Will a commercial carrier be used for future community cabinet meetings?
- (b) If not, why?

Answer—

(1) (2) and (3)

Community Cabinet visits provide an important opportunity for local community groups and individuals to meet with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers to talk directly about the issues that matter to them.

Total costs associated with venue, staff overtime, transport, advertising newsletters for this meeting totalled \$38,369.49.

Cabinet Ministers and other staff use the most practical mode of transport when travelling to and from Community Cabinet visits. In the case of Parkes charter flights were deemed the most practical form of transportation. All Community Cabinet meetings utilise the most appropriate mode of transportation depending on location, time and number of Ministers and staff attending the meeting. A follow up Community Cabinet newsletter was not printed or distributed following the Parkes visit.

*3662 TREASURER—MRET FUTURE PAYMENTS—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Treasurer or any Treasury official held discussions with any industrial consumers in New South Wales, including the operators of the aluminium smelters, in which potential NSW government financial assistance in respect of obligations under Federal government's Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme were discussed?
- (2) If so, please provide details of the dates on which these discussions were held and the organisations with which they were held.

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) Discussions, if any, between the Government and any industrial consumers in New South Wales, including the operators of aluminium smelters, are commercially confidential as these businesses operate in competitive markets. As a consequence, the information requested will not be publicly disclosed.
- (2) As above.

*3663 ENERGY—MANDATORY RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET SCHEME—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1) Has the Government made any payments to any industrial consumers in New South Wales, including the operators of the aluminum smelters, in respect of their obligations under the Federal government's Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme, including, but not limited to, by way of financial assistance in purchasing certificates or full or part compensation for the costs of purchasing certificates.
- (2) If so, please provide details of the dates on which the payments were made, the quantity paid and the reason for the payments.

Answer—

- (1) and (2)

I am advised that the Energy Branch of Industry and Investment New South Wales has not made any such payments to industrial customers in New South Wales.

*3664 TREASURER—MANDATORY RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET SCHEME—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Government made any payments to any industrial consumers in New South Wales, including the operators of the aluminum smelters, in respect of their obligations under the Federal government's Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme, including, but not limited to, by way of financial assistance in purchasing certificates or full or part compensation for the costs of purchasing certificates.
- (2) If so, please provide details of the dates on which the payments were made, the quantity paid and the reason for the payments.

Answer—

I'm advised

- (1) That enquiries have been made with the relevant businesses and to the best of my knowledge no such payments have been made.
- (2) Not Applicable

*3665 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—MONITORING AIR QUALITY AT BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) Do air tests being conducted in classrooms at Blackheath Public School meet either or both of the following standards:
 - (a) AS 3580.7.1-1992 Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 7.1: Determination of carbon monoxide - Direct-reading instrumental method?
 - (b) 3580.5.1-1993 Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air - Method 5.1: Determination of oxides of nitrogen - Chemiluminescence method?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2)

I am advised that chemiluminescence analysers were not used as the study requires the ability to determine a change in concentrations of components of the air and then undertake a comparison with the health outcome data to determine if a correlation exists. Chemiluminescence analysers are able to measure nitrogen dioxide but not the range of other components of air that are of interest in this study. I am advised that direct reading instrumental method monitoring devices were not used in the study as they are also unable to detect the range of air components required for the study and are labour intensive to use.

Aeroqual air monitoring devices were used in the Woolcock study for their ability to measure a number of airborne concentrations nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, volatile organic compounds (VOC) and dust particles. The devices also provide continuous monitoring ability over longer periods, do not require technical support for day to day use and are relatively unobtrusive, to minimise classroom disruption.

*3666 HEALTH—MONITORING AIR QUALITY AT BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Do air tests being conducted in classrooms at Blackheath Public School meet either or both of the following standards:
 - (a) AS 3580.7.1-1992 Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air. Method 7.1: Determination of carbon monoxide - Direct-reading instrumental method?
 - (b) 3580.5.1-1993 Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air - Method 5.1: Determination of oxides of nitrogen - Chemiluminescence method?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

This question is a matter for the Minister of Education and Training.

*3667 POLICE—SECURITY INDUSTRY LICENSING—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Police—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of allegations made by a retired security industry worker, Mr Duncan Kennedy of Vincentia, that:
 - (a) significant number of persons installing security doors in New South Wales are not licensed under the Security Industry Act 1997 as required?
 - (b) the Office of Fair Trading and the New South Wales Police Force have failed to enforce these provisions of the Security Industry Act 1997?
 - (c) the public is being misled when doors are installed as security doors but are in fact heavy-duty flyscreens, and that this is putting New South Wales residents' safety and security at risk?
- (2)
 - (a) Will an investigation be conducted to look into Mr Kennedy's allegations?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (3)
 - (a) Will report on the findings of an investigation be tabled in the Parliament?
 - (b) If so, when?
- (4)
 - (a) Will any necessary action be taken to ensure that security doors in New South Wales are installed by people licensed under the Security Industry Act 1997?
 - (b) If so, how?

Answer—

I am advised of the following answers:

- (1) Yes. Mr Kennedy's concerns are well known due to his extreme correspondence on this issue over many years.
- (2) No. Many oversight organisations including the New South Wales Ombudsman, the ICAC and the Police Integrity Commission have all declined to investigate Mr Kennedy's concerns in the past.
- (3) See answer to (2) above.
- (4) All necessary actions will be taken by police to ensure security industry requirements are met by licence holders.

*3668 PLANNING—DRAFT WOLLONGONG LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Ms Hale asked the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1)
 - (a) Is the Draft Wollongong Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2009 currently being considered by the Department of Planning?

- (b) Is the Department simultaneously considering a concept plan lodged by TRUenergy that seeks to amend the zonings included in Draft LEP 2009?
 - (c) Given that the Draft LEP 2009 was developed in consultation with the Administrators of Wollongong City Council and residents, why is the Department considering TRUenergy's concept plan rather than requiring TRUenergy to wait until the Draft LEP has been gazetted before submitting its concept plan?
- (2) Given that public submissions contributed to the Draft LEP, will the Minister invite public comment and submissions be invited on the TRUenergy application before the concept plan is given major project status?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) Yes. A preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) has been submitted which has some variations from the zoning proposed within Wollongong's Draft Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2009. The Department has expressed concerns with elements of the proposal which are inconsistent with the draft LEP.
 - (c) The proposal meets non-discretionary criteria of the Major Development State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) as it involves residential commercial or retail projects worth more than \$100M. As the proposal is currently prohibited and parts of the site are within a 'Sensitive Coastal Location', the proposal cannot be determined until the site is rezoned.
- (2) No. The proposal was declared a Major Project on 26 August 2009 in accordance with the Major Development SEPP. Should an EA be lodged it will be placed on public exhibition for a minimum 30day period.

*3669 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS AND CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1)
- (a) How much funding is assigned to support voluntary conservation agreements and wildlife refuges?
 - (b) What is the per hectare cost to the Department of Climate Change and the Department of supporting voluntary conservation agreements and wildlife refuges?
- (2) In 2008-09, under native vegetation legislation, how many prosecutions has the Department:
- (a) finalised?
 - (b) commenced?
- (3) In 2008-09, under native vegetation legislation, how many of each of the followings have been issued?
- (a) stop work orders?
 - (b) remediation directions?
 - (c) penalty notices?
 - (d) formal warning letters?
- (4) How many hectares of native vegetation were approved for clearing in New South Wales under property vegetation plans, development applications or under other legislation such as the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999 in 2008-09?
- (5) How many hectares were covered in associated offsets?
- (6) What percentage of land covered by Property Vegetation Plans (PVP) and PVP offsets are registered to landowner title?
- (7) Will The Drip and Goulburn River Gorges be included in Goulburn River National Park, north of Mudgee, to protect these iconic areas from the rapid expansion of coal mining in the region?
- (8)

- (a) Does the Private Native Forestry (PNF) Code of Practice, produced by the Department last year, allow logging of habitat for the nationally-listed Superb Parrot and does it allow nest trees to be logged?
- (b) If no, what is the restriction in the Code of Practice?
- (9) Will the practice of Oldgrowth Forest logging in New South Wales be terminated, by amending both private and public forestry regulations to fully protect them?
- (10) When is the Government going to complete the transfer of Crown lands to the National Parks estate promised by the North-eastern New South Wales forest decision and the Brigalow/Nandewar western regional assessment?
- (11) Will the outstanding 20,000 hectares of Crown lands earmarked for transfer to National Parks estate in north-east New South Wales be protected?
- (12) Will all the following high conservation value Crown lands be transferred in their entirety to the National Parks estate as part of this process:
 - (a) Manning Regional Crown Reserve?
 - (b) Bellingen State Park?
 - (c) Goolawah State Park?
 - (d) Coffs Harbour Regional Park Additions?
 - (e) Evans Head Crown Lands?
 - (f) Ballina Crown Lands?
 - (g) Angourie, Brooms Head, Minnie Water, Woolgoolga, Red Rock Crown Lands?
 - (h) Iluka Crown Lands?
 - (i) Taree Crown Lands?
 - (j) Great Lakes/Tuncurry, including Booti Booti Crown Lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) For 2009/10, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) will support voluntary conservation agreements and wildlife refuges through direct funding of \$719,000 for the Conservation Partners Program. Upon establishment of a conservation agreement, landholders are offered up to \$10,000 support to assist with on-grounds works designed to ensure the infrastructure required to protect the natural assets of the area. In addition, over \$1.5 million of indirect funding is in place for 2009/10 via the New South Wales Environmental Trust and the Commonwealth Government.
 - (b) At June 2009, there were 257 conservation agreements protecting approximately 52,700 hectares and 650 Wildlife refuges covering approximately 1,934,000 hectares. These have been put in place over a period of 20 years and it is not possible to provide the cost per hectare.
- (2)
 - (a) seven.
 - (b) nine.
- (3) In the period July 2008 to June 2009, under native vegetation legislation the Department issued the following:
 - (a) stop work orders: none.
 - (b) remediation directions: six.
 - (c) penalty notices: twelve.
 - (d) formal warning letters: 82.
- (4) 270 hectares were approved for clearing in New South Wales in 2008/09, half under the Native Vegetation Act 2003, the remaining half under the Plantation and Reafforestation Act 1999.
- (5) 690 hectares.
- (6) Since June 2009, 31 Property Vegetation Plans (PVPs) have been registered on title. Statistics on the percentage of land covered by PVPs and PVP offsets registered to landowner title are not available.

