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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—NOTICES OF MOTIONS**1. Mr Veitch to move—**

That, during the present session and notwithstanding anything contained in the standing or sessional orders, and unless otherwise ordered, the following procedures apply to the passage of government bills:

1. Where a bill is introduced by a Minister, or is received from the Legislative Assembly after Thursday 30 May 2013, debate on the motion for the second reading is to be adjourned at the conclusion of the speech of the Minister moving the motion, and the resumption of the debate is to be made an order of the day for the first sitting day after the winter recess.
2. However, if after the first reading, a Minister declares a bill to be an urgent bill and copies have been circulated to members, the question “That the bill be considered an urgent bill” is to be decided without amendment or debate, except a statement not exceeding 10 minutes each by a Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, or a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, and one cross-bench member. If that question is agreed to, the second reading debate and subsequent stages may proceed forthwith or at any time during any sitting of the House.

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

2. Mr Khan to move—

That the House adopt Report No. 64 of the Privileges Committee entitled “Citizen’s Right of Reply (Mrs Julie Passas) (No. 3)”, dated November 2012.

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

3. Mr Khan to move—

That the House adopt Report No. 65 of the Privileges Committee entitled “Citizen’s Right of Reply (Mr Brendan Ritson)”, dated November 2012.

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

4. Mr Khan to move—

That the House adopt Report No. 66 of the Privileges Committee entitled “Citizen’s Right of Reply (Ms Heather Richards)”, dated November 2012.

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Mr Gallacher to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Law Enforcement (Controlled Operations) Act 1997 to make provision for the role of a secondary law enforcement officer in controlled operations and to amend the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 to make further provision with respect to the use of listening devices in controlled operations.

(Law Enforcement (Controlled Operations) Amendment Bill)

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Ombudsman Amendment Bill 2012: consideration in committee of the whole—Mr Gallacher.

(Bill declared urgent, Tuesday 20 November 2012)

2. Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Bill 2012: second reading—Mr Gay.

(Standing Orders suspended for remaining stages, Thursday 18 October 2012)

* 3. Industrial Relations Amendment (Dispute Orders) Bill 2012: resumption of the interrupted debate (23 May 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Pearce: That this bill be now read a second time—Dr Kaye speaking. (6 minutes remaining)

* Council bill

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

ITEMS IN THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

* 2. National Park Estate (South-Western Cypress Reservations) Amendment Bill 2012: resumption of the adjourned debate (23 August 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Brown: That this bill be now read a second time—Dr Phelps speaking. (15 minutes remaining)

(Item no. 53)

(Third postponement 13 September 2012)

- * 3. **National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Illegal Forestry Operations) Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (4 September 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Foley: That this bill be now read a second time—Ms Voltz. (20 minutes)

(Item no. 622)

(Fourth postponement 16 August 2012)

- * 4. **Small Business Commissioner and Small Business Protection Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (18 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Searle: That this bill be now read a second time—Mr Veitch. (20 minutes)

(Item no. 722)

(First postponement 16 August 2012)

- * 5. **Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (18 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That this bill be now read a second time—Ms Voltz. (20 minutes)

(Item no. 9)

(First postponement 16 August 2012)

6. **Community Building Partnership Grants:** resumption of the adjourned debate (18 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Moselmane:

1. That this House:

- (a) condemns the O'Farrell Government for their cuts to the Community Building Partnership program,
- (b) notes that the Rockdale electorate has benefited from more than \$1.1 million being directed to many diverse local community organisations since 2009, such as:
 - (i) The Girl Guide Association of New South Wales,
 - (ii) The Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney,
 - (iii) Arncliffe Scots Baseball Club,
 - (iv) Kyeemagh Infants Public School Parents and Citizens Association,
 - (v) Ramsgate Lifesaving Club,
 - (vi) Rockdale City Council,
 - (vii) Scouts Australia (New South Wales Branch),
 - (viii) St George Community Services,
 - (ix) St George PCYC,
 - (x) Sunnyhaven Ltd,
 - (xi) YMCA of Sydney,
 - (xii) St George District Netball Association,
 - (xiii) St George-Randwick Hockey Club,
 - (xiv) Sans Souci Football Club,
 - (xv) St George United Soccer Club,
 - (xvi) St Mark's Preschool, and
- (c) notes that groups and organisations that rely on this funding for upgrades and improvements to local community facilities will suffer as a result of these cuts.

2. That this House calls on the O'Farrell Government to restore Community Building Partnership grant funding to the levels prior to the 2012-2013 State Budget—Ms Barham speaking. (7 minutes remaining)

Debate: 1 hour and 7 minutes remaining.

(Item no. 730)

7. Ms Cusack to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) the passing of Dr Sally Ride, the first American woman to fly in space, and
 - (b) that Dr Ride's accomplishments and philosophy serve as an inspiration for a generation of young women around the world.
2. That this House calls on the President of the Legislative Council to write to the United States Consular General expressing condolences for the passing of this remarkable woman whose character and gifts to the world, particularly women and the study of science, is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

(Notice given 14 August 2012—item no. 812)

(First postponement 18 October 2012)

- * 8. Graffiti Control Amendment (Racist Graffiti) Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (18 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Secord: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 18 October 2012)—Ms Fazio. (20 minutes)

(Item no. 847)

9. Homelessness: resumption of the interrupted debate (18 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Ms Barham:

1. That, while taking into account the inherent difficulties in accurately measuring the rates of homelessness, this House notes that:
 - (a) according to the 2006 National Census, at least 27,374 people were considered homeless in New South Wales,
 - (b) according to a 2009 report from the Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing (AIHW) entitled "Counting the Homeless", this figure can be broken down into the following categories:
 - (i) primary homelessness: at least 3,715 people, or 13 per cent of respondents, were sleeping rough in improvised dwellings,
 - (ii) secondary homelessness: at least 16,033 people, or 59 per cent of respondents, were staying with friends or relatives, or in short term accommodation provided through formal assistance,
 - (iii) tertiary homelessness: at least 7,626 people, or 28 per cent of respondents, were sleeping in facilities providing longer term accommodation such as boarding houses,
 - (c) according to the same AIHW report, there is a significant incidence of homelessness among children and young people in New South Wales, with 10,587 of those counted aged under 24 (39 per cent),

- (d) according to the same AIHW report, the number of older homeless people is growing, with 30 per cent of the homeless in New South Wales aged 45 or older, up from 25 per cent in 2001,
 - (e) it is widely estimated that over 7 per cent of the entire homeless population of New South Wales are Aboriginal, which is well above the 2.2 per cent of the total New South Wales Aboriginal population, and
 - (f) documented rates of the prevalence of mental health issues in homeless people vary markedly but an extensive research paper published in 1998 by Hodder, Teeson and Burich entitled “Down and Out in Sydney” found that 75 per cent of participants in the study had at least one mental illness, compared to 20 per cent in the general population.
2. That this House further notes:
- (a) the report of the NSW Auditor General entitled “Responding to Homelessness”, dated May 2007,
 - (b) the report of New South Wales Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues entitled “Homelessness and low-cost rental accommodation”, dated September 2009,
 - (c) the Government’s subsequent response to the report of the Social Issues Committee’s inquiry, dated 2010, and
 - (d) the revised National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness signed on 13 April 2012.
3. That this House strongly supports:
- (a) the continuation of the Premier’s Advisory Council on Homelessness, and
 - (b) the implementation of the revised Homeless Persons Protocol as soon as possible.
4. That this House calls for:
- (a) the Premier’s Advisory Council on Homelessness to be retained and to meet on a regular basis,
 - (b) all local councils to have a nominated staff member tasked with the responsibility of ensuring their council adheres to the Homeless Persons Protocol,
 - (c) all local councils to be required to report on local initiatives for addressing homelessness in their local government area in their annual report,
 - (d) a review of the ten Regional Homeless Action Plans that were developed in July 2010, together with a progress report, and
 - (e) the balance of funds allocated to New South Wales under the 2009-10 National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness to be identified for a funding program to support local government to meet the needs of homeless people—Ms Ficarra. (20 minutes)

Debate: 1 hour and 39 minutes remaining.

(Item no. 698)

10. Mr Ajaka to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) a dedication ceremony was conducted for The Edward Kenna VC Heavy Vehicle Rest Area at Pheasants Nest on 8 August 2012,
 - (b) the dedication ceremony was held in the presence of Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales, the Member for Wollondilly, the Member for Blue Mountains and the Member for Lakemba, and
 - (c) Mr Edward Kenna VC was a recipient of the Victoria Cross because he was able to lead his platoon to capture the enemy bunker without any further casualties.
2. That this House acknowledges:
 - (a) the immense degree of bravery of Edward Kenna VC in the 15 May 1945 battle, and
 - (b) the Government in supporting the Remembrance Driveway Committee; and establishing and maintaining Victoria Cross Rest Areas along the Sydney to Canberra Remembrance Driveway.

(Notice given 16 August 2012—item no. 834)

* Council bill

ITEMS OUTSIDE THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- * **8. Evidence Amendment (Protection of Journalists' Sources) Bill 2011:** resumption of the adjourned debate (6 May 2011) of the question on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 6 May 2011)—Ms Fazio. (20 minutes)

11. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Act 2007 to raise the minimum drinking age from 18 years to 21 years.

(Liquor Amendment (Drinking Age) Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

12. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Act 2007 to require packaged liquor to contain a health warning about the danger of drinking when pregnant.

(Liquor Amendment (Health Warning for Pregnant Women) Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

16. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to prohibit the advertising of gambling and related trade marks, brand names and logos; and for other purposes.

(Gambling Advertising Prohibition Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

- * **18. Drug and Alcohol Treatment Amendment (Rehabilitation of Persons with Severe Substance Dependence) Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (25 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 25 October 2012)—Ms Voltz. (20 minutes)

- * **20. State Senate Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (16 August 2012) of the question on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 16 August 2012)—Mr Ajaka. (20 minutes)

22. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to prohibit the advertising of sex services; and for other purposes.

(Sex Services Advertising Prohibition Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

25. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Family Impact Commission to study the moral, social and economic effects on the family unit of certain laws and proposed laws and Government expenditure; and for related purposes.

(Family Impact Commission Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

28. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Summary Offences Act 1988 to prohibit people wearing full-face coverings in public places.

(Summary Offences Amendment (Full-face Coverings Prohibition) Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

30. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Adoption Act 2000 to repeal the amendments made by the Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples) Act 2010 that enable couples of the same sex to adopt children; and for other purposes.

(Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples Repeal) Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

31. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to prohibit a person soliciting another for sexual gratification for payment.

(Crimes Amendment (Soliciting Sex for Payment) Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

32. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to make it an offence to publish material that incites or promotes terrorism or other violence.

(Crimes Amendment (Incitement or Promotion of Terrorism and Violence) Bill)

(Notice given 4 May 2011)

44. Dr Kaye to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to prohibit the impoundment of water for irrigation or reticulation, or for commercial, industrial or residential uses, upstream from Seaham Weir on the Williams River without the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

(Tillegra Dam Prohibition Bill)

(Notice given 5 May 2011)

85. Dr Kaye to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to extend the terms of reference of the Special Commission of Inquiry into Electricity Transactions to include inquiring into and reporting on the cancellation of the relevant transactions and the restoration of public ownership of NSW electricity retailers.

(Power Industry (Restoration of Public Ownership) Bill)

(Notice given 26 May 2011)

87. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to require the public to be notified of the identity and residential address of convicted child sex offenders; and for other purposes.

(Child Protection (Nicole's Law) Bill)

(Notice given 26 May 2011)

91. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1995 to prohibit the possession of restricted X rated films.

(Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment (Banning Restricted X Rated Films) Bill)

(Notice given 26 May 2011)

94. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to require women who are considering terminating a viable pregnancy to undergo counselling and to view an ultrasound of their unborn child.

(Pregnancy Termination (Mandatory Counselling) Bill)

(Notice given 26 May 2011)

95. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to prohibit the destruction of any child in utero with a detectable heartbeat.

(Crimes Amendment (Pre-natal Termination) Bill)

(Notice given 27 May 2011)

152. Ms Faehrmann to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to establish the right of persons who are terminally ill to request assistance from medically qualified persons to voluntarily end their own lives; and for related purposes.

(Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill)

(Notice given 2 August 2011)

177. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 to repeal provisions relating to the licensing and operation of the medically supervised injecting centre at Kings Cross.

(Drug Misuse and Trafficking Amendment (Injecting Centre Repeal) Bill)

(Notice given 5 August 2011)

188. Marrickville Council: resumption of the interrupted debate (12 August 2011) of the question on the motion of Ms Sharpe:

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) Marrickville Council has a proud tradition of supporting day labour for its garbage, recycling and green waste services,
 - (b) Marrickville Council is currently proposing to tender out its green waste services,
 - (c) Marrickville Council staff affected by this decision recently held a stop work meeting to protest against proposed tendering out of green waste services and related loss of workers entitlements and job losses,
 - (d) Marrickville Council staff elected to take industrial action and withdraw their labour for a 24 hour period and, in response to this action, Marrickville Council immediately brought in prearranged contract labour to carry out Council's resource and waste recovery services, and
 - (e) this action to use contracted labour was sanctioned by the Greens Mayor of Marrickville Council.
2. That this House condemns the use of contract labour to undermine the rights of workers.

Upon which Mr Borsak has moved: That the question be amended by omitting paragraph 2 and inserting instead:

- "2. That this House condemns Marrickville Council Greens Mayor Fiona Byrne for undermining the rights of workers.
3. That this House calls on the New South Wales Greens to support the rights of workers in all industries throughout the State."

Upon which Dr Kaye has moved: That the question be amended as follows:

No. 1 Omit paragraph 1 (a) and insert instead:

- "(a) Marrickville Council has a proud tradition of supporting day labour for its garbage and recycling services,".

No. 2 In paragraph 1 (b), insert "the General Manager of" before "Marrickville Council".

No. 3 In paragraph 1 (b), omit "is currently proposing" and insert instead "proposed".

No. 4 In paragraph 1 (d), omit all words after "in response to this action," and insert instead "the General Manager of Marrickville Council immediately brought in long term casual labour".

No. 5 In paragraph 1 (e), insert "not" before "sanctioned".

No. 6 Insert at the end:

“3. That this House calls on all parties to condemn the continued existence of the Australian Building and Construction Commission.”—Ms Sharpe speaking in reply.

Debate: Mover in reply—5 minutes

204. Mr Brown to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Fisheries Management Act 1994 to make further provision with respect to the management and regulation of recreational fishing; to establish a Recreational Fishing Council; and for other purposes.

(Fisheries Management Amendment (Recreational Fishing) Bill)

(Notice given 12 August 2011)

- * **205. Firearms Amendment (Gun Safety) Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (18 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 18 October 2012)—Ms Fazio. (20 minutes)

283. Mr Shoebridge to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Act 1936 to provide for the ability of victims of sexual abuse where the abuser is found to be a member of the Catholic clergy and or another official and or officer in the Church to satisfy judgments awarded against such abusers as a judgment debt payable from the assets of the Trust and for other related purposes.

(Roman Catholic Church Trust Property Amendment (Justice for Victims) Bill)

(Notice given 15 September 2011)

333. Mr Foley to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to prevent the sale, lease or disposal of the assets of an energy utility, or of its subsidiaries, without the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

(Energy Utilities Protection Bill)

(Notice given 19 October 2011)

414. Mr Veitch to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Transport Administration Act 1988 to make provision with respect to the transfer of rail corridors to community organisations for use as recreational rail trails.

(Transport Administration Amendment (Rail Trails Community Management) Bill)

(Notice given 24 November 2011)

415. Mr Shoebridge to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend certain legislation to make further provision with respect to damages recoverable by the relatives or estate of deceased persons.

(Compensation to Relatives Legislation Amendment Bill)

(Notice given 24 November 2011)

416. Mr Buckingham to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Act 2003 to establish a scheme to compensate farmers for losses associated with contamination from genetically modified crops; and for other purposes.

(Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Amendment (Farmer Protection) Bill)

(Notice given 24 November 2011)

426. Mr Brown to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Forestry Act 1916 to prohibit the disruption of lawful forestry operations and related activities.

(Forestry Amendment (Unlawful Disruption of Forestry Operations) Bill)

(Notice given 14 February 2012)

- * **432. Crimes Amendment (Possession or Discharge of Firearms in Commission of Offences) Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (15 March 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Borsak: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 15 March 2012)—Dr Phelps. (20 minutes)

468. Dr Kaye to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Education Act 1990 to restore equity and fairness in relation to school funding by restricting the provision of financial assistance to non-government schools.

(Education Amendment (Equity and Fairness in School Funding) Bill)

(Notice given 14 February 2012)

503. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to constitute the St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust and to specify its functions, and to provide for the vesting of certain property in the Trust and for other purposes.