- (7) DECCW is aware of the natural and cultural significance of the Drip and Goulburn River Gorges and the benefits of including the areas in the reserve system. The area is held by perpetual lease and is not currently available for addition to Goulburn River National Park.
- (8)
- (a) and (b) Superb Parrot habitat is protected by the general biodiversity, habitat and riparian area provisions of the Private Native Forestry (PNF) Code of Practice, which includes: exclusion and buffer zones around wetlands and drainage features, protection of hollow-bearing trees (especially within 50 metres of major wetlands, watercourses and water bodies), recruitment tree retention, and large tree retention.
- (9) The Private Native Forestry Code of Practice, applicable to all private land in New South Wales, already specifically excludes the logging of old growth forest.
- (10) The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) is progressing the finalisation of the Crown Land reviews required by the Forest Agreements for North East New South Wales. It is anticipated the final consolidated stage of up to 2000 hectares of North East Crown lands transfer will be completed by early 2010.
- (11) Of the overall 20,000 hectares, DECCW is aware that more than 4000 hectares are currently under Aboriginal land claim and will be considered for transfer only if the land claim is determined not to be claimable Crown land. Approximately 900 hectares are the subject of successful land claims and are therefore not available for reservation under the National Parks and Wildlife Act. Further negotiations are required with the Department of Industry and Investment Minerals and Fisheries and a final check of areas that could be affected by Aboriginal land claims before a final hectare figure can be provided. Further Crown land transfers may occur as part of the normal reserve referral process conducted by DECCW with other Government agencies.
- (12)
- (a) Manning Regional Crown Reserve: The majority of this is to remain under the management of the Land and Property Management Authority. However, Crown land within Khappinghat Nature Reserve is currently under an Aboriginal land claim and will be considered for transfer if the land claim is determined not to be claimable Crown land. Another parcel within the Manning Regional Crown Reserve is zoned as 8(b) Protected Zone (Proposed Future National Park Extension Area) land and was previously agreed by the Land and Property Management Authority for inclusion in Crowdy Bay National Park.
- (b) Bellingen State Park: There are ongoing discussions to determine other agency potential interests in the Crown land projected for the proposed Bellingen Regional Park.
- (c) Goolawah State Park: The Crown lands comprising Goolawah State Park is to transfer to DECCW. Approximately 168 of the 702 hectares are currently under Aboriginal land claim and will only be transferred if the land is determined not to be claimable Crown land.
- (d) Coffs Harbour Regional Park Additions: The Land and Property Management Authority has provided in-principle agreement to the transfer of 4.4 hectares of Crown land. DECCW and Coffs Harbour City Council continue to support the implementation of Stage 2 of the Coffs Harbour Regional Park.
- (e) Evans Head Crown Lands: Approximately 58 hectares has been agreed for inclusion in Broadwater National Park, with a remaining 18 hectares to be retained by the Land and Property Management Authority.
- (f) Ballina Crown Lands: Approximately 40 hectares has been agreed for addition to Ballina Nature Reserve. Further negotiations are under way with the Department of Industry and Investment Fisheries.
- (g) Angourie, Brooms Head, Minnie Water, Woolgoolga, Red Rock Crown Lands: The Crown lands at Angourie, Brooms Head and Red Rock are currently under Aboriginal land claims. These cannot be considered for transfer unless the land is determined not to be claimable Crown land. The Minister administering the Crown Lands Act is responsible for the determination of the land claims. Crown lands at Woolgoolga are being considered as part of the Coffs Coast Regional Park. Approximately 9 hectares of the Crown land at Minnie Water has been agreed for transfer, with the remainder to be retained by the Land and Property Management Authority.
- (h) Iluka Crown Lands: 3.5 hectares was added to Iluka Nature Reserve in December 2005. The remaining Crown lands require further assessment and, if deemed suitable, will be considered under the inter-departmental reserve referral process.

- (i) Taree Crown Lands: The Crown lands at Old Bar, east of Taree, have been included in Manning Regional Crown Reserve and will be retained by the Land and Property Management Authority. Crown land at Lansdowne, to the north of Taree, was reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act in March 2008.
- (j) Great Lakes/Tuncurry, including Booti Booti Crown Lands: The Tuncurry Crown lands, proposed additions to Darawank Nature Reserve, are currently under Aboriginal land claim. The Land and Property Management Authority has agreed to the transfer of the northern sections, should the land be determined not to be claimable Crown land. The Booti Booti Crown lands (Sandbar) are currently under Aboriginal land claims. Should the land be determined not to be claimable Crown land, it will transfer to DECCW.

*3670 POLICE—DENNIS FERGUSON—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Police—

- (1) Has convicted paedophile Dennis Ferguson made contact with Alexandria Brookes?
- (2) Were Dennis Ferguson and Alexandria Brookes convicted of abducting and raping three New South Wales children?
- (3) What procedures are carried out by the Police to monitor convicted paedophiles to prevent them renewing their association?
- (4)
 - (a) Have Dennis Ferguson and Alexandria Brookes breached their parole?
 - (b) If so, what action will be taken?

Answer—

The New South Wales Police Force has advised me that Mr Ferguson has recently attempted to contact Mr Brookes, who together with Mr Ferguson was convicted for the kidnapping and sexual assault of three children.

Mr Ferguson is not currently on parole and Mr Brookes is currently an inmate of Corrective Services New South Wales.

If necessary the New South Wales Police Force may apply to a Local Court for a Child Protection Prohibition Order under the Child Protection (Offenders Prohibition Orders) Act 2004 to limit the movements and associations of child sex offenders.

*3671 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WATER—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Regional Development—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
 - (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

- (1) Ms Meryl Dillon has been appointed as a member to the Northern Inland Regional Development Australia (RDA) committee.
- (2)
 - (a) Yes.
 - (b) Under the Department of Premier and Cabinet's guidelines, all members of RDA committees are entitled to receive a sitting fee of \$107 for a half day or \$204 for a full day when attending a meeting of an RDA committee or any board sub-committee.

*3672 COMMUNITY SERVICES, WOMEN—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Community Services, and Minister for Women—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
 - (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

No.

The Minister has further advised:

Ms Meryl Dillon is not a member of any government body, board, or committee within the women's portfolio and as such receives no remuneration from the Office for Women's Policy.

*3673 GAMING AND RACING, SPORT AND RECREATION—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Gaming and Racing, and Minister for Sport and Recreation—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
 - (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

(1) and (2) No.

*3674 LANDS—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Lands—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
 - (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

Ms Meryl Dillon is currently not a member of any body, board or committee associated with the Land and Property Management Authority.

*3675 PLANNING, REDFERN WATERLOO—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or

committee?

(b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

With respect to the Department and all Agencies within my portfolios:

(1) No

(2)

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

*3676 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

(1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?

(2)

(a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?

(b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

(1) Ms Meryl Dillon is not a member of any committee or board that falls within my Aboriginal Affairs portfolio responsibility.

(2) Not Applicable.

The Minister has further advised:

Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree is not known by Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Human Services New South Wales. Ms Dillon is not a member of ADHC's Committees or Board Memberships.

*3677 MINERAL RESOURCES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, STATE DEVELOPMENT—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

(1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?

(2)

(a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?

(b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

(1) Ms Dillon is not a member of any government body, board, or committee in the Primary Industries, Mineral Resources or State Development portfolios.

(2) Not Applicable.

*3679 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, CORRECTIVE SERVICES, ENERGY, PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM, SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

(1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?

(2)

- (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
- (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Ms Meryl Dillon has not been appointed to any body, board or committee within the Public Sector Reform portfolio.
- (2) Not applicable.

I am advised:

- (1) Ms Meryl Dillon has not been appointed to any body, board or committee within the Corrective Services portfolio.
- (2) Not applicable.

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) I am advised that Ms Dillon is not currently a board member of any of the energy State Owned Corporations.

I am advised:

- (1) Meryl Dillon is a current member of the National Parks & Wildlife (NPW) - Northern Plains Region, Regional Advisory Committee.
- (2) There are no sitting fees paid for involvement with the NPW Regional Advisory Committees. Meal and travel costs for meetings are met by Department Environment, Climate Change and Water.
- (3) Not applicable.

*3680 EMERGENCY SERVICES, RURAL AFFAIRS, SMALL BUSINESS—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
 - (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2)
 - (a) Not Applicable
 - (b) Not Applicable

*3681 CITIZENSHIP, FAIR TRADING—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)

- (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
- (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised that Ms Meryl Dillon is not a member of any government bodies, boards or committees administered by either the Community Relations Commission or the Office of Fair Trading.

*3682 ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON THE ARTS—MERYL DILLON OF WILGA MOREE—Mr Mason-Cox asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

With respect to each Department, Agency and Entity:

- (1) Is Ms Meryl Dillon of 'Wilga' Moree a member of any government body, board, or committee?
- (2)
 - (a) Does Ms Meryl Dillon receive any remuneration for sitting on any government body, board, or committee?
 - (b) If so, what amount is she paid?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised by Arts New South Wales that Ms Meryl Dillon is not a member of any government bodies, boards or committees administered by Arts New South Wales.

*3683 HEALTH—REDUNDANCIES OF DOCTORS AND NURSES—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Has the Department of Health been paying 10 bureaucrats an average of \$100,000 a year to manage the rosters of all nurses, junior doctors and allied health staff, whilst the Department is making hundreds of frontline hospital workers including experienced nursing staff redundant?
- (2) What actions will be taken to respond to the criticisms of Health unions who have stated that these short term policies have led to low morale and put patients at risk?

Answer—

- (1) Rosters for all nurses, junior doctors and allied health staff are managed locally by Area Health Services. There is no centralised rostering of nurses, junior doctors and allied health by the Department of Health.
- (2) Refer to answer to question 1.