(St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust Bill)

(Notice given 22 February 2012)

583. Mr Borsak to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 to repeal prohibitions on the use and operation of game parks.

(Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Repeal of Game Park Prohibitions) Bill)

(Notice given 27 March 2012)

616. Dr Kaye to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to require the NSW government to reduce the level of carbon emissions from electricity generation.

(Towards Zero Carbon Energy Bill)

(Notice given 28 March 2012)

626. Ms Faehrmann to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999 to make provision with respect to the safety of children travelling on school buses and to require certain buses to be fitted with seatbelts; and for other purposes.

(Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Amendment (Child Safety on School Buses) Bill)

(Notice given 2 April 2012)

642. Mr Searle to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend certain legislation to give effect to the recommendations of the NSW Law Reform Commission in its Report 131 Compensation to Relatives.

(Compensation to Relatives Legislation (Dust Diseases) Amendment Bill)

(Notice given 4 April 2012)

694. Dr Kaye to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to stop the expansion of the coalfired electricity industry in NSW.

(No New Coal Power Bill)

(Notice given 8 May 2012)

705. Ms Faehrmann to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to establish a beverage container deposit scheme to ensure the recovery, reuse and recycling of empty beverage containers.

(Waste Avoidance (Beverage Containers) Bill)

(Notice given 22 May 2012)

743. Ms Fazio to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1971 to include a death benefit of 2 months' salary for members of parliament elected after the 2007 General Election who die in office.

(Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment Bill)

(Notice given 30 May 2012)

753. Mr Buckingham to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to prohibit exploration for and mining of minerals and petroleum on certain land and to ensure the involvement of local councils and communities in the prohibition of such exploration and mining on other land; and for other purposes.

(Responsible Mining (Protecting Land, Water and Communities) Bill)

(Notice given 12 June 2012)

755. Revd Mr Nile to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to prohibit conduct that causes serious harm to or the destruction of a child in utero; and for other purposes.

(Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill)

(Notice given 12 June 2012)

785. Dr Kaye to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 in relation to the obligations of owners corporations, executive committees and owners and occupiers of lots, procedures for meetings and the finances of strata schemes; and for other purposes.

(Strata Legislation Amendment Bill)

(Notice given 19 June 2012)

815. Mr Borsak to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to repeal the Native Vegetation Act 2003.

(Native Vegetation Repeal Bill)

(Notice given 14 August 2012)

* **819. Game and Feral Animal Control Further Amendment Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (4 September 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Brown: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 4 September 2012)—Dr Phelps. (20 minutes)

* **841. Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Costs) Bill 2012:** resumption of the adjourned debate (13 September 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Shoebridge: That this bill be now read a second time (5 calendar days from 13 September 2012)—Mr Pearce. (20 minutes)

869. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes Prime Minister Julia Gillard's in-principle endorsement of the Gonski Review of School Funding that:
 - (a) defines a schooling resource standard that estimates the cost of providing quality education to the average student,
 - (b) identifies supplementary funding for each school to take into account the impacts of factors such as special needs students, socio-economic disadvantage, proportion of Indigenous students, English language proficiency, remoteness and school size,
 - (c) proposes to fund public schools at the full schooling resource standard level, plus supplementary funding, and
 - (d) proposes to fund non-government schools at a fraction of the schooling resource standard level, adjusted according to the anticipated level of private contribution.
2. That this House welcomes:
 - (a) the recognition that governments must fund public schools at a level where they can fulfil their obligations to their students and society, and
 - (b) the anticipated \$1.4 billion increase in the recurrent funding of public education in New South Wales that is desperately needed to meet the needs and expectations of communities across the state.
3. That this House expresses its disappointment that the Gonski Review's model for non-government school funding will:
 - (a) increase the funding of many of the already very wealthy non-government schools, perpetuating and expanding the levels of inequality and the waste of millions of dollars,
 - (b) exacerbate the pressure on many public schools that have been forced into competition for students with low-fee non-government schools, and
 - (c) increase the recurrent cost of implementing the Gonski funding model by \$700 million in New South Wales and \$2.2 billion nationally and consequently pose additional political barriers to providing additional and desperately needed funding to the public sector.
4. That this House calls on the Premier Barry O'Farrell and the Minister for Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, to commence negotiation with the Federal Government for the full implementation of the Gonski funding model for public schools, while delaying any consideration of increased funding for the non-government sector until after full schooling resource standard funding has been developed and implemented for all of New South Wales' government schools.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

872. Mrs Maclaren-Jones to move—

1. That this House congratulates Playgroup NSW on its 40th anniversary.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) Playgroup NSW is a not for profit community led organisation that provides support for all families with babies and children under six to participate in relevant playgroups, develop social and community connections and access to learning resources,

- (b) Playgroup NSW supports over 50,000 parents, carers and children attending over 1,700 sessions of playgroup each week,
- (c) since commencing in 1972, Playgroup NSW has worked to support community playgroups and provide specialist services to a variety of playgroups,
- (d) Playgroup NSW also provides support for families and children with additional needs, including implementation of early intervention programs and transition support for families into community settings, and
- (e) Playgroup NSW provides a range of services for professional and community organisations that promote the concept of playgroup and learning through play.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

875. Ms Sharpe to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the O'Farrell Government has delivered the worst on time running performance across the Cityrail network since 2008,
 - (b) commuters on 15/16 lines have experienced trains that are late and are getting later,
 - (c) seven out of 16 lines are not meeting the governments own target of 92 per cent of services in the morning and afternoon peak. These seven lines are the:
 - (i) Southern Highlands,
 - (ii) Newcastle/Hunter,
 - (iii) South,
 - (iv) Western,
 - (v) East Hills,
 - (vi) Northern Coast,
 - (vii) South Coast,
 - (d) commuters across Sydney, the Hunter and the Illawarra are struggling to get to work and home on time, and
 - (e) failure to get the trains to run on time is having a serious impact on commuters employment, caring, education and training responsibilities and forcing some of them back into their cars.
2. This House further notes that the O'Farrell government has refused to rule out increasing fare recovery from 22.1 per cent to 30 per cent as recommended in the Schott Report.
3. That this House calls on the O'Farrell Government to reject the Schott Report recommendations regarding fare increases for Cityrail passengers.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

876. Mr Whan to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Saturday 25 August the Dalgety community and the Snowy River Alliance held Snowy River Day in Dalgety,
 - (b) this year marked the 10th anniversary of the first releases down the Snowy River by Premiers Bob Carr and Steve Bracks,

- (c) Snowy River Day was attended by many of the people who are working on restoration of the river, the community, the Honourable Steve Whan MLC and the Honourable Peter Phelps MLC, and
 - (d) the Honourable Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Small Business, was an apology from the event, citing her involvement in the Heffron by-election.
2. That this House:
- (a) congratulates the community on the very successful campaign that has led to this historic environmental achievement,
 - (b) congratulates Water for Rivers, the Catchment Management Authority, Office of Water and most importantly the people who have been working on the ground for their work in achieving the promised water savings resulting in 212 gegalitres per year for the Snowy, and
 - (c) recognises that there is still work to be done on the Snowy and urges the Government to reverse its decision to sack many of the people involved in scientific studies and reinstate the Snowy scientific committee.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

878. Dr Phelps to move—

That this House:

- (a) notes the place and importance of State Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes in Primary Schools,
- (b) notes the persistent and irrational opposition to these educational centres of excellence by the NSW Teacher's Federation,
- (c) congratulates governments of all political persuasions for maintaining and expanding the system of selective schooling, and
- (d) supports the provision of high quality schooling to gifted and talented students in New South Wales.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

879. Ms Westwood to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) Equal Pay Day is marked each year by the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency, on the day at which women's annual earnings reach the same level as those of men in the previous financial year,
- (b) this year Equal Pay Day fell on Sunday 2 September 2012, which marks the extra 64 days women have to work after the end of the financial year to earn the same as men,
- (c) recent Australian Bureau of Statistics figures reveal that Australian women, on average, still earn 18 per cent less than men, and last year the gap was 17.5 per cent,
- (d) this year took women 64 days to catch up to men's earnings from last financial year, while the previous two years took 63 days,

- (e) this is a blight on corporate Australia and it is time they were made to change their ways, and
 - (f) over a lifetime, the pay gap can add up to a difference of as much as \$1 million, and a lifetime of lower wages leads to lower levels of savings and less superannuation at retirement.
2. That this House calls on members of Parliament to let this Equal Pay Day be an opportunity to consider further action to close this particular inequality between women and men in Australia.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

882. Ms Westwood to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) 10 September 2012 is International Suicide Prevention Day,
 - (b) suicide is a leading cause of death globally and in Australia,
 - (c) in Australia there are approximately 2,200 deaths per annum of which nearly 80 per cent are male,
 - (d) suicide is the leading cause of death for adult males aged under 44 years and is a notable cause of death in males,
 - (e) suicide is also the leading cause of death for women under the age of 34 years and over 75 years, and
 - (f) suicide and suicidal behaviour costs Australia over \$17 billion every year and yet it is largely hidden.
2. That this House commends Lifeline Australia and Suicide Prevention Australia for:
- (a) their commitment to improving our knowledge and understanding of suicide and suicidal behaviour and its human, social and economic costs,
 - (b) their work with those at risk of suicide and for their advocacy on behalf of the community to the Federal and State Governments to develop and implement suicide prevention strategies, and
 - (c) their support of those affected by suicide and suicidal behaviour.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

883. Ms Westwood to move—

That this House notes that:

- (a) National Stroke Week is 10 September to 16 September 2012,
- (b) in 2012, the theme for National Stroke Week is focused on encouraging people to understand their stroke risk,
- (c) one in six people will suffer a stroke in their lifetime,
- (d) there are six steps people can take to reduce the risk and the danger of stroke:

- (i) know your personal risk factors: high blood pressure, diabetes and high blood cholesterol,
 - (ii) be physically active and exercise regularly,
 - (iii) avoid obesity by keeping to a healthy diet,
 - (iv) limit alcohol consumption,
 - (v) avoid cigarette smoke, and if you smoke, seek help to stop now,
 - (vi) learn to recognise the warning signs of stroke and act fast,
- (e) stroke is Australia's second biggest killer,
- (f) stroke kills more women than breast cancer and more men than prostate cancer,
- (g) approximately 20 per cent of strokes happen to people under the age of 55,
- (h) most of those people will require hospital care and more than one-third of those admitted to hospital will move to rehabilitation services after acute care,
- (i) because the brain controls everything we do, including the way we think, move, speak and eat, stroke can leave people with a wide range of physical and cognitive changes and disabilities, and
- (j) some of the effects can include paralysis, speech and swallowing difficulties, problems with memory, hearing and eyesight, as it depends on where in the brain the stroke occurs and how severe it is.

(Notice given 4 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 121)

884. Mr Shoebridge to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) local government and planning in New South Wales have a history of inappropriate intervention by developers, resulting in State Government intervention in a number of councils, including Cessnock and Wollongong,
 - (b) campaigning from the Greens in this area has seen political donations from property developers banned,
 - (c) changes to the Local Government Act 1993 by the O'Farrell Government now allow councillors to vote on planning matters where they have a direct pecuniary interest,
 - (d) these changes effectively give the green light to councillors to vote on rezoning their own land, to their direct financial benefit, and
 - (e) proposed changes to the New South Wales planning system will additionally deliver for developers by removing the rights of residents to object to, or even be given notice of, developments in their area.
2. That this House condemns the Government for relaxing pecuniary interest laws in New South Wales and attempting to usher in a developers' paradise in New South Wales.

(Notice given 5 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 122)

888. Ms Faehrmann to move—

1. That this House notes that the 9500 tonne Dutch super trawler, FV Margiris, is the second largest in the world at 142 metres long with a net capable of encircling 13 jumbo jets and the capacity to hold 250 tonnes of catch per day, while storing up to 6000 tonnes of frozen fish.

2. That this House recognises the risk super trawlers pose to the marine eco-system in which they operate because of:
 - (a) their ability to remove large quantities of baitfish from a single area, threatening the sustainability of local stocks as well as all the other species in the local ecosystem which rely on them as a food source, and
 - (b) the high risk and capacity for other fish species, bottlenose dolphins, fur seals, seabirds and sharks to become ensnared in the super trawler's enormous nets.
3. That this House recognises the public concerns Australian recreational and commercial fishing operators have expressed that the FV Margiris will jeopardise the fish stocks on which their livelihood depends.
4. That this House acknowledges the poor environmental track record of super trawlers around the world, for example:
 - (a) in 2011, the Margiris was ordered out of Western Sahara waters after the European Parliament found it was breaching international law,
 - (b) super trawlers, including the Margiris, over-fished jack mackerel stocks in the South Pacific to such a degree that the fishery collapsed to 10 per cent of healthy stocks,
 - (c) Senegal has banned foreign super trawlers because they decimated local fish stocks, and
 - (d) super trawlers over-fished surface schools of jack mackerel off Tasmania's coast 20 years ago and these stocks have not recovered.
5. That this House calls on the Government to follow the lead of the South Australian Government and write to the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to express opposition to the approval given for the FV Margiris to operate in Australian waters.

(Notice given 6 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 123)

890. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Department of Education has informed parents that its construction schedule for the new Gosford Public School requires demolition of buildings on the Henry Kendall High School site during the upcoming school holidays,
 - (b) the Minister for Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, has to date refused to rule out the demolition of buildings at Henry Kendall High School to facilitate the proposed relocation of Gosford Public School before the Joint Regional Planning Panel has made a determination on the Department of Education's development application, and
 - (c) a variety of serious issues have been raised with the development application lodged by the Department of Education.
2. That this House calls on the Minister for Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, to respect the planning process and order his department to delay any demolition of buildings at Henry Kendall High School until the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRRP) has made its ruling on the development application.

3. That this House, regardless of the JRPP's decision, also calls on the Minister for Education to listen to the concerns raised by parents and teachers about the proposed new site for Gosford Public School on the grounds of Henry Kendall High School, abandon the co-location proposal and begin consultation with the community for a suitable alternative site.

(Notice given 6 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 123)

891. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) increased demand for palm oil is fuelling the destruction of the rainforest habitat of Sumatran and Bornean orang-utans, pushing these already endangered species even closer to extinction,
 - (b) it is estimated that over 50 orang-utans die each week because of habitat loss associated with palm oil production,
 - (c) without action to stop the spread of oil palm plantations into rain forest habitat, orang-utans are likely to be extinct within 10 to 20 years,
 - (d) increasing numbers of New South Wales consumers are deeply concerned that their purchasing decisions not contribute the destruction of orang-utan habitat, and
 - (e) the absence of compulsory labelling of the presence of palm oil in food and cosmetic product and the use of misleading ingredient descriptors such as vegetable oil create barriers for consumers wishing to avoid participation in the destruction of orang-utan habitat.
2. That this House recognises that the failure to accurately label the presence of palm oil is resulting in a market failure where consumer preference is unable to express itself in purchasing decisions.
3. That this House calls on:
 - (a) the Minister for Fair Trading, the Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, to work with his federal and interstate colleagues to correct this market failure by developing compulsory labelling of the presence of palm oil in cosmetics, cleaning agents and other consumer products, and
 - (b) the Minister for Primary Industries, the Honourable Katrina Hodgkinson MP, to work with her federal and interstate colleagues to correct this market failure by developing compulsory labelling of the presence of palm oil in food products.

(Notice given 6 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 123)

893. Mr Donnelly to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the O'Farrell Government has time and time again promised the citizens of New South Wales that it will be an open and transparent government, and
 - (b) the Government made these undertakings on several occasions during the 2011 election campaign and has repeated them many time since both inside and outside of the Parliament.
2. That this House notes that:

- (a) the timely release of information and data into the public domain is a key test of the O'Farrell Government's bona fides with respect to openness and transparency,
 - (b) one of the key documents that is meant to be released on a regular basis is the General Government Monthly Financial Statement, which contains critical information about the financial position of the state,
 - (c) that the most recent posting of the statement is for the month to 31 May 2012, and
 - (d) the Treasury website has no posting for June, July or August 2012, which is three months or one quarter of a year.
3. That this House calls on the Treasurer to direct Treasury to immediately publish the General Government Monthly Financial Statements for June, July and August 2012.

(Notice given 11 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 124)

895. Mr Secord to move—

That this House:

- (a) notes the concerns of nurses and doctors at Mullumbimby Hospital about the video link tele-health plan which replaces an overnight doctor in its emergency department with a video camera, and
- (b) calls on the Minister for Health to immediately scrap the plan at Mullumbimby Hospital.