*3684 HEALTH—RADIOTHERAPY SERVICES - CENTRAL COAST—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What resources and funding has the Department of Health committed to the need for radiotherapy services on the Central Coast following the 9 June meeting with concerned clinicians and representatives of Cancer Voices NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the consideration by Government detailed planning for the service via a Services Procurement Plan and Project Definition Plan is required. Johnstaff projects have been appointed as the Project Director Planning. This will provide an expert team to develop the necessary documentation to enable consideration of the project by Government. The consultants will be considering a number of options for expansion of services on the Central Coast.

The Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service has a number of arrangements in place to minimise travel burdens for patients accessing public sector services at Royal North Shore Hospital. These include same day consultation and treatment design; patient choice of radiotherapy appointments; liaison with Central Coast care coordinators; and accommodation support.

Transport to various cancer services on the Central Coast has also been enhanced with a bus service operating five days per week to transport Gosford patients to the various sites for cancer care. Further enhancement of these services is proposed.

*3685 HEALTH—ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Will a guarantee be given that future funding arrangements for air ambulance operations in New South Wales will not jeopardise the highly successful operations of the Royal Flying Doctor Service that are so highly valued by the people of New South Wales?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the then Minister for Health's response in the Legislative Council of 1 September 2009 and the Premier's response in the Legislative Assembly on 2 September 2009.

*3686 HEALTH—ABOLITION OF FRONTLINE NURSING POSITIONS—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many highly qualified frontline nursing positions will be abolished throughout New South Wales in the next 12 months?
- (2) Will 100 registered and enrolled nurses' positions be abolished within the Greater Southern Area Health Service?
- (3) How does the Government intend to deliver quality patient care by replacing highly skilled registered and enrolled nurses with assistants in nursing who are less qualified, and contrary to Garling recommendations?
- (4) Will any cuts in skilled nurses be extended to other area health services as part of the Government's \$38.4 mini budget cut to nursing expenditure?

Answer—

- (1) to (4)

I am advised that total nursing numbers in Greater Southern Area Health Service and across the state are higher in total in 2009 than in 2008.

On 21 September 2009 the Director General of New South Wales Health issued a directive to Chief Executives of Area Health Services reaffirming that clinical staff (except in cases where they may be occupying positions involving management or administrative duties) are not to be offered voluntary redundancy.

New South Wales Health is seeking to expand the assistant workforce in a manner that is consistent with Commissioner Garling's recommendations in his final report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into acute care services in New South Wales public hospitals.

*3687 HEALTH—WESTMEAD HOSPITAL CLINICAL MANAGEMENT REPORT—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What action will be taken to respond to the findings of the independent report entitled "Westmead Hospital Clinical Management Report", particularly with regard to the statement taht:
 - (a) "the governance structures at Westmead Hospital are unnecessarily complicatedthe Sydney West Area Health Service structure has impaired the capacity to achieve the level of cooperation and coordination among Westmead staff that is necessary to make Westmead Hospital operate effectively."
- (2) How will the report's findings in relation to the following be addressed:

- (a) low staff morale affecting quality of care and safety
- (b) a loss of identity for Westmead as a hospital since the Sydney West Area Health Service was created
- (c) staff feeling the area health service structure is too big
- (d) clinicians feeling a lack of empowerment
- (e) the local community feeling a lack of involvement?

Answer—

(1) and (2)

The Westmead Hospital Clinical Management Report made twelve recommendations in relation to the findings of the review. An Action Plan has been developed by Sydney West Area Health Service, in conjunction with Westmead's senior clinicians, to address the recommendations in the report and significant progress has been made in their implementation.

*3688 HEALTH—ABOLITION OF POSITIONS IN HOSPITALS—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the Government's response to claims by the NSW Nurses' Association and the NSW Health Services Union that the Government intends to slash the jobs of health workers, including nurses, doctors and cleaners throughout New South Wales including:
 - (a) 400 jobs on the North Coast?
 - (b) 120 jobs in the South East Illawarra region?
 - (c) 100 positions in the Greater West?
 - (d) Up to 800 workers seeking redundancy at Nepean?
- (2) What is the Government's response to NSW Nurses' Association General Secretary, Brett Holmes statement that "the losses were impossible to justify when there was still a nursing shortage of 900"?
- (3) How will the concerns of Health Services Union organiser Adam Hall be addressed, who claims as a result of these job losses: "there will be significant delays in treatment for patients"?

Answer—

(1) to (3)

The continued growth in demand for health services from an ageing population, the need for care of the chronically ill, the increased use of emergency department services and rapidly changing technology are constant pressures on our health system. To manage these pressures, Health Services from time to time need to reconfigure their services and workforce to ensure staffing levels meet demand and patient needs. This is part of managing health resources wisely so we can safely treat more patients for the available funds.

The appropriate alignment of resources to demand requires flexibility in the deployment of those resources and changing service priorities. The number of nurses in the NSW health system continues to increase. In July 2009 there were 43,607 nurses employed in NSW, a net increase of 9,603 from January 2002.

On 21 September 2009, the Director-General of NSW Health issued a directive to Chief Executives of Area Health Services reaffirming the commitment to not allow voluntary redundancy for frontline clinical staff.

*3689 FINANCE—ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF WORKCOVER—Ms Ficarra asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) In reference to the evidence of the Acting Chief Executive Officer of WorkCover, Mr Rob Thomson at the Budget Estimates Hearing on Monday 14 September 2009 in response to the question "Mr Thomson, for clarification, do you or any member of your family have any interest or association with any of the companies that tendered for an agency contract or any company that provides provider services to any of those tendering for contracts", to which Mr Thomson responded "No, I do not",

- (a) Has any member of Mr Thomson's family had, or previously had, any interest or association with any of the companies that tendered for an agency contract or any company that provides provider services to any of those tendering for contracts?

Answer—

I'm advised no member of Mr Thomson's family has or has previously had, any interest or association with any of the companies that tendered for an agency contract or any company that provides provider services to any of those tendering for contracts.

*3690 FINANCE—WORKCOVER FUNCTION ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2009—Ms Ficarra asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1) What was the purpose of the WorkCover function at Crown Plaza (Peppers) on 11 September 2009?
- (2) How many Officers of WorkCover attended the function?
- (3) What Division and Unit were the WorkCover officers that attended the function from?
- (4) What was the total expenditure by WorkCover on the function and any transport to the function?

Answer—

I'm advised WorkCover did not organise any function at the Crown Plaza (Peppers) on 11 September 2009.

*3691 PORTS AND WATERWAYS—MARINE RESCUE NSW—Mrs Pavey asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Regulatory Reform, and Minister for Ports and Waterways—

- (1)
 - (a) Outside of the \$ 1,375,000 the Department of Ports and Waterways has allocated for 2009-10 operations plus an additional \$ 3,000,000 seed funding to establish Marine Rescue NSW, will ongoing annual funding be provided?
 - (b) If so, how much?
 - (c) When will the funding be made available?
- (2)
 - (a) How many rescue vessels that will be used by Marine Rescue NSW have now reached the end of their service?
 - (b) Is there any plans for rescue vessel replacement under Marine Rescue NSW?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) (b) and (c) In addition to a grant of \$3 million for establishing the new organisation New South Wales Maritime provided \$1.39 million for the 2009-10 financial year. The Government will work with Marine Rescue New South Wales to assess and determine future funding issues.
- (2)
 - (a) and (b) Marine Rescue New South Wales is an independent organisation that will undertake its own asset management strategy with Government cooperation and assistance through a constructive dialogue with government.

*3692 EMERGENCY SERVICES—BUSHFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mrs Pavey asked the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many Bushfire Risk Management Plans have expired in New South Wales?
- (2) How many Bushfire Risk Management Plans have been approved or updated in New South Wales?
- (3) What is the technical name of the map Bushfire Management Committees incorporate in their Bushfire Risk Management Plans?

Answer—

- (1) None.
- (2) Every Bush Fire Management Committee within New South Wales has an approved plan.
- (3) There are a number of maps produced by each committee consistent with Bush Fire Coordinating Committee Policy. They are known as "Bush Fire Risk Management Plan Maps".

*3693 TREASURER—STATE PLAN CONSULTATIONS—Mrs Pavey asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How much did the NSW State Plan Consultation visit held in Monaro in Cooma on the 24th of August 2009 cost in total?
- (2) What costs were incurred for the following:
 - (a) cost of staff?
 - (b) flights?
 - (c) media?
 - (d) catering?
- (3) How many staff attended?
- (4) Were any charter flights taken?
- (5) How much was spent on advertising or mail outs?

Answer—

I'm advised:

This question should be referred to the Premier.

*3694 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—AIR EMISSIONS AND QUALITY—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1)
 - (a) Please provide a list of the 20 largest load based licensee contributors or forecasted contributors to the total assessable air and water pollutants for 2007-08 and 2008-09 and the contribution to the total assessable level in the form of a percentage of all total assessable air pollutants?
 - (b) Please also provide the Local Government Area in which the load based licensee is situated?
- (2) What information and data have pilot studies financed by the Greenhouse Innovation Fund revealed in relation health impacts associated with climate change?
- (3) How many Penalty Infringement Notices have been issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 in relation to motor vehicles?