(Notice given 11 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 124)

901. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) the hardship suffered by a small number of individuals due to an anomaly in the application of the Gaming Machines Act 2001 which allowed licensees to sell or transfer gaming machine entitlements to another hotel, without the consent of the hotel owner who was at the time also the registered hotel licence owner with the Liquor Administration Board, as the licence is always attached to the property,
 - (b) the 2007 five year statutory review of the Gaming Machine Act 2001 recommended that the legislation be amended to ensure that the hotel owner was able to object to the transfer of entitlements from a leased hotel, thus restoring the original intent of the legislation, and
 - (c) there remains a small number of families who have exhausted all legal options available, who have no further recourse for financial settlement of this injustice, and who would have to prove their own personal losses as they vary from family to family.
2. That this House calls on the Government to urgently introduce legislation to amend Section 204 of the Gaming Machines Act 2001 for the specific purpose of providing ex-gratia payments to these families to fully compensate the financial hardship inflicted on them.

(Notice given 11 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 124)

903. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that proposed cuts to Government spending on New South Wales public schools and TAFE colleges will have disastrous impacts on students, teachers and the future of the state's economy and social cohesion.
2. That this House notes in particular that:
 - (a) cutting support, regional and head office staff in the Public Schools NSW Portfolio will place additional constraints on the work of teachers and deny them curriculum and administrative support that is central to quality education,
 - (b) removing 800 TAFE employees amounts to a five per cent reduction in the TAFE workforce with consequent increases in class sizes and reductions in the diversity of course offerings, whilst the time available to concentrate on the needs of individual students and the economic and social benefits that the public provision of vocational education and training delivers for the future of New South Wales will be lost, and
 - (c) rural and regional communities and public schools that serve disadvantaged communities will be particularly adversely affected by these cuts.
3. That this House condemns the O'Farrell Government for pushing ahead with these cuts, despite:
 - (a) the findings of the Gonski Review which identifies the urgent need to increase funding for public schools so that they can fulfil their obligations to the students and communities they serve, and
 - (b) the economic benefits that a well-funded TAFE system could provide.
4. That this House calls on the O'Farrell Government to abandon the cuts and find alternative revenue sources to protect the future of public schools and TAFE colleges.

(Notice given 12 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 125)

905. Revd Mr Nile to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) 7 September 2012 is White Balloon Day, a day of recognition, awareness and support for victims of childhood sexual abuse,
 - (b) White Balloon Day has raised unprecedented awareness of childhood sexual assault for more than a decade,
 - (c) one in five Australian children are sexually assaulted before they reach adulthood,
 - (d) paedophiles are not limited to any race, religion, creed, specific organisation or institution, and
 - (e) that the effects of childhood sex abuse are catastrophic for victims, their families and the wider community.
2. That this House calls on the Government to immediately:

- (a) begin the process of establishing a Royal Commission into paedophilia in New South Wales, including a review of penalties and low sentencing for paedophile offences, and
- (b) implement the Bravehearts Ditto's education program in all New South Wales schools.

(Notice given 12 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 125)

907. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) the Liberal and National Party's election commitment that: "...agricultural land and other sensitive areas exist in NSW where mining and coal seam gas extraction should not occur",
 - (b) that the expectation of people in New South Wales was that the government would rule out certain areas from mining and gas development,
 - (c) the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy fails to rule out one square foot of New South Wales from mining or gas development,
 - (d) the aquifer interface regulation has been downgraded to a policy, and
 - (e) the NSW Farmers Association, NSW Irrigation Council, the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association have all condemned this policy as totally inadequate.
2. That this House condemns:
 - (a) the O'Farrell Government for its betrayal of their election commitment, and
 - (b) the National Party for its betrayal of country New South Wales.

(Notice given 12 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 125)

908. Dr Phelps to move—

1. That this House notes with condolence the passing of Monty, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the II's beloved corgi, at the Scottish Royal residence of Balmoral, at the age of 91 dog years.
2. That this House recognises the rich life of Monty, who featured in the Olympic Opening Ceremony and was a direct descendant of Susan, Her Majesty's first corgi.
3. That this House extends its deepest sympathies to Her Majesty on the passing of Monty, and wishes the best for her remaining corgies, Willow and Holly, and her two dorgis, Candy and Vulcan.

(Notice given 12 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 125)

909. Ms Sharpe to move—

That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 14 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents created since 1 January 2012, in the possession, custody or control of the Premier, the Minister for Education, the Treasurer, the Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Treasury or the Department of Education and Communities:

- (a) all documents, including but not limited to emails and records of phone conversations relating to the decision to reduce New South Wales school funding,
- (b) all documents, including but not limited to emails and records of phone conversations relating to the announced savings measures in the NSW Department of Education and Communities, NSW Office of Education, Public Schools NSW, TAFE NSW and NSW Catholic and Independent schools,
- (c) all documents created as part of the consultation process to advise stakeholders of these funding reduction,
- (d) any Departmental advice provided to the Minister for Education, Premier and Treasurer regarding savings measures within the Department of Education and Communities, NSW schools and TAFEs,
- (e) any advice provided by the Premier or the Minister for Education to other members of Parliament in relation to these cuts,
- (f) any correspondence sent to the Premier, Minister for Education or Treasurer by other members of Parliament in relation to these cuts, and
- (g) any document which records or refers to the production of documents as a result of this order of the House.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

912. Ms Faehrmann to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) evidence is building that human induced climate change is driving extreme weather events, including:
 - (i) the latest peer reviewed paper by James Hansen, climatologist and director of NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, 'Perception of Climate Change' published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, 6 August 2012 explains that climate change is driving extreme weather events, and "our analysis shows that, for the extreme hot weather of the recent past, there is virtually no explanation other than climate change",
 - (ii) extreme weather events are causing death, drought, bush fires, destruction of agricultural land with consequent food shortages and rising food prices world wide,
 - (iii) the heat wave in Europe in 2003 killed more than 50,000 people, the 2011 catastrophic drought in Texas caused more than \$5billion in damage, recent bush fires in Colorado brought shocking destruction and record-breaking heat in 2012 has brought drought to over 50 per cent of the United States of America,
- (b) evidence is building of the serious impacts of climate change on marine ecology, including:
 - (i) on 17 August 2012, the CSIRO released a Marine Climate Change Report Card for Australia which states that there is now clear evidence of extensive southward movements of tropical fish and plankton species in southeast Australia, declines in abundance of temperate species, and the first signs of the effect of ocean acidification on marine species with shells,
 - (ii) The Report Card notes the average of global-averaged sea-level rise during the 20th century was approximately 1.7 mm per year and that the current rate from 1993 to present is approximately 3.1 mm per year, and this is near the upper end of current projections and that rising sea levels will result in increased frequency of extreme flooding events, inundation of low-lying coastal regions and coastal erosion,

- (c) Arctic sea ice is melting at the fastest rate since satellite recording began in 1979,
 - (d) on 16 August 2012, Marco Tedesco, assistant professor of Earth and atmospheric sciences at The City College of New York released satellite images which show melting over the Greenland ice sheet shattered the seasonal record in the modern era, four weeks before the close of the melting season,
 - (e) there are now growing expectations of the Arctic becoming sea-ice free in summer within the decade, and perhaps sooner,
 - (f) evidence is building of the serious impacts of climate change on Australia's plants, animals, ecosystems and biodiversity, and
 - (g) the CSIRO has just released a landmark study dated 18 September 2012 which highlights the sensitivity of Australia's species and ecosystems to climate change and states that, by 2070, many of the environments supporting our plants and animals will disappear.
2. That this House calls on the Government to:
- (a) acknowledge that human induced climate change is causing extreme weather events, changing marine ecology, causing sea level rise and diminishing Arctic sea ice in ways that will have serious consequences for humankind,
 - (b) take climate change impacts into account in all relevant government decision making, and
 - (c) commit to dramatically reducing carbon emissions from New South Wales, including that embedded in the State's coal exports, and immediately work to phase out fossil fuel energy and replace it with alternative and renewable energy.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

915. Mr Donnelly to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) parents are the first and primary educators of their children,
 - (b) to this end parents have a fundamental right to select the school to which they send their children, and
 - (c) the state has a duty to guarantee this right and must ensure the practical conditions necessary for this to be exercised on an ongoing basis.
2. That this House notes:
- (a) the extraordinary step taken by the Minister for Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, on Tuesday 4 September 2012 to, without notice, ambush the Catholic and independent schools and inform them that they would have to accept a \$66.7 million per year reduction in recurrent funding from the Government,
 - (b) that the action taken represents the biggest attack on funding to non-government schools in this state since state aid to such schools commenced,
 - (c) that the announcement came at a time when most Catholic and independent schools have already finalised their key staffing and budgeting decisions for 2013, and
 - (d) that this unwarranted attack on non-government school funding may force some families out of Catholic and independent schools, force reductions of teachers and curriculum

options, compromise other essential educational provisions or even potentially force school closures.

3. That this House notes that while the Government, under enormous pressure, subsequently back tracked on the size of funding cuts to Catholic and independent schools, it still has manifestly failed to justify the cuts that it insists must proceed.
4. That this House notes that:
 - (a) under the Government's proposal, rather than state funding per child being frozen, the pool of money available to children in non-government schools will be frozen in total,
 - (b) this will mean that any child starting at a non-government school in the year 2013-2014 will receive zero state funding, and
 - (c) this will be the first time in over 40 years that this has occurred and these austerity measures are due to remain in place for the next four years.
5. That this House:
 - (a) condemns in the strongest possible terms the reference by this Government to parents who send their children to non-government schools as a sectional interest, as this reference is both grossly insulting and contemptuous, and
 - (b) demands that the Minister for Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, publically apologises for his recent behaviour towards the non-government school community and that, if he has matters to raise with them, he should engage in discussions and negotiations in a proper way.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

916. Mr Brown to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Wilderness Act 1987 and the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 with respect to the management of wilderness areas.

(Wilderness and National Parks and Wildlife Legislation Amendment (Management) Bill)

(Notice given 18 September 2012)

918. Ms Sharpe to move—

1. That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on funding for education in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the impacts on education provision in New South Wales of recently announced savings measures in the NSW Department of Education and Communities, NSW Office of Education, Public Schools NSW, TAFE NSW and NSW Catholic and Independent schools, and
 - (b) any other related matters.
2. That the committee consist of seven members comprising:
 - (a) three Government members,
 - (b) two Opposition members, and

- (c) two Cross bench members.
- 3. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee, any four members of the committee will constitute a quorum.
- 4. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
 - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
 - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
 - (c) a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
- 5. That the committee report by the last sitting day of the first sitting week of 2013.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

920. Ms Sharpe to move—

That this House:

- (a) notes that the Government has recently announced cuts of almost \$3 billion dollars to the health budget,
- (b) recognises that any cut to the health budget will have a negative effect on frontline services right across New South Wales, and
- (c) calls on the Government to immediately reverse this decision.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

921. Ms Fazio to move—

- 1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is held from 1 to 30 September,
 - (b) fundraising activities are focused on supporters hosting a “Big Aussie Barbeque” with the aim of raising \$800,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, and
 - (c) as of Thursday 13 September 2012, \$143,591 had been raised.
- 2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia is the peak national body for prostate cancer in Australia and has as its aims:
 - (i) promoting and funding world leading, innovative research into prostate cancer,
 - (ii) implementing awareness campaigns and education programs for the Australian Community, health professionals and government,
 - (iii) supporting men and their families affected by prostate cancer through evidence-based information and resources, support groups and Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses, and

- (b) this year, more than 20,000 Australian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, 3,300 will die of the disease, and one man will lose his battle with prostate cancer every three hours in Australia.
3. That this House notes that:
- (a) in late August 2012, Prime Minister the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister the Honourable Wayne Swan MP and Federal Minister for Health the Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP announced Sydney would have a new centre of excellence to research and treat prostate cancer,
 - (b) the centre will be Australia's third Prostate Cancer Research Centre, located in the Kinghorn Cancer Centre at the St Vincent's Research Precinct in Darlinghurst,
 - (c) the new prostate cancer research facility will bring together both clinical and research expertise in a joint initiative between the prestigious Garvan Institute, St Vincent's and Mater Hospitals, and the St Vincent's Prostate Cancer Centre,
 - (d) this world-leading centre will be dedicated to improving diagnostic tests, screening tools and treatments for prostate cancer patients, and
 - (e) the centre will work closely with the two existing Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centres at Epworth Hospital, Melbourne and Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane.
4. That this House urges the public to support Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and also urges all men to be regularly tested for prostate cancer.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

923. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that since becoming Minister for Family and Community Services, the Honourable Pru Goward MP has been responsible for:
- (a) cuts in frontline, temporary caseworker positions,
 - (b) a seven month freeze on filling caseworker positions, only recently lifted, which lead to chronic staff shortages statewide,
 - (c) moves to outsource Government responsibility for children in foster care to private operators, despite the Minister having court ordered responsibility for these children, and
 - (d) the abolition of 100 positions in the Department of Family and Community Services' head office.
2. That this House notes that these actions are not in accord with the promises made to the public prior to the March 2011 election and have shown a blatant disregard for the most vulnerable children and families in New South Wales.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

924. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the historic Zig Zag Railway at Lithgow has been closed since June 2012 due to breaches found in a safety audit, and

- (b) the Zig Zag Railway is a major tourist attraction and a vital contributor to the local economy.
2. That this House calls upon the Government to assist the operators of the Zig Zag Railway at Lithgow to reopen this historic tourist attraction.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

925. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes the comments of the Minister for Health, the Honourable Jillian Skinner MP, at the NSW Nurses Association (NSWNA) Annual Conference on 9 August 2012 where, in response to a question as to why management were telling NSWNA members not to speak to their union's journalists, the Minister stated:

“Anyone can talk to the media as far as I am concerned. I am an ex-journalist.”

2. That this House calls on the Premier to direct his other Ministers to adopt a similar approach to the staff working in agencies and departments in their portfolios.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

927. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) under the Every Student Every School policy, students with low funding support needs, being those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, anxiety, depression and other conditions, lost their individual funding from the start of term 3 on 16 July 2012,
 - (b) under this policy, 272 schools have lost funding to support students with low funding needs,
 - (c) this policy decision will further disadvantage these students and make it more difficult for them to achieve their full potential in society, and
 - (d) the lack of learning support officers in schools may also cause these students to become more isolated, to be subject to bullying and to fall behind in their studies due to the lack of assistance and support that they had come to rely upon.
2. That this House calls on the Government to immediately reinstate the lost funding to these 272 schools and to guarantee that in future every student will receive the amount of funding and learning support that is required to meet their individuals needs.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

928. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) paramedics based in Orange have raised concerns about ongoing staff shortages, rosters and fatigue management, and
 - (b) paramedics and representatives of their union recently met with the Member for Orange who did not offer assistance to the paramedics but merely suggested that they go the Industrial Relations Commission if negotiations were unsuccessful.

2. That this House:
 - (a) notes the essential and dangerous work undertaken by paramedics, and
 - (b) calls on the Government to provide extra resources to help these workers better manage their workloads.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

930. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes the recent arrest of persons accused of being involved in the genital mutilation of two young sisters.
2. That, in light of this incident, this House calls on the Government to fund the Community Relations Commission to conduct community education programs to ensure that the culturally and linguistically diverse communities in New South Wales are aware that all forms of female genital mutilation are prohibited.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

931. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Federal Labor Government has already committed over \$4.1 billion to the Pacific Highway, which is more than three times the \$1.3 billion that the Howard government committed during their 12 years in office,
 - (b) in addition, in the 2012/2013 Federal Budget a further \$3.56 billion was put on the table for the full duplication of the Pacific Highway by 2016, based on a matching commitment from the New South Wales Government,
 - (c) the 2016 timeline and the 50/50 funding model were established by the Howard Government and have been continuously supported by the National Roads and Motorists' Association (NRMA),
 - (d) on 16 September 2012, the Federal Coalition gave the State Coalition the 'green light' to abandon the 2016 timeline they established, and they have deferred the full duplication to beyond the current decade, and
 - (e) when the Federal Coalition were last in government, they stated that the Pacific Highway was a 'State road' and called on the then New South Wales Labor Government to do more.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Premier, the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, stated in March 2011:

“Only the NSW Liberals and Nationals are committed to completing the upgrade of the Pacific Highway by 2016.”,
 - (b) the Federal Member for Cowper, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP, stated:

“It's a State road. New South Wales refused to commit one extra dollar of State Government funding to a road they are responsible for.”, and

- (c) the Honourable Duncan Gay of the State Coalition said the same thing:
- “Yes, I will match that money, and save the lives of people in New South Wales that have to use this highway.”
3. That this House notes that:
- (a) the Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition, the Honourable Warren Truss MP, made an announcement that they were going to take the allocated money from the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link that had been pushed back for two years because of the inaction of the Coalition State Government,
- (b) Mr Truss stated that that would enable the them to fully duplicate the Highway and meet the target for completion of 2016,
- (c) there is, however, only \$67.9 million available for the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link between now and 2016,
- (d) this means they have pushed its completion beyond 2020, and in spite of that, they are still half a billion dollars short because of the failure of the State Government to honour the commitment they made in the 2011 election campaign,
- (e) at present, there are over 1,800 people working up and down the Pacific Highway because the Federal Government’s Economic Stimulus Plan put money into funding projects such as the Kempsey Bypass, 100 per cent funded by the Commonwealth, to ensure the full duplication as soon as possible, and
- (f) the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport has stated:
- “From the outset, we have asked no more of the NSW Coalition Government than what they themselves promised to do. But unfortunately when it comes to the Pacific Highway, the Coalition is all spin and deceit.”
4. That this House condemns the Federal Opposition for providing a ‘green light’ for the New South Wales Government to abandon their commitment to the Pacific Highway duplication.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

932. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that since its election, the O’Farrell Government has proceeded with a number of substantial changes to the delivery of emergency health services many of which will severely impact on outcomes, particularly for rural and regional communities, including:
- (a) the Emergency Department at Bulli Hospital that serves the Northern Illawarra community, first slated to become an Urgent Care Centre and now an Emergency Primary Health Care Centre is likely to lose its current 24 hour a day, seven day a week operations and may become little more than an overflow facility for Wollongong Hospital, and consequently residents of the Northern Illawarra who become critically ill or injured will be denied rapid care and stabilisation which could cost lives or compromise return to good health,
- (b) the proposed withdrawal of the overnight on-call doctor from the Emergency Department at Mullumbimby Hospital will leave patients presenting with serious illnesses and injuries to be diagnosed and treated under instructions from a doctor at the other end of a video link, therefore important but subtle symptoms are likely to be overlooked and nurses would be placed in a difficult moral and legal position,

- (c) the development of Urgent Care Centres as lower cost replacements for emergency departments has continued under the Coalition government with no formal, published evaluation of the impacts on patient health and safety,
 - (d) the O'Farrell Government's \$775 million cut to the health budget over the next four years under the labour expenses cap will reduce the resources and personnel available to emergency medicine in rural and regional New South Wales,
 - (e) the shifting of \$2.2 billion from the so-called 'back office' functions of the NSW Ministry of Health and the Local Health Districts will see important research, policy, administrative, human resources and support functions being performed by already over-stretched clinical staff,
 - (f) all of these cuts and changes are designed to cut expenditure on health, with little or no regard for the outcomes for seriously ill or injured patients, and
 - (g) the devolution of responsibility to the Local Health Districts means that community members angered by the adverse impacts of these cuts and changes will be forced to blame the local authority, while the O'Farrell Government that implemented the budget-cutting measures will escape the political consequences of their decisions.
2. That this House calls on the O'Farrell Government to put the health and safety of critically ill or injured patients and reject these changes and, in particular:
- (a) fund the Emergency Department at Bulli Hospital so that it can remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and attract qualified doctors,
 - (b) abandon the tele-health plans for Mullumbimby Hospital Emergency Department and provide funds to attract on-call doctors for the night shifts,
 - (c) publish the results of the Urgent Care Centre trial to allow for informed public debate on this model of delivery before proceeding with any further changes to emergency medicine in New South Wales,
 - (d) abandon the labour expenses cap and restore the \$775 million to Health's budget, and
 - (e) increase funding for front line clinical staff while not compromising the budget for policy development, research, human resources, administration and support.

(Notice given 18 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 127)

933. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House:
- (a) notes that for 2013, the Sydney University Village at the University of Sydney is increasing its accommodation fees, with the minimum increasing from \$238.50 per week to \$256.80, and
 - (b) acknowledges that this will create a substantial financial imposition on low income students who are supporting themselves while undertaking study.
2. That this House calls on:

- (a) the Sydney University Village to abandon the current rent rise and commit to increases that are not greater than the rate of inflation, and
- (b) the University of Sydney to facilitate the availability of low cost accommodation on campus.

(Notice given 19 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 128)

937. Mr Foley to move—

1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 inquire into and report on the use of cannabis for medical purposes, and in particular:
 - (a) the efficacy and safety of cannabis for medical purposes,
 - (b) if and how cannabis should be supplied for medical use,
 - (c) legal implications and issues concerning the use of cannabis for medical purposes, and
 - (d) any other related matter.
2. That the Committee report by 14 February 2013.

(Notice given 20 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 129)

938. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) section 28 of the Education Act 1990 gives the Minister for Education the power to close a one-teacher, or P6, public school without consultation with the community or the provision of parents with notice required for larger schools,
 - (b) since the election of the O'Farrell Government in March 2011, eight small schools around New South Wales have had teachers withdrawn and ceased being operational, whilst at least 6 are "in recess" pending possible closure,
 - (c) the Minister for Education admitted in answers to questions on notice that there are no state-wide or even regionally-based guidelines for the closure of P6 schools and that "any decision to change the educational provision is negotiated locally on a case-by-case basis",
 - (d) the parents of students at Grong Grong Public School in the Minister's own electorate of Murrumbidgee, have been informed that their school will be placed in recess for one year from Term One 2013 with a decision to be made on its future in the second half of 2013,
 - (e) in July 2012, 70 members of the Grong Grong community attended a meeting with the School Education Director to register their opposition to the school's possible closure, and
 - (f) despite repeated requests, the School Education Director has refused to provide parents and members of the community with a copy of the slides that were presented at the meeting and the report that went to the Regional Director recommending that the school be placed in recess, and parents remain in the dark as to the basis for the decision.
2. That this House calls on the Minister for Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP, to:

- (a) listen to the wishes of the Grong Grong Public School community and reverse the decision to place the school in recess in 2013, and
- (b) end the uncertainty and confusion for parents and school communities in rural and regional New South Wales by amending section 28 of the Education Act 1990 to remove the exemption for P6 schools from the government school closure processes that ensure parents and the community are consulted in the proposed closure of a larger school.

(Notice given 20 September 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 129)

939. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) Tuesday 16 October 2012 is “World Food Day”,
- (b) the purpose of World Food Day is to highlight the importance of food security,
- (c) this year’s theme is “Agricultural cooperatives – key to feeding the world” which aims to highlight the role of cooperatives in improving food security and contributing to the eradication of hunger,
- (d) with the world’s population expected to grow from 6.8 billion today to 9.1 billion by 2050, the protection of agricultural land for food production is vital,
- (e) food security is a human right recognized in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966, which Australia has ratified,
- (f) food poverty is defined as the inability to obtain healthy affordable food, caused by lack of access, high costs, and restricted choice,
- (g) the Government’s own Productivity and Food Security Symposium has noted that world food output must increase by 75 per cent by the year 2025, and it must have doubled by 2050 to meet expected demand, which means that the world must produce as much food in the next 50 years as we have produced in all of human history,
- (h) the Government’s Strategic Regional Land Use Policy fails to protect a single square foot of land from mining and gas development, and instead of giving certainty to farmers, provides a gateway for a mining and gas takeover of the state,
- (i) by offering the renewal of 22 coal seam gas mining licences across the state and continuing to allow the coal exploration on the Liverpool Plains, food poverty will be exacerbated by the reduction in available farmland and a high Australian dollar caused by increased mining exports,
- (j) the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry estimates a 8.4 per cent decline in wheat production, a 8.1 per cent decline in sheep meat production and a 5.5 per cent decline in dairy production in New South Wales by 2030 caused by fossil fuel induced climate change,
- (k) through the O’Farrell Government’s unequivocal support of the coal and coal seam gas industry, climate change will be accelerated, leading to more extreme weather, and with it crop failure and increased food poverty, and
- (l) Anglicare Australia estimates that around 45,000 Australian households use its emergency relief services because they don’t have enough money to adequately feed their families.

2. That this House notes the work of groups like the Sydney Food Fairness Alliance in raising community awareness of food security and creating socially, economically and environmentally sustainable food systems.
3. That this House calls on the Government to:
 - (a) suspend all coal and gas mining assessments in the state until Regional Strategic Land Use Plans are completed,
 - (b) listen to New South Wales farmers and communities and act to protect New South Wales' important agricultural land in the Gloucester, Liverpool Plains, Hunter and Northern Rivers, by making it off-limits to coal and coal seam gas mining,
 - (c) support changes to relevant laws that protect agricultural land from urban expansion,
 - (d) support programs that reduce food insecurity in our society and assist families and individuals to be able to meet their food needs, and
 - (e) support the Greens' Responsible Mining (Protecting Land, Water and Communities) Bill in order to secure agricultural land and water supplies so that New South Wales can continue to produce enough high quality food for the Australian and global population.

(Notice given 16 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 130)

941. Mr Shoebridge to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) recent logging in Pine Creek State Forest cut a swathe through riparian areas, severing the existing koala population in the Bongil Bongil National Park from the population in the State Forest, and severely damaging first and second order streams,
 - (b) Bermagui State Forest has recently been logged, despite the recorded presence of koalas, and
 - (c) koala numbers in New South Wales are in rapid decline, having fallen from around 31,400 in 1990 to around 21,000 in 2010 and the koala has been listed as 'vulnerable' by both the Australian Government and the New South Wales Government.
2. That this House condemns the Government for failing to protect the koala populations of Pine Creek and Bermagui State Forests.
3. That this House calls on the Government to:
 - (a) investigate and prosecute Forests NSW for its flouting of regulations surrounding the protection of koalas in Pine Creek and Bermagui State Forests,
 - (b) take immediate steps to protect the State's vulnerable koala population by instigating a permanent halt to logging in both Pine Creek State Forest and Bermagui State Forest, and
 - (c) undertake proactive and independent koala habitat surveys in all State Forests which have significant potential for koala populations in order to permanently protect existing and potential koala habitat from destructive logging operations.

(Notice given 16 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 130)

944. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Ambulance Service of NSW is implementing a new rostering arrangement for regional paramedics to replace the current system of four days rostered on and four days off to seven days on, two days off,
 - (b) the Industrial Relations Commission has approved a roll-out of the changes to the roster in regional areas which is to commence from 20 October 2012,
 - (c) the roster change would see the on-call hours for paramedics in regional areas increase from 14 hours to 16 hours,
 - (d) paramedics across the state including in Orange, Griffith, Bega, and the Northern Rivers have condemned the changes, arguing that the greater time between days off and the increase in hours spent on call will exacerbate the instances of fatigue and hamper fatigue recovery,
 - (e) the roster changes fail to address the underlying issue of paramedic staff shortages in regional areas that is a significant contributor to the fatigue amongst the paramedic workforce, and
 - (f) fatigue poses a severe and immediate threat to the health and safety of the paramedics and the patients that they are treating.
2. That this House:
 - (a) supports the decision of paramedics and the Health Services Union to put in place work bans for 24 hours from Saturday 20 October 2012, and
 - (b) calls on Health Minister Jillian Skinner to:
 - (i) instruct the Ambulance Service of NSW to abandon their new rostering arrangements for regional paramedics,
 - (ii) work with paramedics and their union to develop rostering arrangements that address the issue of fatigue,
 - (iii) develop legislation that extends to paramedics the same protection extended to other shift working occupations that are exposed to critical risks from fatigue,
 - (iv) identify regions of New South Wales where the ambulance service is not adequately staffed and develop mechanisms for increasing the number of available paramedics in those regions.

(Notice given 16 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 130)

945. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Macquarie University Postgraduate Representative Association (MUPRA) is the only independent, student-operated organisation that exercises its functions primarily to protect and advance the interests of postgraduate students at Macquarie University,
 - (b) Macquarie University management does not recognise the unique role of a democratically-elected body that delivers services to and advocates on behalf of postgraduate students and has established alternative decision making mechanisms that largely bypasses MUPRA,
 - (c) the public record demonstrates that MUPRA has fulfilled its governance and elections requirements through democratic and transparent operations, and

- (d) negotiations between Macquarie University and MUPRA have to date failed to develop an acceptable model of authentic postgraduate student representation into the future.
2. That this House calls on the Council of Macquarie University to:
- (a) recognise that MUPRA's continued existence, independence and capacity to allocate resources to student services is integral to the future of genuine postgraduate student representation, and
- (b) refrain from any efforts to restrict MUPRA's capacity to advocate for the best interests of Macquarie University postgraduate students and to provide appropriate services to them.
3. That this House calls on Macquarie University and MUPRA to enter into good faith and fair negotiations to determine the future of postgraduate representation and service delivery at the University.

(Notice given 16 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 130)

946. Ms Cotsis to move—

That this House:

- (a) calls on the O'Farrell Government to include information on water safety in the Blue Book which contains the personal health record of babies, which is provided to all new parents and primary carers of newborns,
- (b) notes that in light of the high number of drownings and near drownings, more can and should be done to inform parents, primary carers and the community about water safety and that this information should be available to parents from the very beginning of the child's life, and
- (c) calls on the relevant O'Farrell Government Ministers to immediately set up a meeting to work with the relevant peak bodies, including children's hospitals, local government and the Royal Life Saving Society to develop this information and include it in the Blue Book alongside the cardiopulmonary resuscitation chart already in the Blue Book.

(Notice given 17 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 131)

948. Ms Barham to move—

1. That this House notes:
- (a) that this week is Anti-Poverty Week, and
- (b) the contrast of standards of living in New South Wales and those who, due to poverty, are excluded from satisfying their basic needs and live in a state of deprivation.
2. That this House acknowledges the role of the University of NSW in initiating celebrating the tenth anniversary of Anti-Poverty Week and in encouraging all Australians to take part in activities related to highlighting or overcoming issues of poverty both at home and overseas.
3. That this House notes the recent report from the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) entitled 'Poverty in Australia – ACOSS Paper number 194', that contains startling and sobering statistics about a whole underclass in Australia's affluent society.
4. That this House notes that 'living below the poverty-line' in Australian society:
- (a) is defined as receiving a net income that is half of the median or middle income for households or individuals, and which is assessed by ACOSS as being, in 2010, a

disposable income of less than \$385 per week for a single adult, and less than \$752 per week for a couple with two children,

- (b) amounts to, once rent is paid, some \$35 per day for everything else for a single person and some \$65 per day for everything else for a family with two children,
 - (c) means that people in poverty are excluded from participating in activities most of us take for granted and that children are excluded from childhood experiences, and as an example, a recent Salvation Army study reported that nearly 40 per cent of children could not participate in school activities because their parents could not afford the cost, and
 - (d) means that a large group in our affluent society feel marginalised and aspire to a 'normal life' where income is adequate and secure and where they can be respected and have a place in our society.
5. That this House notes that the ACOSS report includes the following statistics:
- (a) one in eight people, being 12.8 per cent or 2.265 million people, live below the poverty line in Australia,
 - (b) one in six children, being 17 per cent or 575 000 children, live below the poverty line in Australia,
 - (c) 37 per cent of all the people receiving social security benefits live in poverty, with the most vulnerable groups being those on Newstart, parenting programs, disability and carers support,
 - (d) women have a higher risk of poverty due to their lower employment opportunities and due to their higher participation as carers,
 - (e) people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups also are at greater risk,
 - (f) New South Wales and Tasmania are the worst states for poverty, due to New South Wales' high housing costs and Tasmania's relatively high unemployment, and
 - (g) poverty is more concentrated in the cities in New South Wales due to housing costs.
6. That this House notes that in addition to 'living below the poverty line', a useful indicator for poverty is the 'poverty gap', which indicates how far a person is below the poverty line and is also directly related to the benefits they receive, so that:
- (a) those living on Newstart are, on an average, \$196 below the poverty line, followed by those on a carer's allowance who are on average \$182 below, followed by those on a parenting allowance who are on average \$170 below the poverty line, and
 - (b) those living on the aged pension are, as a group, relatively less below the poverty line, due to the home ownership component in this group.
7. That this House acknowledges the research done by the NSW Council of Social Services in 2007 which highlights the impacts that poverty has on people's lives, particularly:
- (a) the life expectancy of Aboriginals in New South Wales is approximately seventeen years less than non-indigenous people,
 - (b) people living in poverty have a greater burden of disease, especially mental disorders, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and injuries,
 - (c) some 200 000 people in New South Wales, including children, are on the waiting list for public dentistry, and

- (d) according to the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, 36 per cent of lower income households in Sydney and 24 per cent in the rest of New South Wales are experiencing housing stress, that is, they are spending more than 30 per cent of their income on housing.
8. That this House notes the need for a national strategy to address poverty and the need for the NSW Government to take an active role in relieving poverty and taking responsibility to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged people in our society.