Answer—

- (1) (a) and (b)

Air

The following table contains a list of the 20 largest load based licensee contributors to the total assessable air pollutants for 2008-09 and 2007-08, with each licensee's contribution shown with the estimated percentage being of all total assessable air pollutants, based on available data as at October 2009. The Local Government Area in which the licensee is situated is included.

licence No.	Licensee	LGA	% of 08-09 Total Air Assessable Load	% of 07-08 Total Air Assessable Load
779	MACQUARIE GENERATION	Muswellbrook	24.85	21.86
766	DELTA ELECTRICITY	City of Lithgow	20.56	26.27
1429	ERARING ENERGY	Lake Macquarie	14.86	9.29
2122	MACQUARIE GENERATION	Singleton	14.49	16.42
761	DELTA	Wyong	9.12	7.23

ELECTRICITY				
6092	BLUESCOPE STEEL (AIS) PTY LTD	Wollongong	4.13	4.13
759	DELTA ELECTRICITY	Wyong	2.69	3.46
6163	TOMAGO ALUMINIUM COMPANY PTY LTD	Port Stephens	2.17	2.41
837	CALTEX REFINERIES (NSW) PTY LTD	Sutherland	1.20	1.43
1548	HYDRO ALUMINIUM KURRI KURRI PTY LTD	Cessnock	0.85	1.01
1698	BLUE CIRCLE SOUTHERN CEMENT LTD	Wingecarribee	0.76	0.9
10000	QENOS PTY LTD	Botany	0.75	0.24
570	SHELL REFINING (AUSTRALIA) PROPRIETARY LIMITED	Parramatta	0.54	0.56
11262	REDBANK PROJECT PTY LIMITED	Singleton	0.48	0.68
6357	ACI OPERATIONS PTY LTD	Penrith	0.40	0.51
212	BLUE CIRCLE SOUTHERN CEMENT LTD	Wollondilly	0.25	0.23
2692	CSR VIRIDIAN LIMITED	Campbelltown	0.20	0.2
2042	CEMENT AUSTRALIA HOLDINGS PTY LTD	Mid - Western Regional	0.19	0.23
828	ORICA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Newcastle	0.17	0.18
5482	EDL CSM (NSW) PTY LTD	Wollondilly	0.12	0.19

Water

The following table contains a list of the 20 largest load based licensee contributors to the total assessable water pollutants for 2008-09 and 2007-08, with each licensee's contribution shown as a percentage of all total assessable water pollutants, based on available data as at October 2009. The Local Government Area in which the licensee is situated is included.

Licence No.	Licensee	LGA	08-09 % of Water Assessable Pollutant Load	07-08 % of Water Assessable Pollutant Load
372	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Randwick	40.61	39.08
378	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Manly	35.90	35.09
1688	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Waverley	10.00	8.99
1683	HUNTER WATER CORPORATION	Newcastle	3.87	3.03

766	DELTA ELECTRICITY	City of Lithgow	2.87	3.16
6092	BLUESCOPE STEEL (AIS) PTY LTD	Wollongong	1.41	1.2
779	MACQUARIE GENERATION	Muswellbrook	0.79	0
1728	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Sutherland	0.40	0.47
1771	HUNTER WATER CORPORATION	Lake Macquarie	0.35	0.6
218	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Wollongong	0.35	0.4
2647	WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL	Wyong	0.27	0.15
1802	GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL	Gosford	0.24	0.26
1784	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Pittwater	0.20	0.18
828	ORICA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	Newcastle	0.19	0.18
573	COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL	Coffs Harbour	0.13	0.1
1600	TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL	Tamworth Regional	0.13	0.10
211	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Shellharbour	0.11	0.12
1963	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Blue Mountains	0.08	0.06
733	HUNTER WATER CORPORATION	Maitland	0.08	0.06
1724	SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION	Blacktown	0.08	0.06

(2)

I am advised that the Department of Health is the lead agency responsible for the following studies relating to climate change and health which were funded from the Greenhouse Innovation Fund:

- Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service Heat Wave Plan. The report is available on the website of the Local Government and Shires Association of New South Wales.
- Potential Impacts of Climate Change Related Extreme Weather Events of New South Wales Health Care Infrastructure. The report is available on the website of the University of New South Wales.
- The "Beat the Heat" Campaign by Greater Southern Area Health Service. The project report is available from the Greater Southern Area Health Service.
- The health impacts of heat waves in five regions of New South Wales, Australia: a case-only analysis. The final report is currently in publication.
- A project relating to community resilience and adaptation/mitigation on the Northern Coast of New South Wales. The report is due at the end of October 2009.
- The Health Impacts of Heat across New South Wales. The first report is due in early 2010.
- A benchmark survey on monitoring for *Aedes aegypti* (the mosquito vector for dengue fever) on the North Coast. The report has been published in the journal *Mosquito Bites*, Vol 4, Issue 1, June 2009. The report is also available from the Department of Health.

(3)

Since the Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008 was implemented in March 2008, a total of 426 Penalty Notices have been issued by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water for environmental offences relating to motor vehicle noise.

*3695 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—CULTURAL HERITAGE AND JOINT MANAGEMENT—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1) How many section 90 consents to destroy Aboriginal objects or sites has the Department of Climate Change and the Environment (DECC) issued in 2009?
- (2) How many section 87 consents to damage Aboriginal objects or sites has DECC issued in 2009?
- (3) How many penalties has the Director General enacted against landholders who have illegally destroyed Aboriginal objects or damaged Aboriginal sites in 2009?
- (4)
 - (a) How many staff are employed by the 'Environment Protection and Regulation Group' (EPRG)?
 - (b) How many Aboriginal staff are employed?
- (5) What percentage of the total DECCW budget is allocated to enforcing and monitoring that conditions of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIPs) aren't breached?
- (6) What is the budget for the 'Culture and Heritage Division' of the Department of Environment for 2009-10?
- (7) What is the budget for the processing of applications for consent under section 87 and section 90 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 for 2009-10?
- (8) What is the budget for maintenance and updating of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) for 2009-10?
- (9) How many full time staff (or equivalent) will be employed in the Culture and Heritage Division in 2009-10?
- (10) How many full time staff were employed in the Culture and Heritage Division in the years:
 - (a) 2006-07?
 - (b) 2007-08?
 - (c) 2008-09?
- (11) How many Aboriginal persons were employed in the Culture and Heritage Division in the years:
 - (a) 2006-07?
 - (b) 2007-08?
 - (c) 2008-09?
- (12) Can an update be provided on the progress of targets 12 and 13 under E4 of the NSW State Plan?
- (13) Can progress be reported on the target under E4 of the NSW State Plan "Improve Aboriginal involvement in natural resource management."
- (14)
 - (a) Have 'State of the Catchment' report cards for each of the 13 Catchment Management Authority regions under all the E4 targets been released?
 - (b) If not, when are they due to be released?
- (15)
 - (a) Does the government have an action plan on Aboriginal wellbeing and links to country under F1 and E4 of the State Plan?
 - (b) If so, what is the name of the action plan, what stage of development is it up to?
 - (c) When will it be released to the public?

Answer—

- (1) 1 From 1 January to 28 September 2009, the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECCW) issued 36 section 90 consents (section 90 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits) under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. DECCW also issued 38 combined section 87/90 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits. The combined permits allow for the disturbance or movement of Aboriginal object(s) or disturbing land for the purposes of discovering Aboriginal object(s), while also allowing for some damage, defacement or destruction to certain Aboriginal objects on the land subject to the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit.

- (2) Section 87 permits do not authorise damage to Aboriginal objects or sites. They allow for the disturbance or movement of Aboriginal object(s) or disturbance of land for the purposes of discovering Aboriginal object(s). From 1 January to 28 September 2009, DECCW issued 27 section 87 permits in addition to those mentioned above.
- (3) In 2009, DECCW issued one Penalty Notice to a landholder for illegally destroying or damaging Aboriginal objects or sites, and completed a prosecution relating to the illegal removal of a scarred tree during Council road works.
- (4)
- (a) As at 30 September 2009, the full time equivalent number (FTE) of employees in the Environmental Protection and Regulation Group (EPRG) was 468.62.
- (b) As at 30 September 2009, the total FTE of Aboriginal Staff at DECCW was 264.62. The total FTE of EPRG Aboriginal staff was 5.8. These figures do not include Office of Water and Catchment Management Authority staff.
- (5) DECCW employs over 450 authorised officers in New South Wales. Authorised officers undertake regulatory activities across the range of environmental issues, not specifically in enforcing and monitoring conditions of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits. DECCW integrates its compliance functions across EPRG. The proportion of budget applied to Aboriginal Heritage compliance is approximately 2 per cent. This is in the context of DECCW managing approximately 32,000 licenses and 360 approvals annually and acknowledging that the 101 section 87 and 90 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits issued between January and September 2009 are a proportion of these.
- (6) The total recurrent budget for the Culture and Heritage Division of DECCW for 2009/2010 is \$8.7 million.
- (7) DECCW integrates the processing of applications for consent under sections 87 and/or 90 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 within the EPRG. The proportion of the 2009/2010 budget for processing these applications is approximately \$1,500,000.
- (8) The total budget for maintenance and updating of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System for 2009/2010 is approximately \$1.18 million.
- (9) As at 30 September 2009 there were 90.26 FTE employees in the Cultural and Heritage Division (CHD) of DECCW.
- (10)
- (a) As at June 2007, there were 79.9 FTE employees in CHD.
- (b) As at June 2008, there were 90.4 FTE employees in CHD.
- (c) As at June 2009, there were 91.61 FTE employees in CHD.
- (11)
- (a) In 2006/2007 there were 43.5 Aboriginal FTE employees in CHD.
- (b) In 2007/2008 there were 61.4 Aboriginal FTE employees in CHD.
- (c) In 2008/2009 there were 58.5 Aboriginal FTE employees in CHD.
- (12) Collaborative efforts across State Government agencies, Catchment Management Authorities and the community have been positive and have been reported in the State Plan Annual Report which is available on the New South Wales Government's website. In the last annual reporting period there were 8715 events organised to increase community capacity and over 140,000 people attended these events. Over five years there has been the equivalent of ten agreements signed every working day, including over 13,000 voluntary conservation agreements and over 1,000 conservation covenants placed on land titles. Up to the end of March 2009, more than 1,200 voluntary Property Vegetation Plans had been approved, of which over 880 include incentive payments to assist farmers to improve or protect native vegetation on their land.
- (13) Government activity to enhance Aboriginal participation in natural resource management includes:
- Establishing Aboriginal cultural values assessment standards, tools and priorities to assist land-use planning and natural resource management investment decision making.
 - Implementing the 'Land Alive' program to support Aboriginal land-owners to participate in the New South Wales Bio-banking program.
 - The Many Rivers Regional Partnership Agreement to support Indigenous Green Teams.

- Creation of Catchment Management Authority Aboriginal Reference Groups to increase participation in regional natural resource management decision.

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(14)

- No.
- State of the Catchments Reports are due to be released following release of the 2009 State of the Environment Report, which is anticipated to be in December 2009.