(Notice given 17 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 131)

950. Ms Faehrmann to move—

That, under standing order 52, there be laid upon the table of the House within 2 days of the date of passing of this resolution the following documents in the possession, custody or control of the Office of Environment and Heritage:

- (a) any advice from the Crown Solicitor pertaining to the Coastal Protection Amendment Bill 2012 and provisions and policy changes therein,
- (b) any advice on coastal protection policy, including the Coastal Protection Amendment Bill 2012, provided to the Government since March 2011 by the NSW Coastal Panel established under the Coastal Protection Act 1979, and
- (c) any document which records or refers to the production of documents as a result of this order of the House.

(Notice given 17 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 131)

951. Ms Ficarra to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the latest 'National Visitor Tourism Survey' indicates the New South Wales tourism industry has occasioned a significant increase in visitation and overnight stays,
 - (b) interstate visitors to New South Wales increased by 7.4 per cent over the financial years for 2010 to 2012, and this includes 3.2 million extra visitor nights, with 540,000 additional interstate visitors,
 - (c) expenditure by interstate visitors to New South Wales also increased by 12.1 per cent,
 - (d) New South Wales leads the country in the number of interstate visitors, with 7.9 million having come to New South Wales in the year to June 2012,
 - (e) New South Wales remains the favourite destination for all domestic visitors, with an increase in the total number of domestic visitor nights to almost 84.5 million, being an 8.3 per cent rise between 2010 and 2012,
 - (f) daytrips in New South Wales have also increased, by 7.4 per cent over the same period,
 - (g) domestic overnight visitors to New South Wales contributed more than \$28 billion into the New South Wales economy since June 2010,
 - (h) the tourism industry contributes \$20.2 billion per year in international and domestic overnight visitor expenditure to the New South Wales economy and tourism employment accounts for one in every 22 jobs in New South Wales,

- (i) as well as the increase in interstate visits, New South Wales intrastate tourism has also increased, with a 6.7 per cent increase in New South Wales residents travelling within the state, to 17 million in the latest June year,
 - (j) Sydney has again been voted one of the world's best cities in the Condé Nast Traveler USA 'Reader's Choice Awards', announced in New York on 17 October 2012 and, in world rankings, Sydney was rated sixth by the magazine's readers, with Melbourne not making the top 100,
 - (k) the 'Reader's Choice Award' is the fifth major international award for Sydney this year, including:
 - (i) World's Favourite Overseas City, in the Conde Nast Traveller UK 'Reader's Choice Awards',
 - (ii) World's Best Festival and Major Events City, by the International Festival and Events Association,
 - (iii) Top 5 Best World Destinations, in the UK Cruise International Awards,
 - (iv) Number One City in Australia, in the Trip Advisor 'Travellers Choice Awards', and
 - (l) the 'Reader's Choice' also ranked Australia's hotels, giving the Langham Sydney the top spot and naming eight of the nation's top ten hotels in Sydney, including the top five.
2. That this House acknowledges Destination NSW and the Minister for Tourism, the Honourable George Souris MP, for work undertaken that has occasioned the increase rate of tourism to and in New South Wales, and numerous coveted awards.

(Notice given 17 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 131)

952. Mr Whan to move—

That this House:

- (a) expresses its support for the extension of the single desk arrangements for rice exports from New South Wales,
- (b) notes that the current arrangement has been very beneficial for New South Wales rice growers over a long period of time and has formed the backbone of the growth of a successful rice export industry for New South Wales, and
- (c) calls on the Minister for Primary Industries to renew the single desk arrangement.

(Notice given 18 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 132)

959. Mr Khan to move—

- 1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the report "Writing Themselves in 3" was published in 2010,
 - (b) the authors of the report were Lynn Hillier, Tiffany Jones, Marisa Monagle, Naomi Overton, Luke Gahan, Jennifer Blackman and Anne Mitchell, and
 - (c) the report was compiled following interviews with 3,134 same sex attracted and gender questioning youths between the ages of 14 and 21 years from across Australia.
- 2. That this House congratulates the authors for the completion of their third study.
- 3. That this House expresses concern at the many findings of the report, including that:

- (a) 61 per cent of same sex attracted and gender questioning youths reported verbal abuse because of homophobia,
 - (b) 18 per cent of same sex attracted and gender questioning youths reported physical abuse because of homophobia,
 - (c) the rates of self harm amongst same sex attracted and gender questioning youths living in rural and remote areas were far higher than those living in urban environments,
 - (d) same sex attracted and gender questioning youths living in rural and remote areas were less likely to feel safe at school, at social occasions and on the internet than their urban peers, and
 - (e) many same sex attracted and gender questioning youths aspired to leave their rural and regional homes to become the person they wanted to be in an urban environment.
4. That this House acknowledges the finding that same sex attracted and gender questioning youths who reported their school as having a supportive environment were less likely to harm themselves or attempt suicide.
 5. That this House encourages the Government to take all appropriate steps to meet its obligations to ensure that school environments are safe as well as tolerant and supportive of all children, irrespective of their sexuality.

(Notice given 23 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 133)

961. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the International Federation of Red Cross and former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan have acknowledged that “climate change is the greatest threat facing humanity”,
 - (b) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation’s (CSIRO) latest State of the Climate report found that since the 1950s, each decade has been warmer than the previous decade, and that the world’s 13 warmest years on record have all occurred in the past 15 years,
 - (c) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) September 2012 report found that Australia experienced its third warmest September maximum temperatures on record, at 1.94^oC above average,
 - (d) the month of June broke or tied 3,215 high-temperature records across the United States, and followed the warmest May on record for the Northern Hemisphere, being the 327th consecutive month in which the temperature of the entire globe exceeded the 20th century average,
 - (e) the International Energy Agency (IEA) states our current fossil fuel consumption puts the planet on a 6^oC temperature rise trajectory by 2100,
 - (f) the Government accelerates climate change by:
 - (i) subsidising the coal industry, to the tune of \$4 billion per annum,
 - (ii) supporting the coal seam gas industry, whose lifecycle emissions are on par or worse than coal,
 - (iii) declaring a war on renewables through its removal of the Solar Bonus Scheme, introduction of anti-wind power guidelines and its call to remove the Renewable Energy Target, and

- (g) Australia, as the driest inhabited continent on Earth, is particularly susceptible to climate change, and will be severely impacted unless immediate action is taken to decarbonise the economy.
2. That this House calls on the Government to:
- (a) support policy that promotes investment in renewable energy generation through increases in Renewable Energy Targets and Feed-in Tariffs,
 - (b) end subsidies to coal fired electricity and put a moratorium on coal seam gas while uncertainty remains over its emission profiles, and
 - (c) make climate action the priority of government in order to mitigate the effects of climate change.

(Notice given 23 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 133)

970. Mr Moselmane to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) New South Wales is the country's most populated state, with the oldest parliament and a proud history of inclusion,
 - (b) the Australian Aboriginal people represent forty thousand years of history, and are a people that are a fundamental part of Australian society,
 - (c) Parliaments across the nation proudly display the Aboriginal flags in their buildings and the New South Wales Legislative Assembly is no exception, and
 - (d) the Legislative Council, however, does not display the Aboriginal flag.
2. That this House:
- (a) notes that the Legislative Council does not display within it the Aboriginal flag, and
 - (b) resolves to rectify this anomaly by displaying the Aboriginal flag in the chamber of the Legislative Council.

(Notice given 24 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 134)

971. Mr Lynn to move—

1. That this House notes:
- (a) the tragic death on 21 October 2012 of Corporal Scott James Smith, 24 years of age, a member of the Special Operations Task Group who was from the Special Operations Engineer Regiment based at Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney, New South Wales,
 - (b) that Scott Smith was born in the Barossa Valley, South Australia in 1988,
 - (c) that Corporal Smith joined the army in February 2006 and, on completion of his initial employment training, was posted to the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment, Darwin,
 - (d) that Corporal Smith was an exceptional soldier who possessed all the qualities and charisma of a great junior leader and was described by his unit as a genuine, honest and dedicated member who was probably one of the best Junior Non-Commissioned Officers that the unit has seen, and

- (e) that Corporal Smith is survived by his partner Liv, his parents Katrina Paterson and Murray Smith and his sister Roxanne.

2. That this House extends its condolences and pays tribute to Corporal Smith and his family.

(Notice given 24 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 134)

978. Ms Cotsis to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) Women's Legal Services NSW held their 30th anniversary gala dinner on Wednesday 26 September 2012,
- (b) Women's Legal Services NSW is a community legal service that provides women with free legal advice, as well as information, education and resources,
- (c) Women's Legal Services NSW concentrates on issues that primarily affect women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, family law and discrimination, and
- (d) through the services and education Women's Legal Services NSW provides, it is focused on allowing all women in New South Wales access to justice.

2. That this House congratulates Women's Legal Services NSW on their 30th anniversary and commends the work they do in advancing the status of women in New South Wales.

(Notice given 25 October 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 135)

981. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is currently conducting public hearings into the circumstances surrounding the issuing of a coal exploration licence in the Bylong Valley to Cascade Coal,
- (b) the evidence presented in the hearings suggests the taxpayers of New South Wales have been massively short-changed by the issuing of this exploration licence for around \$1 million to Cascade Coal given its subsequent attempts to sell the licence for \$500 million,
- (c) the evidence presented in the hearings suggests a significant level of dishonesty in the bid process for the licence from persons with interests in those bids,
- (d) last month the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure made a speech in the Legislative Assembly indicating that there were no grounds available to him as the Minister with responsibility for planning to suspend or terminate the current Cascade Coal application relating to their Mt Penny coal mine project, and
- (e) section 125 of the Mining Act 1992 allows for the cancellation or operational suspension of an exploration licence if the Energy and Resources Minister reasonably considers that the holder of the authority provided false or misleading information in or in connection with an application.

2. That this House calls on the Government to:

- (a) to instruct the Minister for Resources and Energy to investigate options for the suspension or termination of the exploration licences subject to the current ICAC inquiries and to release any legal advice obtained publically, and
- (b) if no legal avenues currently exist to suspend or terminate the licence, to introduce legislation to the Parliament bring this into effect.

(Notice given 13 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 136)

982. Ms Cotsis to move—

That this House:

- (a) congratulates US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, for her successful term as the US President's chief Foreign Affairs adviser,
- (b) commends Secretary Clinton on her four year tenure which saw the Secretary visit 112 countries and change the face of US foreign policy,
- (c) acknowledges Secretary Clinton's major achievements as US Secretary of State, including:
 - (i) advocacy and dedication to the promotion of human rights,
 - (ii) introducing the Global Hunger and Food Security policy, aimed at reducing sustainability, reducing the number of children suffering from under-nutrition and raising the average income in rural areas,
 - (iii) promoting International Cyber Diplomacy by seeking a cyberspace that empowers individuals, strengthens communities, builds better governments and strengthens national and international security,
 - (iv) introducing the Global Health Initiative to ensure more unified investments in global health, and
- (d) recognises and congratulates the US Secretary of State for her commitment to human rights throughout her career including:
 - (i) as an intern at Treuhaft, Walker and Burnstein law firm working on child custody cases,
 - (ii) leading bipartisan efforts to improve adoption and foster care systems, reduce teen pregnancy and provide health care to children through the Children's Health Insurance as the First Lady,
 - (iii) her continued efforts to promote women's rights, children's rights and access to health as a Senator.

(Notice given 13 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 136)

990. Ms Westwood to move—

1. That this House condemns the O'Farrell Government's cuts to TAFE.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) these cuts have caused the loss of 800 TAFE jobs,
 - (b) these cuts will mean that students have to meet increased fee costs of 9.5 per cent,
 - (c) these cuts will mean some courses will be cut and others only to be offered at full commercial rates, and
 - (d) disadvantaged students, women re-entering the workforce, students with a disability and businesses will be adversely affected by the unavailability or unaffordability of a number of courses, in particular:
 - (i) Fine Arts courses,

- (ii) the Outdoor Recreational course,
- (iii) Hospitality and Tourism courses,
- (iv) Certificate I and II (Access) courses,
- (v) Outreach courses.

(Notice given 14 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 137)

992. Ms Cotsis to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) that the Aboriginal Women's Sexual Assault Network, also known as 'Hey Sis, we've got your back', held its launch in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House on Thursday 20 September 2012,
 - (b) that the Aboriginal Women's Sexual Assault Network is the result of a partnership between the Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation and the NSW Rape Crisis Centre which aims to support Aboriginal women and reduce sexual violence in their communities,
 - (c) that the rate of sexual assault in Aboriginal communities is approximately three times higher than in non-Aboriginal communities in Australia, and
 - (d) that there is a need for culturally aware and appropriate services to support victims of sexual violence as well as the communities working to reduce sexual violence.
2. That this House recognises the extraordinary contributions of Yatungka Gordon, Dixie Link-Gordon, Karen Willis and their colleagues at the Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal women's health services and support services for their work with people who have experienced sexual violence.
3. That this House congratulates the Network on its launch and wishes it success in its endeavours.

(Notice given 14 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 137)

993. Ms Faehrmann to move—

1. That this House notes that the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) NSW:
 - (a) is an invaluable legal service that has provided the people of New South Wales with unparalleled independent advice and support in planning and decision making processes to protect their environment and heritage under the law since 1985,
 - (b) is the community's only accessible and affordable source of expert information and advice in this area of law,
 - (c) is an independent legal service backed by scientists and education specialists, and the organisation is not and never has been politically active,
 - (d) has enjoyed bi-partisan support for its 27 years,
 - (e) provides multi-disciplinary services to the community of New South Wales which includes:
 - (i) a telephone advice line that received nearly 1500 requests for assistance last year,
 - (ii) a targeted program of rural and regional engagement, including a regional office in Lismore in northern New South Wales,
 - (iii) an indigenous community program,
 - (iv) the publication of numerous legal guides and much-used fact sheets,
 - (v) scientific advice,
 - (vi) constant educational activities,

- (vii) significant policy and law reform contributions,
 - (f) for nearly 15 years the EDO NSW has received the majority of its operational funding from the Public Purpose Fund of the Law Society of NSW, with the concurrence of the Attorney General of the day, and also directly from government-related sources including Legal Aid and various grant schemes,
 - (g) the Public Purpose Fund support is in doubt, and without quick resolution the EDO NSW will have no choice but to close down or at least dramatically scale back all of its community support work, and
 - (h) the recent attacks and allegations against EDO NSW in Parliament and in The Australian newspaper relating to the EDO's role at a local community meeting are unfair and misinformed, as a lawyer providing input or advice does not equate with endorsement or authorship and no lawyer is expected to be responsible for the actions of their clients, and this goes to the heart of the role of the law and the legal profession in our society.
2. That this House calls on the Government to declare its strong and unambiguous support for ongoing funding of the EDO NSW so that it can continue to provide its essential service of independent, expert and affordable legal advice on environment and planning issues to people and communities across New South Wales.

(Notice given 14 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 137)

995. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the ongoing claims by the coal seam gas industry and the Government that coal seam gas production can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions,
 - (b) a growing number of studies questioning the full extent of emissions from the coal seam gas production process with several suggesting lifecycle emissions from unconventional gas could be worse than coal,
 - (c) the Federal Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency is currently undergoing a review into the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions associated with coal seam gas production,
 - (d) the Federal Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency commissioned a study published in August 2012 entitled “Review of literature on international best practice for estimating greenhouse gas emissions from coal seam gas production”, which concluded that there is effectively no public information about methane emissions associated with unconventional gas production in Australia and stated that this is a matter of some public policy concern given the projected large growth in production of coal seam gas, and
 - (e) the Government failed in its response to the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquiry into coal seam gas to implement the Committee's recommendation to introduce a 0.1 per cent fugitive emissions target on coal seam gas production approvals.
2. That this House calls on the Government to:
- (a) introduce a moratorium on coal seam gas exploration and production until a final assessment methodology for emissions from coal seam gas is determined, and
 - (b) commit to a minimum standard for fugitive emissions in accordance with the coal seam gas inquiry.

(Notice given 14 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 137)

997. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Southern Highlands Coal Action Group has been blockading Carters Lane since 3 October 2012 to prevent Hume Coal from accessing a local property to conduct coal exploration drilling,
 - (b) Hume Coal, is a joint initiative of Korean steel maker POSCO and Australian listed coal producer Cockatoo Coal whose exploration area 89km² in the Southern Highlands over high quality grazing land to the west of Moss Vale and Suttons Forest,
 - (c) Hume Coal have applied to the Land and Environment Court seeking an injunction to effectively remove a community blockade,
 - (d) Hume Coal are also seeking damages from Ross and Margaret Alexander the owners of Carters Lane,
 - (e) the properties along Carters Lane and covered by the Hume Coal exploration licence are subject to a Covenant which prevents industrial activity or any commercial activity not related to agriculture,
 - (f) while Hume Coal has an access agreement with one property owner along Carters Lane, Hume Coal does not have an access arrangement with the Alexanders who own the road or the person who originally established the covenant over the properties covered by the Hume Coal exploration licence area,
 - (g) the Southern Highlands Coal Action Group has been campaigning against coal mining and coal seam gas in the area due to the high quality and fully allocated ground water resources in the district,
 - (h) the community has put significant resources into conducting independent water studies within the area which have confirmed mining and coal seam gas development will have devastating impacts on the local aquifer, and
 - (i) the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Honourable Brad Hazzard MP, in a 7:30 NSW Interview in September, responded to a suggestion by presenter Quentin Dempster that the new Strategic Regional Land Use Policy process would end up in court as follows:

“How fantastic is that... that we’ve got all these new independent processes and on top of that you can actually appeal...to a court, the Land and Environment Court.”
2. That this House recognises:
 - (a) the broad community support for the Southern Highlands Coal Action Group and its blockade of Hume Coal,
 - (b) the failure of the Government’s Strategic Regional Land Use Policy to protect agricultural land and regional communities,
 - (c) the heavy-handed tactics of Hume Coal in trying to resolve the access dispute, and
 - (d) that the Southern Highlands is not an appropriate location for coal mining given the high agricultural values, high quality ground water resources and that local streams inevitably run into Sydney’s drinking water supply.

3. That this House calls on the Government to withdraw the coal and coal seam gas exploration licence over the Southern Highlands.

(Notice given 14 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 137)

999. Ms Faehrmann to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) that Railcorp staff are often required to work under extremely difficult conditions, at all hours and in all weather, and like all other employees are not immune to workplace accidents and injury,
 - (b) comments made by the Minister for Transport reported in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Daily Telegraph on 23 October 2012, in which she referred to Railcorp staff as “bludgers, and
 - (c) the critical lack of funding for public transport services and infrastructure in New South Wales and the resulting increase in avoidable congestion costs to the state’s economy.
2. That this House calls on the Minister for Transport, the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, to withdraw her comment and publicly apologise to Railcorp workers who have been unfairly denigrated in an attempt to distract from failings in the Transport portfolio.

(Notice given 14 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 137)

1000. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Inaugural Deepawali Mela 2012 was held by Sanatan Satsang Sabha of NSW Inc on 27 and 28 October 2012 at Bigge Park Liverpool,
 - (b) Sanatan Satsang Sabha is a Hindu community organisation comprised of Indians from Fiji who promote Indian culture and raise funds to assist under-privileged people in Fiji,
 - (c) the festival included a charity pageant, food and variety stalls, live music on Saturday 27 October, cultural and Bollywood performances and children’s fun and activities,
 - (d) the Sanatan Satsang Sabha organisation raised money for under-privileged students in Fiji and Australia, and also plans to build a hall in Sydney, and
 - (e) the event was such a success that it is hoped to become an annual event for the Hindu community in Liverpool.
2. That this House congratulates the President, Mrs Sharmila Prakash, and the Committee of Sanatan Satsang Sabha for inaugurating such a successful cultural event.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1001. Mr Clarke to move—

1. That this House notes that the Government has awarded new Sydney metropolitan bus service contracts to the Penrith, Mt Druitt, St Marys, Richmond and Windsor regions.
2. That this House congratulates the Government, as the new contracts will:

- (a) fine tune timetables to improve service times and ensure efficient connections,
- (b) improve running times and reduce congestion at bus interchanges,
- (c) improve coordination with school start and finish times, and
- (d) monitor service delivery with the introduction of a new 24/7 control centre.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1002. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes and celebrates the life and many achievements of Dr Surendranath Rananavare otherwise known as Dr Suresh, a long standing resident of Mullumbimby for 36 years, who dedicated his life and services to the community and sadly passed away on Sunday 22 July 2012 aged 71.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) Dr Suresh graduated from the University of Bombay in India in 1967 and came to Mullumbimby in June 1976 practising as a solo medical practitioner, where he continued to practice from his Burringbar Street Practice until his death,
 - (b) so dedicated to his profession, Dr Suresh did not take leave for the first 25 years of his working life except to attend lectures, seminars, postgraduate courses and workshops,
 - (c) over the years, Dr Suresh developed a solid and friendly practice and built a good relationship with his patients and the wider community and, so strong was this bond with his patients, some travelled lengthy distances to see him and his practice continued to grow into the thousands,
 - (d) Dr Suresh believed in integrative medicine and held qualifications in spinal manipulation, laser therapy acupuncture, hypnotherapy, nutritional and Ayurvedic medicine,
 - (e) Dr Suresh was Mullumbimby Hospital's longest serving Visiting Medical Officer (VMO),
 - (f) while working as a VMO Dr Suresh guided other young VMO's who encountered difficulties, taught young registrars and nurses showing them integrative medicine approaches such as suturing body lacerations in frightened children, reducing joint dislocations, doing urethral dilatation and difficult confinements under hypnosis, using laser acupuncture in paraphimosis or delivering babies under acupuncture analgesia without drugs in order to prevent side effects to the mother or newborn babies, procedures not performed in mainstream hospitals,
 - (g) one of Dr Suresh's many achievements was helping to raise over \$10,000 to buy hospital equipment in 2003,
 - (h) Dr Suresh also helped raise thousands of dollars to support local air and sea rescue services and more than a million dollars to build and furnish an old people's bed hostel, run by St Vincent de Paul Society and the Catholic Health Service, while an active member of the Chincogam Fiesta Committee and, since opening in January 1984 the number of beds has increased from 43 substantially,

- (i) Dr Suresh was also noted for his work in Indigenous Reconciliation in which he spent countless hours and energy and his own money in research to protect the sacred sites of the Bungjulong Aboriginal people with the help of local historian, Mr Frank Mills and the late Judge Dr Bob Bellear,
- (j) Dr Suresh instigated the naming of Parkland at Ocean Shores in honour of Judge Dr Robert Bellear QC, a former local resident and the first and only Indigenous Judge in more than 215 years of Australian European history,
- (k) in order to prevent snakebite casualties within the region and hence save thousands of taxpayer dollars, Dr Suresh was responsible for lobbying business groups and charities, members of parliament and the media to fund Mr George Ellis, known as “George the Snake man”, to relocate snakes to a more appropriate environment,
- (l) Dr Suresh was one of the founding members and financed the first and only Hare Krishna, or International Society of Krishna Conscience, primary school in Australia, which is recognised by the Department of Education,
- (m) Dr Suresh collected \$35,000 for Mullumbimby Swimming Pool, which produced outstanding Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medalist butterfly swimmer Petria Thomas,
- (n) Dr Suresh was a member of the Australian Labor Party for many decades and held the positions of President and Senior Vice President of the Mullumbimby Branch,
- (o) a highlight of Dr Suresh’s life was when he was chosen as a torch bearer for the 2000 Olympics, the first Indian in the world to carry the torch,
- (p) Dr Suresh’s ties with India remained strong over the years and he financially supported the Institution for the Disadvantaged Poor in India and the Open Free Food Centres for thousands of people, including the Orange Clan of Holy Men on the way to the Pilgrimage of Amaramath in the Himalayas, and
- (q) Dr Suresh was described as a true gentleman, kind, intelligent, humble and loved by his patients and he will be greatly missed.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1003. Mr Shoebridge to move—

That the House:

- (a) notes that section 316 of the Crimes Act 1900 makes it a crime for anyone who knows or believes that a serious indictable offence has been committed and who has information that might be of material assistance in bringing the person who committed that crime to justice, to fail to give that information to the police or other appropriate authority,
- (b) notes that the only obstacle to bringing a prosecution against a member of the clergy of any church or religious denomination for failing to disclose to police information of child sex offences given in confession is the fact that the Attorney General, or his delegate, must give consent to the prosecution,
- (c) notes that the Premier has stated that he personally struggles to understand that if a priest confesses to another priest that he has been involved in pedophile activities, that that information should not be brought to police, and
- (d) calls on the Premier to live up to his words and to sit down with the Attorney General and police and commit to bringing to justice any member of the clergy of any church or religious denomination who knew of the crime of child sexual abuse and had information that might have

been of material assistance to police in bringing the offender to justice and failed to provide that information to authorities, regardless of whether or not that information was provided to them in the confessional.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1004. Ms Ficarra to move—

That this House:

- (a) congratulates the Government on its efforts to crackdown on alcohol-fuelled violence, and
- (b) notes that that one year after these new police powers came into force, an average of 10 people a week have been charged.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1005. Ms Cotsis to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) on 1 January 2013, the Federal Labor Government will commence dedicated payments to provide fathers and same-sex partners with additional financial support when they choose to take time off work after the birth of their child, and
- (b) this payment will be made in addition to existing Paid Parental Leave arrangements established by the Federal Labor Government which provide mothers with 18 weeks of Government-funded leave after the birth of their child.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates the Federal Government on establishing leave payments that give all new parents the opportunity to bond with their children, and
- (b) offers support to policies and initiatives that enable all parents to become more involved in the lives of their children and to give them the very best foundations in life.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1006. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the provisions of the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Bill 2012.
2. That the committee consist of seven members comprising:
 - (a) three Government members,
 - (b) two Opposition members, and
 - (c) Paul Green and John Kaye.
3. That the Honourable Paul Green be the Chair of the Committee.
4. That the Deputy Chair of the committee be elected at the first meeting before proceeding to any other business.

5. That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee four members will constitute a quorum, provided at least one is a Cross Bench member.
6. Unless the committee decides otherwise, a member of the House who is not a member of the committee may take part in a private meeting of the committee but may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division.
7. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
 - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
 - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
 - (c) a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
8. That the committee report by Tuesday 16 April 2013.
9. That the order of the day for the second reading of the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Bill 2012 be postponed until after the committee has reported to the House.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1008. Mr Colless to move—

That this House:

- (a) notes the inadequate level of public transport options between Bathurst and Sydney that existed during the 16 years the former Labor Government spent in office,
- (b) commends the tireless advocacy of members of Rail Action Bathurst, particularly their Chairman, John Hollis, in canvassing community support to establish a daily return rail service between Bathurst and Sydney through surveys, the collection of over 8,000 signatures from concerned local residents and unrelenting lobbying,
- (c) acknowledges the overwhelming community support for this service, noting that since the return daily service to Sydney commenced operation in October 2012, patronage figures have exceeded expectations,
- (d) endorses the sentiments expressed by Rail Action Bathurst Chairman, John Hollis, that without the enthusiastic support of the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Transport and Mr Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst, the introduction of this service “would never have happened”, and
- (e) congratulates the Government on delivering its election commitment to introduce the new daily Bathurst to Sydney rail service and also commends the Government in implementing more than 1,000 new services on train, bus, ferry and NightRide routes since March 2011.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1009. Mrs Maclaren-Jones to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) nominations for the 2013 Women of the Year Awards have now opened,

- (b) these awards provide the community with the opportunity to nominate outstanding women for the Premier's Woman of the Year Award and the People's Choice Community Hero Award, and
 - (c) these awards will include the inaugural Male Champion of Change Award to recognise the role of men in championing women in the community and in business.
2. That this House commends the Government for giving people the opportunity to recognise the work of women who have demonstrated excellence in their career field and make a difference in the communities and workplaces.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1010. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the 42nd Annual Ball of the S. Antonio da Padova Protettore di Poggioreale Trapani – Sydney Ltd was held on Friday 9 November 2012 at the Conca D'Oro Lounge at Riverwood, and
 - (b) the following guests were in attendance:
 - (i) the Italian Consul General, Mr Sergio Martes and Mrs Maria Martes,
 - (ii) the Honourable Victor Dominello MP, representing the Premier of New South Wales,
 - (iii) the Honourable Amanda Fazio MLC,
 - (iv) Mayor Ivan Petch of the City of Ryde,
 - (v) Councillor Tony Fasanella and Mrs Fasenella of the City of Canada Bay.
2. That this House notes:
- (a) the hard work and dedication to the provision of quality aged care by the Board of Directors of S. Antonio da Padova and congratulates the following for organising the dinner:
 - (i) Peter Maniscalco, President,
 - (ii) Ross Cutelli, Vice President,
 - (iii) Tony Scaltrito, Secretary,
 - (iv) Gino Paladino, Treasurer,
 - (v) Guiseppi Tusa, Assistant Treasurer,
 - (vi) Frank Aloisio, Director,
 - (vii) Tony Battiato, Director,
 - (viii) Teresa Todaro Restifa, Director,
 - (ix) Rose Williams, Director, and
 - (b) the contribution of the sponsors of the Annual Ball, being Navarra Venues, A O'Hare Funeral Directors, Berlina Bodyworks, ART BC Jewellers, Artisticstone Maniscalco, Stillone and Associates and Ferndale gardens.
3. That this House:
- (a) notes that the S. Antonio da Padova Protettore di Poggioreale Sydney Nursing Home Limited is available to the elderly and infirmed in the community regardless of origin, faith or circumstance, and
 - (b) commends the Association for their plans to expand their nursing home at Ryde from 40 beds to 104 beds.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1011. Mr Ajaka to move—

That this House:

- (a) commends the Government for announcing stage two of the Princes Highway upgrade, the Foxground and Berry bypass, to be completed by the 2017/18 financial year, subject to planning approval and the successful long term lease of Port Kembla and Port Botany, and
- (b) notes that the Princes Highway is a key freight route and the stage two upgrade is the most significant transport infrastructure upgrade currently underway on the South Coast.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1012. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that a three day festival was held by the Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir Society at the Mukti-Gupteshwar Hindu Temple at Minto from 19 to 21 October 2012 to officially launch the Holy Book “Mukti-Gupteshwar Shiv Dharm Maha-Shastra”.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the ancient and holy text has been translated for the first time from Sanskrit to Hindi to allow the Maha-Shastra to be more widely read,
 - (b) the Maha-Shastra is compiled from a very ancient manuscript written in Bhojpatra and the entire book contains 7996 Shlokas or hymns and contains seven sections, and
 - (c) present at the launch were:
 - (i) Mr Arun Kumar Goel, Consul General of India in Sydney,
 - (ii) Mr Deepak K Khadka, Honorary Consul Consulate General of Nepal,
 - (iii) the Honourable Amanda Fazio MLC,
 - (iv) Mr Bryan Doyle MP, Member for Campbelltown,
 - (v) Councillor Raj Datta, Strathfield Council.
3. That this House commends Mr Prem Misra and the members of the Managing Committee of the Mukti-Gupteshwar Mandir and the scholars who translated this holy text for their work in making the “Mukti-Gupteshwar Shiv Dharm Maha-Shastra” more widely available.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1013. Mrs Maclaren-Jones to move—

1. That this House notes that on Saturday 20 October 2012, the Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay held the 86th annual spectacular opening to the boating season.
2. That this House congratulates the Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay on the 12th Anniversary of the Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay Timber Boat Festival, which was held on 3 and 4 November 2012.
3. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the festival attracts more than 1,000 boat lovers each year, which include displays of wooden sloops, ketches, yawls, schooners and motor cruisers, as well as classics such as Halvorsen, Williams, Heffeschoff, Chris Craft, Milcraft and Riva,
 - (b) boating is a popular pastime and a passion for many people in New South Wales, with more than 225,000 registered recreational vessels and nearly half a million boating licences,

- (c) each year an estimated 1.5 million people go boating along the coastline and on inland lakes, rivers and estuaries,
- (d) the Government wants all members of the community to have safe and convenient infrastructure to access waterways, and
- (e) under the Better Boating Program, the Government offers approximately \$5 million each year in grants to local councils, boating clubs and community groups.

(Notice given 15 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 138)

1014. Ms Fazio to move—

1. This House notes the complaints of the Australian Monarchist League that the New South Wales Government:
 - (a) has not provided enough information and opportunities for members of the public to see His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall during their brief visit to Sydney,
 - (b) placed an inaccurate public notice on the Government website which was subsequently removed, and
 - (c) during the course of the visit had not made public details of the Sydney itinerary of the Royal visitors, thus denying Royal watchers the opportunity to see the Royal couple.
2. That this House calls on the Premier to explain if these omissions were due to:
 - (a) incompetence,
 - (b) laziness, or
 - (c) a lack of support for the institution of the monarchy.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1015. Revd Mr Nile to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) had the German-led forces won at El Alamein in 1942, there is a strong likelihood that the Nazi regime would have brought the Holocaust into the Middle East and attempted to murder some 600,000 Jewish people living in Egypt and the land of Israel, or British Mandated Palestine at the time,
 - (b) there was an official German plan to attach a specialised murder squad to Rommel's Panzer Army Africa,
 - (c) following the victory by the allies, led by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Jewish Government in Israel, before May 1948, presented Field Marshal Montgomery with an official gift of gratitude for his role in saving the Jewish community in Palestine from the impending conquest by the German-led forces commanded by General Rommel, and that gift was a Bible, and
 - (d) the words on the inscription, attached to the Bible which is the Tenach, or Old Testament, and encased on the cover in silver and mother of pearl are:
 "Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, GCB, DSO, the gallant leader of the victorious forces by whose hand God has placed salvation in Zion in the days of El Alamein

presented in token of the everlasting gratitude of Palestine Jewry by the Vaad Leumi, General Council of the Jewish Community in Palestine”.