(15)

- The Government is developing a framework on strengthening Aboriginal community wellbeing under priority F1 of the State Plan, and as part of the Two Ways Together Program.
- Following consultation with Aboriginal communities, the name has been changed from Building Community Resilience to Strengthening Aboriginal Community Wellbeing, as many communities commented that they did not favour the term "resilience". DECCW is currently developing a toolkit to provide guidance on the implementation of the framework. Action plan development is being led by DECCW in partnership with stakeholders and other government agencies.
- It is intended that the toolkit will be available early in 2010.

*3696 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- How many Government departments participate in Sustainability Advantage?
 - If Sustainability Advantage is the Government's flagship program for developing sustainable environment performance,
 - Have all Government Departments signed up?
 - If not, why not?
 - Taking the graphs in the 'Waste and Recycling in Australia, Final Report (2008)' by Hyder Consulting into account, which present a factual representation of where the Government is on waste management and resource recovery, does the Minister believe that New South Wales is a leader on waste?
 - In my discussions with inter-state counter parts about the Environment Protection and Heritage Council and its assessment of a national container deposit scheme many people have suggested that NSW representatives are the main stumbling block to Australia implementing a national container deposit scheme. Will the Minister outline the NSW Government's main objections to a national container deposit scheme?
- (5)
- Will the Minister outline how Waste Service Performance Improvement Payments for Local Councils are determined?
 - Are they based upon performance based assessments?
 - If so, what are those specific performance indicators?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 15 Government agencies and state owned corporations participate in Sustainability Advantage.
- (2) Sustainability Advantage is a voluntary program, funded to recruit organisations primarily from the private and not-for-profit sectors. As at 1 October 2009 Sustainability Advantage had 325 members and expects to have 1000 participants by 2013. A number of state agencies and state owned corporations have joined Sustainability Advantage to progress their sustainability approaches and more are expected to join.
- (3) I am advised that the Hyder Report, Waste and Recycling Australia was commissioned by the Australian Government in 2006 and submitted to a Productivity Commission Inquiry into waste generation and resource efficiency in Australia. The Report was updated and finalised in 2008, but has been criticised by all jurisdictions for the poor quality of the data it contains. New South Wales has set ambitious recycling targets to be achieved by 2014, and is well on the way to achieving them.
- (4) New South Wales Government representatives strongly support a thorough and transparent analysis of a national container deposit scheme by the Environment Protection and Heritage Council to ensure an informed decision is reached.
- (5)
 - (a) Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments for local government are determined as required by Part 5, Clause 46E of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005.
 - (b) They are based upon guidelines that outline the criteria councils must address to be eligible for payment. These guidelines are available on the internet at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/waste/lcwpip.htm.
 - (c) To be eligible for payments, councils must follow the program guidelines and meet annual waste and sustainability standards. The standards are developed in consultation with a steering committee comprising local government representatives and the Local Government and Shires Associations.

*3697 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—WATER AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1) What percentage of the \$19.1 million Local Government Grants Program for estuary, coastal and flood plain management activities will go to the Coastal Management Program?
- (2) What was the 2008-09 Budget for the Local Government Grants Program for estuary, coastal and flood plain management activities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 16 per cent (\$3.067 million) of this year's total funding for the Local Government Grants Program for estuary, coastal and floodplain activities was allocated to the Coastal Management Program.
- (2) The 2008/09 budget for the Local Government Grants Program for estuary, coastal and floodplain management activities was \$3.15 million, \$3.067 million and \$7.97 million respectively.

*3698 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—GROWTH CENTRES—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1) The NSW Government proposed that as a result of the development of the Sydney Growth Centres that a \$530 million conservation offset program would be established to protect Priority Conservation Areas within the Cumberland Plain.
 - (a) Has there been any reduction in that amount?
 - (b) If so, why and what is the new proposed amount?
- (2) Has any funding been given to the Department of Climate Change and the Environment (DECC) from the conservation offset program and if so what amount?
- (3)

- (a) Has DECC received any of the Sydney Growth Centres conservation funding?
 - (b) If so, how much?
- (4)
- (a) If DECC has received Growth Centres funding, has any of it been spent acquiring Western Sydney Priority Conservation Areas?
 - (b) If so, what sites have been acquired?
 - (c) How much did they cost?
 - (d) If not, what has the received funding been spent on?
- (5) Does DECC intend to spend any of the Sydney Growth Centres Conservation Offset Program Funding on acquiring land outside of the Cumberland Plain?
- (6)
- (a) Is the success of DECC's proposed Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan dependent on the Sydney Growth Centres Conservation Offset Program Funding?
 - (b) If not why?
- (7)
- (a) Will the success of the Recovery Plan depend on the protection of Western Sydney Priority Conservation Areas?
 - (b) How does DECC propose to protect those areas?
- (8)
- (a) Has DECC held discussions with the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council about the conservation of the Priority Conservation Areas in their ownership?
 - (b) If so, what outcomes were reached?
- (9)
- (a) The ADI Site contained populations of Eastern Grey and Red Kangaroos. How many Kangaroos were on the site prior to the commencement of the program to reduce the Kangaroo population?
 - (b) What methods were used to reduce the Kangaroo population?
- (10)
- (a) How many Kangaroos were killed as a result of the population reduction program?
 - (b) How many died whilst being herded, how many died during treatment and how many died post treatment?
 - (c) How did they die during the process?
- (11) How many Red Kangaroos are left and how was their population reduced?
- (12) How many Eastern Grey Kangaroos are currently on the site?
- (13) What was the involvement of Tony English in the population reduction program?
- (14)
- (a) Were University Researchers involved in the trialling of any contraceptive drugs on the Kangaroos?
 - (b) If so, who were they and from what Universities and what drugs were trialled?
- (15) Was it the case that the female Kangaroos were first implanted with a contraceptive and then some time later surgically sterilised?
- (16) Does the Minister believe that the population reduction program was implemented humanely?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) No, the amount remains at \$530 million in 2005/06 dollar values over a 30-40 year period in line with future development.
 - (b) Not Applicable.
- (2) Yes. The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water has received or will receive a

total of \$1,978,000 in current dollar values over the two year period for 2008/09 and 2009/10.

- (3)
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) See response to Question 2.
- (4)
- (a) A portion of the future allocations of the Growth Centres funding for the three years 2010/11 to 2012/13 has been committed as repayments for the purchase of the proposed new reserve at Cranebrook.
 - (b) Not Applicable
 - (c) Not Applicable
 - (d) Of the \$1,978,000 allocated to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water for 2008/09 and 09/10, \$583,000 has or will be spent on assessing and identifying properties for possible expenditure. The remaining \$1,395,000 will be spent this financial year on either acquiring appropriate sites or establishing a biobanking agreement on the best available land, consistent with the priorities approved in the certification.
- (5) As required by the Growth Centres Certification, acquiring land outside of the Cumberland Plain could be a second preference if no suitable land is available within the Cumberland Plain.
- (6)
- (a) The proposed Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan has four main objectives, of which only one directly benefits from land acquisitions through the Growth Centres Conservation Offset Program Funding.
 - (b) See above.
- (7)
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) The recovery plan promotes a range of conservation mechanisms to secure biodiversity outcomes within the western Sydney priority conservation lands. It is intended that the complementary measures will include formal reservation, voluntary conservation agreements, environmental protection zoning, BioBanking agreements, joint management agreements and conservation incentives funding programs on private or public land.
- (8)
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) The discussion related to the possible implications for the land council of having portions of its land identified in the priority conservation lands. No specific decisions were taken from these initial discussions.
- (9)
- (a) Approx. 2275 3200 eastern grey kangaroos and 248 448 red kangaroos
 - (b) Female contraceptive implant and surgical sterilisation.
- (10)
- (a) There have been 420 mortalities directly related to the surgical sterilisation process (2202 sterilisation procedures have been performed out of approximately 5667 capture events where some animals were captured more than once).
 - (b) Approximately 369 mortalities have been attributed to the pre-sterilisation process (e.g. herding, transport, sedating and anaesthetising). 16 mortalities were recorded during the surgery process. Approximately 35 mortalities have been attributed to post-treatment activities (e.g. transport and release).
 - (c) Natural causes, pre-existing conditions, surgery related, musculoskeletal, post capture stress syndrome and respiratory distress during transport.
- (11) Approximately 230 remain. The population was treated in the same way as the Eastern Grey Kangaroos.
- (12) Approximately 1790.
- (13) Emeritus Professor English is the independent Supervisory Veterinarian.

- (14)
- (a) No. A drug was chosen based on accepted current practice.
 - (b) Not Applicable
- (15) Yes (1662 females were implanted)
- (16) Yes the population reduction program was the most humane management option for this population of macropods.

*3699 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1) Will the Minister advise the energy savings outcomes (in total MWh saved) and greenhouse gas reduction outcomes (avoided CO₂ eq per year) for each program administered by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) under the NSW Climate Change Fund for 2008-09?
- (2) What is the emission abatement cost per tonne of CO₂eq per year under each NSW Climate Change Fund program administered by DECC in 2008-09?
- (3) Is the Minister concerned that no tidal or wave energy projects have been supported under the Renewable Energy Development Program?
- (4)
 - (a) Has the NSW Government or the Department mapped potential tidal or wave energy generation potential?
 - (b) If so, will the Minister provide details of mapping?
- (5) What percentage of the NSW Climate Change Fund is made up of funds from the Environmental Trust in 2008-09?
- (6)
 - (a) The NSW Climate Change Fund is made up of funds collected from water and electricity providers through Contribution Orders. Have the contribution orders increased?
 - (b) If so, is the Minister satisfied that the level of funding generated through the contribution orders is sufficient to maintain the current portfolio of programs under the Fund?
- (7) In a recent IPART report on climate change mitigation programs some recommendations stated that funding should be coming from Treasury and not the Climate Change program, in particular a recommendation related to the School Energy Efficiency Program. Are there any other programs that DECC or Minister expect to be funded by sources other than the NSW Climate Change fund?
- (8) The NSW Clean Coal Fund is funded under the NSW Climate Change Fund.
 - (a) Can the Minister advise whether any economic modeling of emission reduction cost effectiveness is available or has been undertaken by DECC on the NSW Clean Coal Fund?
 - (b) What type of market failure is the NSW Clean Coal Fund attempting to address?