2. That this House:

- (a) congratulates Kelvin Crombie for discovering the location of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery’s Bible in England, bringing it to Jerusalem, and for being custodian of this Bible on a long term loan during this period of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein,
- (b) extends its thanks and congratulations to Kelvin Crombie, an Australian historian and author, who has spent much time researching and documenting the above information in his soon to be launched book “El Alamein – Halting a Possible Holocaust in the Middle East”,
- (c) acknowledges the work and dedication of Mr Crombie in documenting the vital facts concerning the relationship between various battles in the Eastern Mediterranean between 1940 and 1942 and the welfare of the Jewish people, and
- (d) extends its congratulations to Kelvin Crombie on his book’s initial launch in the House of Lords in London on 7 November 2012, and on the Australian launch in Sydney in the New South Wales Parliament House Theatre on 26 November 2012.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1016. Mr Khan to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to provide for marriage equality by allowing for same-sex marriage between two adults regardless of their sex.

(State Marriage Equality Bill)

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

1017. Ms Sharpe to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to provide for marriage equality by allowing for same-sex marriage between two adults regardless of their sex.

(State Marriage Equality Bill)

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

1018. Ms Faehrmann to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to provide for marriage equality by allowing for same-sex marriage between two adults regardless of their sex.

(State Marriage Equality Bill)

(Notice given 20 November 2012)

1019. Ms Ficarra to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Australian Medical Association of New South Wales (AMA NSW) Charitable Foundation held their annual black tie gala dinner on Friday 12 October 2012, and
 - (b) the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation was established in 1995 with the aim of generating funding to invest in projects that promote good health and wellbeing among Australians.
2. That this House acknowledges that:
 - (a) the 2012 charity gala dinner marked the seventeenth anniversary of the inception of the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation in 1995,
 - (b) in the seventeen years the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation has been in operation, the foundation has raised over one million dollars for charities that aid some of the most disadvantaged members of the community,
 - (c) Associate Professor John Gullotta AM has been the chair of AMA NSW Charitable Foundation since 2006,
 - (d) the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation actively engages with government, business and community groups to fund projects that directly meet the needs of those in the community, especially those in rural and regional New South Wales,
 - (e) the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation donated a Toyota Tarago to the community-based charity CanAssist,
 - (f) CanAssist offers financial support, accommodation and travel assistance to those suffering from cancer who need to travel long distances to receive treatment,
 - (g) CanAssist has over fifty branches operating across rural and regional New South Wales, staffed by approximately 2,400 volunteers, and
 - (h) the donation of a Toyota Tarago by the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation has allowed CanAssist to invest greater funding into supporting cancer patients, by saving the organisation approximately \$60,000 in taxi and transport fares with the addition of this vehicle to their services.
3. That this House:
 - (a) congratulates the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation for their ongoing and inspiring efforts in supporting the needs of those who are most vulnerable in our communities, and
 - (b) commends the tireless and generous work of the volunteers and donors who have helped alongside the AMA NSW Charitable Foundation in aiding those in our community who are in need of health and medical assistance.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1020. Mr Buckingham to move—

1. That the report of the Independent Legal Arbiter, the Honourable Terence Cole QC, dated 20 November 2012, on the disputed claim of privilege on papers relating to the Nimmie-Caira System Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery Project be laid on the table by the Clerk.

2. That, on tabling, the report is authorised to be published.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1021. Mr Ajaka to move—

That this House:

- (a) welcomes the Government's announcement of the 33 kilometre WestConnex motorway to link Sydney's west with the airport and the Port Botany precinct, and
- (b) calls on the Federal Labor Government to support this vital project.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1022. Mr Donnelly to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) the D.A.L.E Young Mothers' Program was launched in August 2000 in the Newcastle suburb of Waratah,
- (b) the program is dedicated to supporting pregnant teenagers and teenage mothers to continue their education,
- (c) it is administered by the St Philip's Christian Education Foundation, and
- (d) it is recognised by the New South Wales Board of Studies.

2. That this House notes that:

- (a) the success of the Young Mothers' Program has resulted in its expansion not just in Newcastle but to the Central Coast,
- (b) the Young Parents' Program Wyong Region is continuing its work to enhance and expand alternate education programs for young people who have had or are expecting a child,
- (c) in addition to helping young people gain their High School Certificate, the program offers workshops on parenting, lifestyle skills and nutritional cooking, and
- (d) the program also offers onsite childcare in a crèche, free of charge.

3. That this House acknowledges and thanks Central Coast Partnership Brokers, youthconnections.com.au, Wadalba Community School, St Philip's Christian School Gosford, the D.A.L.E Young Mothers' Program and the Commonwealth Government for the funding and support given to the Young Parents Program Wyong Region.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1023. Mr Shoebridge to move—

1. That this House notes:

- (a) as of 19 November 2012, the tragic loss over 100 Palestinian lives and three Israeli lives in the latest conflict in Gaza,

- (b) the disproportionate Israeli response in Gaza and that the parties to the conflict are not equivalent, as Israel is the world's fifth largest military power and Palestine has a weakened and constricted economy and is subject to restrictions on freedom of movement and goods in breach of international law, and
 - (c) that rather than woman and children being used as human shields in Gaza, the small physical area of Gaza means there is nowhere for women and children to go to be safe from bombings.
2. That this House calls on:
- (a) the parties to the conflict in Israel and Palestine to immediately cease all armed attacks in order to protect civilians, and
 - (b) the Australian Government to:
 - (i) strongly advocate for an immediate cease fire and for Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza,
 - (ii) use its new-found influence as a member of the Security Council to urge the implementation of the recommendations of the Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza conflict in 2009, the operation known by the Israeli Defence Force as Operation Cast Lead, to ensure the atrocities of that conflict are not repeated,
 - (iii) reiterate Australia's commitment to a two-state solution.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1024. Mr Lynn to move—

1. That this House notes the loss of HMAS Sydney on 19 November, 71 years ago.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Australian light cruiser HMAS Sydney and her gallant crew was lost shortly after sunset on 19 November 1941 off the Western Australian coast,
 - (b) the ultimate fate of HMAS Sydney remained a mystery until 2008, and it is now known that the shattered hull of HMAS Sydney lies on the bed of the Indian Ocean in 2500 metres of water 240 kilometres off Shark Bay,
 - (c) HMAS Sydney had a complement of 645 men, including five Royal Australian Air Force personnel to fly and maintain a Walrus flying boat,
 - (d) on Armistice Day 1941, HMAS Sydney steamed out of Fremantle to pick up a convoy that had come from the eastern states,
 - (e) HMAS Sydney escorted the convoy to Singapore without incident and was returning to Fremantle when, in the late afternoon of 19 November 1941, Sydney encountered what appeared to be a Dutch freighter,
 - (f) with the light fading and an unidentified but sizeable ship in a vitally important Australian shipping lane, it was essential that Sydney confirm the identity of the foreign vessel so instead of standing off and waiting for the mystery ship to respond to the coded messages HMAS Sydney was sending, she closed to within 1600 metres,
 - (g) suddenly the freighter dropped its pretence of being a non-combatant and revealed itself as the Nazi auxiliary cruiser HSK Kormoran,
 - (h) HMAS Sydney was set on fire and struck by several torpedoes,

- (i) the ship was doomed but at no stage did the crew leave their action stations and, despite the surprise, with communications down and with most officers dead or dying, Sydney's gun crews fought on through choking smoke as fires consumed their ship, and
 - (j) today, on a hill outside Geraldton on the Western Australian coast, there is a monument to the loss of HMAS Sydney, in which a bronze mother and child stare out to sea in the direction of the naval battle and above them, the monument includes 645 seabirds, one for the soul of each of the Australian and British sailors and airmen who went down to the sea in that ship.
3. That this House notes that HMAS Sydney was lost with all 645 aboard, Lest We Forget.
 4. That this House acknowledges and commends the organising committee and Mr Brian Yeo, Secretary of the HMAS Sydney Association, for a successful commemoration service held on Monday 19 November 2012 at The Cenotaph, Martin Place.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1025. Ms Fazio to move—

That this House notes that:

- (a) Monday 3 December 2012 is the United Nations International Day of People with Disability, and
- (b) for the ninth successive year, this important day is celebrated in New South Wales with the Don't DIS my ABILITY campaign supported by the Government.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1026. Ms Faehrmann to move—

1. That this House notes that:

- (a) Tuesday 20 November 2012 is the fourteenth Transgender Day of Remembrance,
- (b) Transgender Day of Remembrance is held annually to honour those who have been killed because of their gender identity, and provides an opportunity to remember those transgender people who have been killed in acts of anti-transgender violence,
- (c) transgender people continue to be victims of violent crimes in both Australia and overseas, and
- (d) the event began in 1999 in San Francisco in the United States of America to honour Rita Hester, who was murdered on 28 November 1998.

2. That this House congratulates the Gender Centre for organising Transgender Day of Remembrance and for the ongoing help and support they provide for people experiencing discrimination and transphobia.
3. That this House calls on the Government to advocate for the rights of transgender people at all levels of government.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1027. Mr Clarke to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Sunday 11 November 2012, Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day was commemorated at the Vietnam War Comradeship Memorial at Cabravale Park, Cabramatta, at which 10 bronze plaques were unveiled engraved with the names of the 521 Australian servicemen who lost their lives in that conflict,
 - (b) Remembrance Day 2012 marked the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War,
 - (c) the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Commemoration was organised jointly by:
 - (i) the Vietnam Community in Australia (NSW Chapter),
 - (ii) the Army of the Republic of Vietnam Veterans Association in New South Wales,
 - (iii) the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, representing Australian ex-service veterans who served in Vietnam, and
 - (d) guests who attended included:
 - (i) Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of New South Wales,
 - (ii) Mr Andrew Rohan MP, Member for Smithfield, representing the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales,
 - (iii) Mr David McCann, National Vice-President of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia,
 - (iv) Mr Tri Vo, Federal President of the Vietnamese Community in Australia,
 - (v) Mr Thanh Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Australia (NSW Chapter),
 - (vi) Mr Chris Hayes MP, Federal Member for Fowler,
 - (vii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (viii) Mrs Tanya Mihailuk MP, Member for Bankstown, and Shadow Minister for Fair Trading, Healthy Lifestyles, and Volunteering and Youth,
 - (ix) Mr Nick Lalich MP, Member for Cabramatta,
 - (x) Mr Guy Zangari MP, Member for Fairfield, and Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Communities,
 - (xi) Mr Frank Carbone, Mayor, City of Fairfield,
 - (xii) representatives and members of several sub-branches of the Returned Services League and Vietnamese War Veterans.
2. That this House commends the Vietnamese Community in Australia (NSW Chapter), the Army of the Republic of Vietnam Veterans Association in New South Wales and the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia for jointly organising this 50th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Commemoration.
3. That this House pays its respects to:
 - (a) the memory of those Republic of Vietnam and Australian Service personnel who died in the Vietnam War and are immortalised in the Vietnam Comradeship Memorial at Cabravale Park, Cabramatta, and
 - (b) the relatives of those Republic of Vietnam and Australian service personnel who gave their lives in the Vietnam War.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1028. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that Sunday 18 November 2012 was designated as the state-wide Community Day of Action to give supporters of public education an opportunity to protest with teachers against the attacks on public education by the O'Farrell/Stoner Government.
2. That this House views with concern the O'Farrell/Stoner Government's decision to cut \$1.7 billion and 1,800 teaching and non-teaching positions from the public education system over the next four years.
3. That this House notes that:
 - (a) these are the most severe cuts in a generation and will adversely affect the quality of education that can be provided in public schools and TAFE colleges, and
 - (b) the opposition to these cuts has been overwhelming, as demonstrated by an Auspoll survey of 1,000 New South Wales residents conducted in mid September in which more than 70 per cent of respondents rejected the cuts and only 14 per cent supported the cuts.
4. That this House:
 - (a) congratulates all those who participated in the Community Day of Action at Darling Harbour and at many other venues across New South Wales, and
 - (b) calls on the Government in the face of such strong community rejection of their policies to immediately reverse these cuts.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1029. Mrs Mitchell to move—

1. That this House notes that, in 2011/2012, NSW Police Force officers took over 7000 illegal firearms off the streets.
2. That this House supports the NSW Police Force in their efforts to tackle gun crime.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1030. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes with concern the five year program of cuts introduced by the O'Farrell Government to school cleaning hours for public schools in New South Wales which will result in more than 600 primary and secondary schools being targeted for cleaning cuts this year.
2. That this House notes that:
 - (a) these cuts will leave New South Wales schools unclean and the school toilets unhygienic, which is an issue that goes to the health and safety of every school student and teacher in the state,
 - (b) having unclean, unhygienic schools sets a bad example to children,
 - (c) today's school students deserve clean schools, as previous generations were allowed to have clean schools, and this generation deserves them too,

- (d) this is an issue that affects the whole community, as most schools are used not just by students but by church groups, senior citizen groups and sports clubs, and schools are a key pillar of civil society,
 - (e) in his ground-breaking book entitled “How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity and the Hidden Power of Character“, Nobel-winning economist Paul Tough shows that the “soft skills” that go into character development are crucial factors in determining a child’s future success, learning respect for your immediate environment teaches conscientiousness, and children learn by example, and
 - (f) in view of this evidence, children may not respect their surroundings nor appreciate a high standard if cleaners aren’t given enough time to keep their classrooms spick and span, or their time spent cleaning the toilet blocks is reduced and reduced each year.
3. That this House notes that the NSW Department of Education and Communities decided to cut school cleaning hours on the basis of a desktop review that took no account of the age of schools of the amount of equipment housed in classrooms.
 4. That this House calls on the O’Farrell/Stoner Government to reverse these cuts immediately.

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1031. Ms Ficarra to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) the inclusion of a permanent exhibition at the La Perouse Museum in honour and recognition of the Cann family, and
 - (b) that the Cann Family have conducted a weekly reptile show in the La Perouse area since the early 20th Century until 2010, and have played a major role in the conservation of the local environment and development of anti-venom treatments for snake bites.
2. That this House acknowledges that:
 - (a) the Cann family had been running the snake show in the La Perouse area since the early 20th century,
 - (b) many of the handlers involved in the show were pioneers in the field of herpetology, discovering many new species of amphibians and reptiles,
 - (c) those involved in the snake show were pioneers of anti-venom treatments and medicines for snake bites, and
 - (d) Mr John Cann has made many outstanding achievements during his career, including:
 - (i) the discovery of between ten and twelve new species of turtle,
 - (ii) the publication of five books on snakes and turtles,
 - (iii) his travels across Australia and internationally to lecture on snakes and reptiles.
3. That this House:
 - (a) congratulates and commends John Cann and the Cann family for their outstanding contributions to herpetology and anti-venom treatments in Australia, and
 - (b) commends the La Perouse Museum for taking the initiative to recognise and honour the work and achievements of the Cann family in the area over the past 90 years.

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1032. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Armenian National Committee of Australia (ANC Australia) completed its most successful Advocacy Week ever, which culminated by raising \$75,000 at its Annual Banquet on Friday 2 November 2012, held at Miramare Gardens with over 250 guests and supporters in attendance,
 - (b) Advocacy Week featured international guest of honour, Turkish-born Professor Taner Akcam, who delivered the keynote address to a standing ovation and was presented with an honorarium from ANC Australia to allow him to continue his vital research, and
 - (c) at the Banquet, the ANC Australia Professionals Network was launched, a body tasked with uniting Armenian professionals around the ANC Australia banner for the purposes of networking and advocacy.
2. That this House further notes that ANC Australia bestowed the Armenian-Australian Community's Friend of the Year Award to Member of the New South Wales Legislative Council the Honourable Walt Secord MLC, for his tireless efforts in advancing issues of importance to the Armenian-Australian community, which culminated in him becoming the first Australian legislator to visit the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh.