Answer—

- (1) The 2008/09 New South Wales Climate Change Fund Annual Report will detail fund allocations and anticipated benefits, with reference to the key performance indicators and purposes of the Fund. This report will be tabled in Parliament by the end of December 2009, in accordance with the requirements of the Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987.
- (2) This information will be provided in the 2008/09 New South Wales Climate Change Fund Annual Report.
- (3) The Renewable Energy Development Program is a competitive funding program to support the early commercialisation of renewable energy technologies in New South Wales. Three tidal or wave power projects applied for funding for the first round of the Program. None were successful. Tidal and wave power projects will be eligible to apply for funds in the future.
- (4) No.
- (5) This information will be provided in the 2008/09 New South Wales Climate Change Fund Annual Report.

- (6)
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) Yes. Contributions are determined on an annual basis to match funding requirements.
- (7) The New South Wales Government has published a response to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) review of New South Wales climate change mitigation measures. Funding of climate change mitigation measures outside the Climate Change Fund would be subject to the normal budgetary process.
- (8) The Clean Coal Fund is administered by the New South Wales Clean Coal Council, which falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Mineral Resources, the Hon Ian Macdonald MLC.
- (a) No
 - (b) As noted in the recent IPART review of New South Wales climate change mitigation measures, the Clean Coal Fund appropriately targets market failures relating to the development, demonstration and commercialisation of technologies with a high financial risk and weak market pull.

*3700 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—TOURISM AND NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1) What is the total level of funding allocated in the agency to undertake reform of tourism operations within national parks?
- (2) What is the funding level allocated to the Tourism and Partnerships Branch?
- (3) What is the amount of funding allocated to national parks and tourism consultants in the last financial year, including to
 - (a) The Leap Agency?
 - (b) Innovative Tourism?
 - (c) AgEcon Plus?
 - (d) Roy Morgan?
 - (e) Sanmor Consulting?
 - (f) Planning for People?
- (4)
 - (a) Did the claim that developing national parks with commercial facilities, including accommodation will give a maximum contribution to regional economies and maximise conservation revenues while keeping parks as natural as possible?
 - (b) If so, will the Minister give a detailed, peer reviewed justification of this claim?
- (5)
 - (a) Is the tying of national park commercial development plans to expanding national park tenure similar to the arrangement reached by the Hon Frank Sartor in MOUs with Rose Group, described by Justice David Lloyd as a "land bribe"?
 - (b) Should expanding national park tenure be driven by conservation needs?
- (6) Will this public-private development regime involving national park land lead to a retreat of State Government funding for parks and park jobs?
- (7) In the previous financial year how much money was allocated to acquire land in the inner catchment, known as Special Areas?
- (8) Did the Sydney Catchment Authority purchase any lands with the funds allocated and if so how much land was acquired and where?
- (9) Does the Sydney Catchment Authority have plans for future land acquisition, and if so what is its land acquisition strategy and what are the priority areas for acquisition within Special Area catchments, that are closer to stored waters, relative to other lands?

Answer—

- (1) The allocation made to encourage greater visitation to national parks, strengthen community connection with nature and cultural heritage, and build a stronger support base for conservation has been achieved within existing budget allocations of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW).
- (2) The Tourism and Partnership Branch was formed through amalgamating existing resources within the Parks and Wildlife Group of DECCW. The purpose of creating a separate branch was to strengthen the profile of opportunities for people to visit and experience National parks and engage the community in conservation. It also consists of areas devoted to leasing and licensing agreements and business operations. The net cost of services for the DECCW Tourism and Partnerships Branch last financial year was \$3.86 million.
- (3) A number of consultants assisted DECCW to identify and develop a state-wide approach to strengthening community support for conservation. The following amounts have been paid to consultants, which developed and facilitated sessions at National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) staff workshops on tourism and partnerships around the state (four locations):
 - (a) The Leap Agency: \$4,950
 - (b) AgEcon Plus: \$8,489
 - (c) Sanmor Consulting: \$7,428
 - (d) Planning for People: \$66,823 Planning for People developed a state-wide Sustainable Tourism and Recreation Strategy including consultation with 18 NPWS regions and field-based staff: \$169,368.
 - (e) Roy Morgan developed and undertook a comprehensive visitation survey: \$133,350.
- (4)
 - (a) Providing opportunities for people to experience and enjoy national parks, for example through iconic walks, encourages visitors to stay longer in areas surrounding national parks. Unique accommodation experiences provided through adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, such as lighthouse cottages and homesteads, adds to the diversity of experiences in a region. The provision of such facilities within national parks also creates employment opportunities for local service providers. DECCW retains revenue from its on-park operations for reinvestment in conservation activities. In addition, adaptive reuse assists to offset the high maintenance costs of heritage buildings and ensures that these special places remain relevant and open to the community. Any proposal for on-park accommodation facilities needs to meet strict sustainability standards and is only considered following consultation with the community.
 - (b) See above.
- (5)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) DECCW has developed and released a National Parks Establishment Plan that identifies priorities for acquisitions based on conservation needs. All acquisition programs are consistent with this plan.
- (6) No.
- (7) (8) and (9) These matters fall within the portfolio responsibility of my colleague, the Hon Phil Costa MP, Minister for Water and Minister for Regional Development.

*3701 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1)
 - (a) Do programs included in the NSW Climate Change fund have to meet cost effectiveness criteria in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving energy and water efficiency?
 - (b) If so, was this maximum cost per MWh saved, GHG avoided and ML of water saved allowed under NSW Climate Change Fund programs?
- (2) Currently the overall emission reduction cost of the NSW Climate Change Fund is approximately \$172 a tonne of CO₂ equivalent per year according to data provided in the DECC 2008 Annual Report? Can this cost be reduced or is the cost a reflection of program design that seeks to address market failures not addressed by CPRS?

- (3)
- (a) Are any demographic or geographic patterns in the rebate payments to households under the Residential Rebate Program?
 - (i) If so, what is the nature of these demographic patterns?
 - (ii) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the number and type of rebates and total cost of rebates by Local Government Area on notice?
- (4) Is there a problem with providing \$25 million dollars to the Clean Coal Fund for an industry already well establish with considerable market power and capitalization and then only providing \$7.5 million for large-scale renewable energy generation projects which face significant market entry barriers?
- (5) Based upon figures in the recent IPART report and the DECC 2008 Annual Report the Fridge Buyback scheme reduced GHG emission by 152,000 at a cost of \$2.8 million translating to an emission reduction cost of \$18 dollars per tonne of CO₂equivalent. In comparison the NSW Biofuel mandate is calculated to cost \$800 a tonne of CO₂ equivalent to reduce emissions.
- (a) Does DECC support the continuation of a scheme that achieves that type of emission reduction cost effectiveness?
 - (b) Does DECC or the Minister agree with the recommendations of IPART for an independent review of the biofuel mandate?
- (6)
- (a) What percentage of businesses who have received funding under the NSW Climate Change program have demonstrated non-compliance with Environmental Protection Licences or are subject to orders or agreements under the Contaminated Lands Management Act?
 - (b)
 - (i) Will the Minister provide the names of the businesses that have received funding under the NSW Climate Change Fund that have Environmental Protection Licence non-compliance or orders/agreements under the Contaminated Lands Management Act?
 - (ii) How much funding they received under the program?
- (7)
- (a) How many private golf courses received funding under the NSW Climate Change programs and what was the total amount of funding?
 - (b) Withstanding the large volumes of water private gold courses use, is it appropriate for government funding to be used for irrigation systems improvement on private golf courses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) Cost effectiveness is only one evaluation criteria.
 - (b) The cost effectiveness of funding across the range of programs is reported annually as a key performance indicator of the Fund.
- (2) The Climate Change Fund Annual Report 2007-08 details expenditure and outcomes under the Fund. Using figures in this report, the cost of overall emission reduction is around \$17 a tonne per year, as funding levels are total, not annual, figures. These figures do not take account of other benefits derived from the projects, particularly for reducing peak energy demand and supporting the wider adoption of new energy technologies. Cost effectiveness is a selection criteria for contestable projects funded under the Climate Change Fund.
- (3)
- (a) The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) regularly reports the geographic distribution of Residential Rebate Payments by local government area
 - (i) No demographic analysis of rebate payments has been undertaken, as personal information is not sought from applicants.
 - (ii) This information is publicly available on the DECCW website.

- (4) The New South Wales Government supports renewable energy development improvements in non-renewable energy generators and more efficient use of energy. All are essential components of a low carbon, clean energy future.
- (5)
- (a) and (b) The New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal assessed the Biofuel (Ethanol Content) Act 2007 as part of its Review of New South Wales Climate Change Mitigation Measures and, in response to the Tribunal's recommendations, the New South Wales Government decided that: "The program will already be reviewed every three years in accordance with s.28 of the Biofuel (Ethanol Content) Act 2007. These three-yearly reviews are sufficient to ensure that policy settings remain valid. It is too early to undertake an economic review as the program has only been running for 18 months and the amendment Act has not yet commenced. An economic assessment at this time is unlikely to accurately reflect the future economic benefit of biofuels."
- (6) All recipients of funding, all licence non-compliances and all regulated contaminated sites are listed on the DECCW website. In many cases, large companies with multiple sites are involved, so some large entities may appear on more than one of these lists. For example, large supermarket chains would be simultaneously cleaning up old service station sites at the same time that they are investing in energy and water savings measures.
- (7)
- (a) 6 private golf courses have been allocated \$3.47 million in funding to save an estimated 3.6 billion litres of water over 10 years.
- (b) A primary goal of the Climate Change Fund is to support the development and uptake of water saving behaviours and technologies in homes, businesses, government facilities, schools and the community. Supporting reduced water consumption in businesses such as private golf courses can deliver significant water savings in keeping with this goal.

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*3703 PREMIER—SECONDMENT OF SKILLED STAFF—Mr Ajaka asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Have staff with industrial relations skills been seconded from other departments to the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- (2) If so,
- (a) how many staff have been seconded, and for how long?
- (b) what is the purpose of the secondment?
- (c) in what functional area of the Department are they working in?

Answer—

- (1) and (2)

Staff are regularly seconded from other departments to the Department of Premier & Cabinet. Staff are seconded by various Divisions of the Department from time to time. It is not possible to identify all seconded staff who have industrial relations skills.

*3704 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—DOING BUSINESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY FUNDING—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the total amount of funding devolved to institutes as a result of 'Doing Business in the 21st Century'?
- (2)
- (a) Did the Deputy Director General TAFE state on 8 September that funding had been provided to

the institutes?

- (b) Did the institute Director in the Illawarra say on 26 August that no 'extra funding had been received'?
- (c) Why is there a discrepancy?
- (d) Has the funding been provided to the institute?
- (e) If so, when and which institute?
- (f) if not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Around \$4.4 million.

(2)

- (a) Yes
- (b) No. On 26 August 2009, the Illawarra Institute Director said she expected the 2009/10 Institute budget to be finalised in September 2009 including additional funding arising from the 21st Century reforms.
- (c) There is no discrepancy.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Additional funding was provided to all Institutes, including Illawarra. TAFE Institute budgets for 2009/10 were finalised in August and September 2009.
- (f) Not Applicable.

*3705 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—DOING BUSINESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY INSTITUTE POSITIONS—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) As a result of the 'Doing Business in the 21st Century' funding, which additional positions have been created in each institutes to undertake the work once undertaken by TAFE Curriculum Centres?

Answer—

(1)

As a result of 'Doing Business in the 21st Century', the TAFE Training and Education Support area was created to provide Institutes with an integrated service that supports their delivery of flexible and responsive training products and services. This central support area is aligned to the national Industry Skills Councils.

Each Institute makes its own decisions about staffing requirements, based on the needs of its local industries and communities. Additional funding was provided to Institutes in 2009/10 to support the delivery of qualifications.

*3706 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—TAFE EQUITY PROGRAMS—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) As a result of 'Doing Business in the 21st Century', did TAFE cut its central Equity Units, including Multicultural, Disabilities, Outreach and Gender Equity?
- (2) How are TAFE Equity programs now coordinated state-wide?
- (3) How are such programs funded?

Answer—

- (1) As a result of 'Doing Business in the 21st Century', TAFE has adopted a social inclusion model of delivery for equity support services. Under this model, the Social Inclusion and Vocational Access Skills Unit was created to support Institutes in delivering integrated equity responses. The unit has three senior specialist positions, Manager Disabilities, Manager Cultural Diversity and Manager Partnerships and Workforce Participation (which includes gender equity and Outreach).
- (2) The vast bulk of equity programs continue to be coordinated by Institutes, with around 260 Institute staff providing specialist expertise and targeted service delivery to equity groups in collaboration

with local communities and advocacy groups. The Social Inclusion and Vocational Access Skills Unit provides advice and support to Institutes in relation to the delivery of these services. In addition, the TAFE Equity Committee continues to act as the key forum for sharing best practice and identifying new and emerging national and state developments. It is chaired by an Institute Director and membership includes senior managers from Institutes and the equity managers from the Social Inclusion and Vocational Access Skills Unit.

(3) Funding for equity programs is part of each Institute's annual budget.

*3707 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—TAFE PLUS STUDENT NUMBERS—Dr Kaye asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- (1) What is the number or percentage of students enrolled in TAFE Plus (commercial courses) for each of the followings:
 - (a) with a disability?
 - (b) from a non-English speaking background?
 - (c) Aboriginal heritage?
- (2) Has the increase in commercial courses meant that less equity services are provided for students?

Answer—

- (1) In 2008, total enrolments in TAFE Plus courses included:
 - (a) 3,119 students with a disability.
 - (b) 10,011 students from language backgrounds other than English.
 - (c) 3,349 Aboriginal students.
- (2) No.

3708 TREASURER—INTEGRAL ENERGY SUBSTATION POLICY—Dr Kaye to ask the Treasurer—

*3709 ENERGY—GRANVILLE ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

- (1)
 - (a) Has Integral Energy adopted the Energy Networks Association (ENA) Policy Statement on Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs)?
 - (b) Does ENA's Policy Statement on EMFs recommend "to members of the energy supply industry that, within Australian health guidelines, they design and operate their electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems prudently."?
 - (c) Does ENA, in its policy, state that:
 - (i) "prudence" embraces a range of actions that could include "practising prudent avoidance when designing and siting new transmission and distribution facilities."?
 - (ii) prudent avoidance has been defined by the former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Sir Harry Gibbs as doing what can be done without undue inconvenience and at modest expense to avert the possible risk to health from exposure to new high voltage transmission facilities. In practical terms, this means designing new transmission and distribution facilities having regard to their capacity to produce EMFs, and siting them having regard to the proximity of houses, schools and the like?
- (2) Does Integral Energy plan to site an electricity substation with 132kV transformers and high voltage cables in Elizabeth Street Granville adjacent to residential properties and Granville TAFE College students lunch area, with high voltage cabling running next to the TAFE child care centre and other family day care centres?
- (3) Do local residents have serious concerns about potential health impacts if the electricity substation is located at the proposed site in Elizabeth Street Granville?
- (4) Are there a number alternative locations in the area at which a substation could be sited?

- (5) Will Integral Energy practise prudent avoidance as set out in ENA's Policy Statement on Electric and Magnetic Fields, and select one of the identified less dangerous alternative sites in the area to construct the electricity substation?
- (6) Will Integral Energy be directed to site the new substation at an alternative location?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) (b) and (c) Yes.
- (2) Integral Energy plans to site an electricity substation with 132kv transformer and high voltage cables in Elizabeth Street, Granville. The new Granville Zone Substation and associated transmission feeders are designed to contemporary standards and utilise technologies and techniques to reduce electrical and magnetic fields to as low as possible while allowing for the efficient and cost-effective development of the electricity distribution network. The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) is the Commonwealth agency responsible for the regulation of electric and magnetic fields. ARPANSA commenced the development of a new standard in 2002 which will replace the international interim guideline on electric and magnetic fields adopted by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia (NHMRC) for limits of exposure to power frequency electric and magnetic fields. The NHMRC guidelines state that the general public should not be exposed to electric and magnetic fields greater than 1,000 milligauss (mG) on a continuous basis whereas the present draft of the ARPANSA standard increases the general public exposure level to 3,000mG. The forecast magnetic fields along the western boundary of Integral Energy's Elizabeth Street property would be less than 10mG except in the vicinity of the capacitor rooms where measurements would be up to 20mG. As the zone substation transformers will be more than 9 metres from the eastern and rear property boundaries, the magnetic fields are forecast to be negligible in these areas. The forecast magnetic fields on the property boundary of the new substation will be less than 0.5% of the ARPANSA draft standard and comparable if not lower than typical fields generated by common household electrical appliances which can emit fields of up to 30mG
- (3) Any residents with concerns regarding electric and magnetic fields should contact the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA). ARPANSA is the Commonwealth Government agency charged with responsibility for protecting the health and safety of people, and the environment, from the harmful effects of ionising and non ionising radiation. As stated in (2), the forecast magnetic fields on the property boundary of the new substation will be less than 0.5% of the ARPANSA draft standard for the general public's exposure to power frequency electric and magnetic fields.
- (4) I met recently with a group of concerned residents who have proposed a number of alternate locations for the substation. I have requested that Integral Energy meet with me to discuss the residents' concerns and suggestions.
- (5) Integral Energy will practice prudent avoidance as set out in ENA's Policy Statement on Electric and Magnetic Fields.
- (6) See question 4.

*3710 LANDS—TRAVELING STOCK ROUTES IN HUNTER—Ms Hale asked the Minister for Lands—

- (1) Based on existing decision-making framework for the pilot assessment in Hunter, should the High Conservation Value Traveling Stock Routes (TSR) areas adjacent to reserves, such as Cedar Brush TSR, be handed to Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) management?
- (2) If so, has it been handed to DECCW?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No. The assessment process identified the Cedar Brush Travelling Stock Routes (TSR) as suitable to be reserved for the public purposes of travelling stock and environmental protection.
- (2) Not Applicable.
- (3) The relevant Livestock Health and Pest Authority has not decided whether it will relinquish control

of the Cedar Brush TSR.

3711 POLICE—UNSOLVED HOMICIDE TEAM—Mr Gallacher to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Police—

*3712 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—FLYING FOXES—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

(1)

- (a) Are permits issued to kill flying foxes solely because they are a threat to property?
- (b) Is a milk dependant young flying fox 30km's away from the orchard a threat to property?

(2) Do wildlife rehabilitation groups, licensed by the Department, have a high success rate in rehabilitating orphaned flying foxes?

(3) How does the killing of young who are found on their mother's body or in the camp being considered as the best interests of the welfare of the animal?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Licences are issued to mitigate damage to commercial fruit crops.
- (b) No.

(2) The success of hand raising flying foxes is quite high. However, there is a lack of data available on post-release success.

(3) The question relates to provisions contained in an early draft of Standard Operating Procedures for licensed shooting of flying-foxes being prepared by the Department of Industry and Investment. Those provisions are still under review.

*3713 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—2009/2010 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

(1) What steps will be taken to ensure that the 2009/2010 floodplain management program allocation of \$7.97M is spent as grants to local government and as intended?

(2)

- (a) Will any unspent funds be rolled over in to future years?
- (b) If not, why not?

(3) Can the Commonwealth Government matching funds used in the program be rolled over?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The State Floodplain Management Program is being actively managed to maximise program expenditure. Grant offers for this financial year have been bought forward to August to provide councils with additional time to complete their projects.

- (a) No.
- (b) Funding from Treasury is provided for the annual year only and therefore cannot be rolled over. Grant funds have been fully expended in recent years.

(2) There are no Commonwealth matching funds used in this program.

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- 3714 TRANSPORT—REGIONAL ROAD GRANTS CHANGES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3715 TRANSPORT—ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW—Ms Ficarra to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3716 WATER—LAKE CARGELLIGO—Mr Cohen to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Regional Development—
- *3717 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—SEX OFFENDER PROGRAMS—Ms Hale asked the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- (1) Are sex offender programs still offered at the Long Bay Correctional Complex, Malabar?
 - (2) What programs do Corrective Services provide within the community to assist sexual offenders once they are released from gaol?
 - (3) What support is made available to sex offenders when they have completed programs that attempt to modify their behaviour?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
 - (2) Corrective Services New South Wales provides treatment programs in the community for offenders, which have been developed based on the CORE custodial program.
 - (3) A post-release maintenance program is run for offenders who have completed a treatment program whilst in custody (i.e., CUBIT or CORE). The aim of this program is to maintain treatment gains as well as to assist offenders to implement relapse prevention strategies in a community context.
- *3718 HEALTH—REUSE OF SURGICAL TUBING—Mr Colless asked the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- (1) What is the hospital protocol for the use and reuse of gastroscopy and colonoscopy surgical tubing?
 - (2) Does the box and sealed wrapping this surgical tubing is shipped in display a warning that the tubing is not for reuse?
 - (3) Have 218 patients at the Inverell Hospital been affected by the reuse of this equipment?
 - (4) What was the risk of cross infection from blood borne diseases from this lapse in protocol?
 - (5) Have any or all of the 218 affected persons been tested for infectious blood borne diseases?
 - (6) How many patients are infected with infectious diseases
 - (7) How many were infected as a result of this lapse in protocol?
 - (8) What action have been taken to prevent a recurrence of this sequence of events at Inverell Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) All hospital staff are required to follow New South Wales Health Policy 2007_036_ Infection Control Policy.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Procedures for 218 patients involved the use of this tubing.
- (4) A Statewide expert clinical group has assessed the risk of contamination as low.
- (5) 210 patients have been tested, of the remaining 8, 2 have declined testing and the remainder are being actively followed up by health service staff.
- (6) None have been identified to date.
- (7) None have been identified to date.

(8) This practice was ceased immediately and staff have been counselled in knowledge and adherence to Policy 2007_36.

3719 PLANNING—SALTWATER DEVELOPMENT - SOUTH WEST ROCKS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

3720 FAIR TRADING—OWNER BUILDER COURSE PROVIDERS—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

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3721 TREASURER—LANDCOM LANDBANK—Mr Pearce to ask the Treasurer—

3722 TREASURER—LANDCOM DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Pearce to ask the Treasurer—

3723 TREASURER—LOTS HELD BY LANDCOM—Mr Pearce to ask the Treasurer—

3724 TREASURER—LOTS HELD BY LANDCOM BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Pearce to ask the Treasurer—

3725 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NORSKE SKOG TREATED WASTE WATER—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

3726 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

3727 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

3728 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE COMPLIANCE—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

3729 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NORSKE SKOG AND FORESTS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—

3730 COMMUNITY SERVICES—MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development representing the Minister for Community Services, and Minister for Women—

3731 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES—MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- 3732 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- 3733 HEALTH—MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 3734 TRANSPORT—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3735 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—PROPOSED TRANSGRID BONSHAW TO LISMORE TRANSMISSION LINES—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3736 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BLACK CAT REPORT—Mr Gay to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 3737 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHERS BY POSTCODE—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 3738 FAIR TRADING—YOUNG CHILDREN FALLING FROM WINDOWS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 3739 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—RAINWATER TANK REBATE—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3740 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—CEILING INSULATION REBATE—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3741 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—WASHING MACHINE REBATE—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3742 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—HOT WATER SYSTEM REBATE—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3743 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—FYING FOXES—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3744 DISABILITY SERVICES—HOME MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE SCHEME—Mr Cohen to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- 3745 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—SYDNEY CARBON MARKET TASKFORCE—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3746 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—SKY CRANES—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3747 HEALTH—PROGRAM OF APPLIANCES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE - FUNDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 3748 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—ROTARY WING HELICOPTER TENDER—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3749 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Cohen to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3750 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—BOTANICAL GARDENS—Ms Cusack to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3751 TREASURER—SALES OF LANDCOM LOTS OR DWELLINGS—Mr Pearce to ask the Treasurer—

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- 3752 EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL FIRE SERVICE INCIDENTS—Mrs Pavey to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 3753 EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL FIRE SERVICE SECONDARY SCHOOL CADET PROGRAM—Mrs Pavey to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 3754 TRANSPORT—MACARTHUR STATION CARPARK—Mr Lynn to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- 3755 POLICE—SECURE PLATES—Ms Ficarra to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Police—
- 3756 HEALTH—BATHURST HOSPITAL HERITAGE BUILDING—Mr Colless to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 3757 HEALTH—REMEDICATION WORKS AT BATHURST HOSPITAL—Mr Colless to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

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- 3758 POLICE—ATTESTATION OF PROBATIONARY CONSTABLES—Mr Gallacher to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State representing the Minister for Police—
- 3759 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—BLOCKED WEBSITES IN SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- 3760 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—INTERNET FIREWALL RULES—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- 3761 WATER—NORTH CURL CURL WASTE WATER STORAGE FACILITY—Dr Kaye to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Regional Development—
- 3762 HEALTH—FORBES DIALYSIS UNIT—Mr Gay to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 3763 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—FAIRFIELD CITY FARM—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3764 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—NACE CIVIL ENGINEERING PTY LTD—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Minister for Energy, Minister for Corrective Services, Minister for Public Sector Reform, Special Minister of State—
- 3765 PLANNING—STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY AND ASBESTOS IN HOUSES—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—
- 3766 HEALTH—HEALTH IMPACTS OF FOOD ADDITIVES AND NITROGEN FERTILISERS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—
- 3767 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—HEALTH IMPACTS OF FOOD ADDITIVES AND NITROGEN FERTILISERS—Dr Kaye to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Mineral Resources, Minister for State Development—
- 3768 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SCHOOL TERM HOSTELS—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- 3769 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—SPECIAL LANGUAGE CLASSES—Dr Kaye to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Education and Training—

- 3770 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SHARING AND RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Ms Cusack to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council—
- 3771 EMERGENCY SERVICES—SYDNEYALERT SYSTEM—Mrs Pavey to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 3772 EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL FIRE SERVICE MEDIA BUDGET—Mrs Pavey to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 3773 EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL FIRE SERVICE MEMBERSHIP—Mrs Pavey to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 3774 EMERGENCY SERVICES—RESIDENTIAL TIMBER LOG WALLS—Mrs Pavey to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 3775 TREASURER—GOODS AND SERVICES TAX COMMENTS—Dr Kaye to ask the Treasurer—

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- 3776 COMMERCE—JOBSNSW WEBSITE—Mr Pearce to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Commerce, Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, and Minister for Science and Medical Research—
- (1) What was the total cost of development of the jobs.nsw.gov.au website?
 - (2) What is the total annual cost of operation and maintenance of the jobs.nsw.gov.au website?
- 3777 WATER—SITE OF FORMER BELLAMBI SEWAGE WORKS—Ms Hale to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Regional Development—
- (1) Is Sydney Water currently remediating the former Bellambi Sewage Works site?
 - (2) The Member for Keira, David Campbell, was reported in the Illawarra Mercury on 27 November 2001 as saying that the ten hectares of Sydney Water's coastal headland "would be made available for public and community use".
 - (a) Will the site be handed to the Northern Illawarra Aboriginal community for their use and the maintenance of the buildings and site as a cultural centre with community facilities?
 - (i) If so, will Sydney Water be permitted to demolish all buildings on the site?
 - (ii) If not, to whom will the site be given?
 - (b) Will the site be handed to Wollongong City Council?
 - (i) If so, will a covenant or similar proviso be attached to the transfer that would prohibit the Council's subdivision or sale of the site and require its retention for community purposes?
- 3778 PREMIER—SYDNEY MARDI GRAS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Attorney General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Was the gross income of \$30 million from the 2009 Sydney Mardi Gras, reported by Events NSW Pty Ltd following a comprehensive internal review?

- (2) Has the Government considered commissioning an independent review of how tax funds are allocated and how those funds will benefit the citizens of New South Wales?
- (3) Does the majority of income generated by the Sydney Mardi Gras predominately benefit the localised Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community?
- (4) Would the estimated three quarters of a million dollars invested in the Sydney Mardi Gras be better spent on health care and infrastructure?
- (5) Which organisations are currently competing to invest in the 2010 Sydney Mardi Gras?

3779 PLANNING—ARDMORE PARK QUARRY—Ms Hale to ask the Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

In relation to the Planning Assessment Commission's (PAC) review of the Department of Planning's recommendation that development approval be granted for a new sand and hard rock quarry at Ardmore Park, to which the proponent, neighbours, the Progress Association and others were invited "to present their concerns to the Commission":

- (1) Why did the letter to residents not indicate that the Department's recommendation was that the quarry be approved?
- (2) Did the proponent have access to the Department's recommendations to the PAC?
- (3) Did residents and other interested parties have access to the recommendation?
- (4) Was the appointment of a former Director-General of the Department of Planning to the PAC consistent with the understanding that the review body would be independent of the Minister and the Department?
- (5)
 - (a) Does the PAC's report contained a number of errors of fact?
 - (b) If so, what value does the Minister place on the report and its recommendations?
- (6) Despite the operations of Part 3A of the EP&A Act, will the Minister give leave to residents to contest the merits of the quarry's approval in the courts?
- (7) One of the recommendations made by the PAC is that an 80km speed limit be imposed on all relevant public roads:
 - (a) How does the Department of Planning propose to police this restriction?
 - (b) What penalties will be incurred for contravening the speed limit?
 - (c) Given that many haulage vehicles are operated by contractors, will penalties for exceeding the 80km limit be imposed on those hauliers or on Multiquip Quarries?
- (8)
 - (a) Does the Minister have a contingency plan should the quarry's estimated groundwater water usage prove incorrect?
 - (b) If so, what is it?
- (9) Does the RTA regard the gravel used in the construction of local roads, as an acceptable road base for roads that are used by the numbers of heavy vehicles that Multiquip Quarries proposes to utilise on this site?

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