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1033. Mr Lynn to move—

That this House welcomes the recent opening of the \$3.5 million Cabramatta Fire Station, ensuring better response times for South Western Sydney residents.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1034. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on 27 October 2012, the Austral-Korean Culture Foundation held the final of the first K-Pop Contest in Australia in conjunction with the seventh K-Idol Contest at the Concert Hall of the Concourse in Chatswood,
 - (b) the K-Idol Contest is one of the major events for supporting talented young Korean Australians,
 - (c) the Austral-Korean Culture Foundation is a non-profit organization which aims to contribute in building up Korean cultural status among ethnic groups in Australia,
 - (d) the Foundation has previously held six successful K-Idol contests which were catered to Koreans living in Australia,
 - (e) with the increase of interest in the Hallyu Wave after the K-Pop Musical Festival, Sydney 2011 and PSY's "Gangnam Style", the K-Star contest aimed to encourage contestants from high school age to around 25 years old of various cultural backgrounds with an interest in Korean dance and music to participate in the contest,
 - (f) this year's competition attracted contestants from Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Japanese and Australian cultural backgrounds,

- (g) the preliminary round was held on 22 September 2012 at Strathfield Town Hall, and regional participants were able to send in videos which were viewed by the three judges Dayoht Kim, Janet Kim and Paul Song,
 - (h) the finals were judged by current producer of KBS 2 TV “Sing Legendary Korean Pop” Ko Min-Gu and the director of We Networks Hyun Eeo-Jin,
 - (i) guest performances were provided by dance group MY Dance, B Side Project Band and another dance performance by Park Jinwoo featuring Revelation Dance Crew, and there was also a fashion parade featuring nine outfits by designer Sylvia Lee who designed the dress for Miss Universe Australia 2011, and
 - (j) the contestants were: singer Leon Li, singer Michelle Seo, dancer ICE, singer Rachel Wu, singer Rio Kang, singer SinAeWee, dancer Kinuko Uchida, singer Sharon Stratton, singer Taeyong Lee, dance duo Sojin Park and Hidome Ryu, singer Christine Seo, dancer Korjon Im and singer Jong Min Son.
2. That this House congratulates the following contest winners:
- (a) Popularity Award: ICE,
 - (b) Participation Award: Christine Seo,
 - (c) Bronze Award: Taeyong Lee,
 - (d) Silver Award: SinAe We,
 - (e) Gold Award: Sojin Park and Hidome Ryu, and
 - (f) Grand Prix/Winner: Sharon Stratton.
3. That this House congratulates the Austral-Korean Culture Foundation and especially the President, Mr. Phillip Min, for staging this successful event that showcased the talent in the Australian-Korean community.

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1035. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the first ever Probash Parboni Bengal Cultural Festival was held from 2 to 4 November 2012 at the University of New South Wales,
 - (b) Probash Parboni provided the opportunity for Australia’s Bengali community from both India and Bangladesh to come together and connect with their ancestry, language and tradition, and
 - (c) the festival boasted:
 - (i) a number of high profile performances, including popular artists from across India and Bangladesh such as Bhupinder-Mitali Singh, Usha Uthup, Runa Laila, Rezwana Choudhru Bonna, Srikanta Acharya and Rupam Islam with his band Fossils,
 - (ii) the latest blockbuster Bengali movies,
 - (iii) Bengali cuisine prepared by chefs from Bengal,
 - (iv) exhibitors from Bengal selling items like sarees, leather craft, jewellery and handmade items,
 - (v) visiting Indian and Bangladeshi Members of Parliament the Honourable Kunal Gsosh MP and the Honourable Srinjoy Boshe MP.

2. That this House congratulates the convenors Pinaki Chatterjee and Suman Saha, the organisers Sangbab Protidin and Candid Communication for staging this very successful event that has contributed to the richness of the multicultural fabric of New South Wales.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1036. Mr Clarke to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) on Sunday 16 September 2012, the Mangalorean Catholic Association of Sydney held a Mass at Blacktown followed by a celebratory luncheon, attended by several hundred members of the Mangalorean Catholic Community to commemorate:
 - (i) the founding of the Mangalorean Catholic Association of Sydney five years ago,
 - (ii) the post Centenary Silver Jubilee of the Mangalorean Diocese of the Catholic Church in India, 125 years ago,
 - (iii) the visit to Australia of the Most Reverend Aloysius Paul D’Souza, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Mangalore, India,
 - (iv) the visit to Australia of the Honourable Oscar Fernandes MP, Senator of the Rajya Sabha or Upper House of the Parliament of India, General Secretary of the Congress Party in India and formerly India’s Minister of State for Labour and Employment,
 - (v) the visit to Australia of the Honourable Charles Dias MP, Member of the Lok Sabha, or Lower House of the Parliament of India, and
 - (b) those who attended as guests included:
 - (i) the Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP, Minister for Transport,
 - (ii) Dr Geoffrey Lee MP, Member for Parramatta, representing the Honourable Barry O’Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales,
 - (iii) the Honourable Marie Ficarra MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Barry O’Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales,
 - (iv) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (v) Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone,
 - (vi) Mr Matthew Kean MP, Member for Hornsby,
 - (vii) Mr David Elliott MP, Member for Baulkham Hills,
 - (viii) Mr Yadu Singh, President of the Indian-Australia Association of NSW,
 - (ix) Reverend Father Prakash Coutinha, Priest of the Catholic Parish of Northcott Melbourne,
 - (x) representatives of various Indian-Australian community organisations.
2. That this House:
- (a) congratulates the Mangalorean Catholic Association of Sydney on the occasion of its founding five years ago, and
 - (b) commends:
 - (i) the Mangalorean Catholic Association of Sydney and its founder and President, Mr Stanley D’Cruz, for five years of charitable and community service to the people and state of New South Wales,
 - (ii) the several thousand members of the Mangalorean Catholic Community in Sydney and New South Wales for its good citizenship and positive contribution to New South Wales.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1037. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Australia held a Peace Symposium 2012 at the Bait-ul Huda Mosque in Marsden Park on Sunday 11 November 2012,
 - (b) the aim of the Peace Symposium was to promote Peace, Loyalty, Freedom, Equality and Respect,
 - (c) an exhibition of the Holy Quran was held in conjunction with the Peace Symposium, and
 - (d) many speakers from various religious groups spoke on the topics of:
 - (i) the place of religion in modern society,
 - (ii) the role of religion in strengthening democracy, human rights, justice and social and moral values.
2. That this House congratulates the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Australia and Mahmood Ahmad, Ameer and Missionary in Charge, for their ongoing work to promote Love for All – Hatred for None.

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1038. Ms Ficarra to move—

1. That this House notes:
 - (a) the passing of American physician Don Thomas who died of heart failure at age 92 on 20 October 2012, and
 - (b) that Don Thomas excelled in the medical field, developing bone marrow transplants as a treatment for leukaemia sufferers.
2. That this House acknowledges that:
 - (a) Edward Donnell “Don” Thomas was born in Mart Texas on 15 March 1920,
 - (b) Mr Thomas commenced his studied in medicine at the University of Texas at Austin, studying chemistry and chemical engineering, graduating with a Bachelors degree in 1941 and a Masters degree 1943,
 - (c) in 1943, following the completion of his Masters degree at the University of Texas at Austin, Mr Thomas attended Harvard Medical School where he gained a Doctor of Medicine in 1946,
 - (d) in 1955, Mr Thomas was appointed the role of physician in chief at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown New York,
 - (e) during his time at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Mr Thomas began to study the effect of bone marrow cells on rodents,
 - (f) following the positive results his experiments had on rodents, Mr Thomas moved his model of study to testing on dogs,
 - (g) following the success of his experiments, Mr Thomas moved his lab to the United States Public Health Service in Seattle in 1963 to continue his work,

- (h) in 1969, Mr Thomas' work lead to the first successful bone marrow transplant between siblings who were not identical twins,
 - (i) in 1977, Mr Thomas' work lead to the first successful bone marrow transplant, where the donor and recipient were not related,
 - (j) Don Thomas was a well revered and decorated physician, with his work in cell development and organ transplant recognised by receiving the following awards:
 - (i) the National Medal of Science in 1990,
 - (ii) shared recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1990,
 - (k) Mr Thomas was one of 21 Nobel Laureates to sign the Human Manifesto in 2003, and
 - (l) Don Thomas is survived by his wife Dorothy "Dottie" Martin and their three children Don Jr., Jeffrey and Elaine.
3. That this House:
- (a) commends Don Thomas' extensive career and tireless efforts in bone marrow research, and
 - (b) acknowledges the thousands of lives saved each year through his development of bone marrow transplants.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1039. Ms Fazio to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) the Rabitah Tape Ball Cricket Competition was held at the Croydon Park sporting fields on Sunday 11 November 2012,
 - (b) Rabitah is a community magazine to cater for the social, religious, cultural and linguistic needs of the Pakistani community in Australia and was established in 2006 by Mr Munir Mohammad, and was originally published in Urdu and in 2008 changed to a bilingual publication in both Urdu and English,
 - (c) Tape Ball Cricket is a style of informal or street cricket played throughout Pakistan, and the aim of the Rabitah Tape Ball Cricket Contest is to provide an informal social gathering for young Pakistani students and families with a view to reducing social isolation among more recent arrivals, and
 - (d) the trophies were presented by Mr Robert Furolo MP, Mayor of Canterbury Mr Brian Robson, Deputy Mayor of Canterbury Mr Karl Saleh and the Honourable Amanda Fazio MLC.
2. That this House congratulates the winning teams, Mr Munir Mohammad and those associated with organising this event which contributed to social harmony among the Australian Pakistani community.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1040. Mr Clarke to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on Sunday 11 November 2012, a fundraising dinner was held in Canley Heights, attended by 800 members of the Vietnamese-Australian Community, to raise funds for Australian Vietnam War Veterans and their families,
 - (b) the fundraising dinner was organised by the Vietnamese Community in Australia (NSW Chapter) and was the culmination of a four week campaign which raised nearly \$90,000 to be used by the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia to assist:
 - (i) the families of Australian Service personnel who died in Vietnam,
 - (ii) invalided Australian Vietnam war veterans, and
 - (c) those who attended this function included:
 - (i) Mr Andrew Rohan MP, Member for Smithfield, representing the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales,
 - (ii) Mr Chris Hayes MP, Federal Member for Fowler,
 - (iii) Mr Nick Lalich MP, Member for Cabramatta,
 - (iv) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (v) representatives and members of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia and their families,
 - (vi) ex-service veterans of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam and members of the Vietnamese-Australian community.
2. That this House acknowledges and commends:
 - (a) the Vietnamese Community in Australia (NSW Chapter) for organising a fund raising program, including this dinner, in support of Australian Vietnam War Veterans and their families, and
 - (b) the generous support given to this fund-raising campaign by the Vietnamese-Australian community.

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1041. Ms Ficarra to move—

That this House commends the Government for cutting government advertising by more than 30 per cent, saving taxpayers \$30.5 million, which is above the election commitment to cut government advertising by 25 per cent.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1042. Mr Shoebridge to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) Nasrin Sotoudeh, the Iranian human rights lawyer who has been imprisoned since 4 September 2010, is sacrificing her wellbeing in a hunger strike,
 - (b) Nasrin Sotoudeh has long campaigned for “freedom, social security, the rule of law and justice”,
 - (c) Amnesty International Australia has recently received the disturbing report that Nasrin Sotoudeh has ‘vanished’ from her prison cell,

- (d) Nasrin Sotoudeh was charged with endangering Iran's national security, her trial was conducted behind closed doors and her only alleged crime was acting for political dissidents, and
 - (e) she was sentenced to six years' imprisonment, banned from practicing law, banned from leaving the country for 20 years and fined 50,000 Tomans.
2. That this House:
- (a) condemns the trial, imprisonment and disappearance of Nasrin Sotoudeh,
 - (b) requests the Australian Government to immediately inform the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran of its concern at the abuse of the judicial process and to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Nasrin Sotoudeh and all social and political activists and journalists currently in detention, and
 - (c) urges the Australian Government to use its position on the United Nations Security Council to press for genuine democratic reform in Iran by all peaceful means reasonably available.

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1043. Mr Clarke to move—

1. That this House notes that:
- (a) on Sunday 11 November 2012, the new St Michael's Church and Church Centre of the Antiochian Orthodox Church was consecrated and officially opened in Kirrawee by His Eminence, Metropolitan Archbishop Paul Saliba, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Church in Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines,
 - (b) assisting in the consecration was Reverend Father Fadi Nemme, priest of the Parish of Saint Michael Church, which covers the area of:
 - (i) Sutherland,
 - (ii) Kirrawee,
 - (iii) Cronulla,
 - (iv) Sylvania, and
 - (c) official guests at the consecration included:
 - (i) the Honourable Victor Dominello MP, State Minister for Citizenship, Communities and Aboriginal Affairs, representing the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, Premier of New South Wales and the Honourable Tony Abbott, MP Leader of the Federal Opposition,
 - (ii) the Honourable David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice,
 - (iii) His Excellency George Bittar, Consul-General of Lebanon,
 - (iv) Mr Maher Dabbagh, Honorary Consul of Syria,
 - (v) Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairman of the NSW Community Relations Commission,
 - (vi) Councillor Tom Croucher, Councillor of Sutherland Shire Council, representing the Mayor of Sutherland Shire Council,
 - (vii) Councillor Kevin Schreiber, Councillor of Sutherland Shire Council,
 - (viii) Councillor Fadwa Kebbe, Councillor of Canterbury Council,
 - (ix) Dr Emad Ghannoum, President, Australian Syrian Christian Association,
 - (x) Mr Ahmad Salim, representing Annaha Arabic newspaper.

2. That this House:
 - (a) congratulates Reverend Father Fadi Nemme and the entire Parish community of St Michael, Antiochian Orthodox Church on the occasion of the consecration and opening of St Michael's Church and Church Centre, Kirrawee, and
 - (b) commends the entire Antiochian Orthodox Church Community on its positive and ongoing contribution to the state of New South Wales.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1044. Mr Clarke to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) on 31 October 2012, the Australia-Korea Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary at a function held at the Korean Cultural Office of the Republic of Korea in Sydney,
 - (b) the function was co-hosted by Mr David Palmer, Chairman of the Australia-Korea Foundation and Dr Dong-ok Lee, Chief Officer of the Korean Cultural Office of the Republic of Korea in Sydney, and was officially opened by Mr Jin Soo Kim, Consul-General of the Republic of Korea and Mr Peter Rowe, First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and
 - (c) the Australia-Korea Foundation was established in 1992 for the purpose of broadening the relationship between Australia and the Republic of Korea, especially in the areas of commerce and industry, science and technology, education, media, sport, tourism and the arts.
2. That this House commends the work of the Australia-Korea Foundation and expresses its support for closer relations between Australia and the Republic of Korea.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

1045. Dr Kaye to move—

1. That this House notes that:
 - (a) full-fee paying overseas and domestic medical students studying in New South Wales are being denied access to one year hospital internships because of the failure of state and federal governments to invest sufficient resources to create placements,
 - (b) without a year's internship, medical students are unable to qualify for full medical registration, undermining both their legal capacity to practice their profession in Australia or their country of origin and their skills level,
 - (c) acceptance into a medical degree, whether as a full paying or a Commonwealth-funded student, brings with it a commitment from the university and the New South Wales Government to provide an internships placement,
 - (d) internships are an important time of learning for all medical students where key skills are attained under the mentorship of experienced clinical staff, and
 - (e) the state of New South Wales is damaging its reputation in the international student market for both medicine and other disciplines by failing to live up to its implied obligations to allow hard working students to complete their qualifications.

2. That this House calls on the Minister for Health, the Honourable Jillian Skinner MP, to
 - (a) ensure that there are sufficient internship places for 2013 to provide for all graduating medical students,
 - (b) urgently re-enter negotiations with the Commonwealth Government to secure additional funding to facilitate the creation of new places, and
 - (c) ensure that New South Wales provides sufficient positions in medical schools and internship places in hospitals to meet the projected medium and long term demand for doctors.

(Notice given 20 November 2012—expires Notice Paper No. 139)

* Council bill

COMMITTEE REPORTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Debate on committee reports takes precedence after Questions on Tuesdays until 6.30 pm according to sessional order. This sessional order has been suspended for the remainder of 2012)

1. **Standing Committee on Social Issues:** Report No. 46 entitled “Domestic violence trends and issues in NSW”, dated August 2012: resumption of the interrupted debate (16 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Blair: That the House take note of the report—Revd Mr Nile speaking. (1 minute remaining)
 2. **Committee on Children and Young People:** Report No. 1/55 entitled “Review of the 2009-2010 Annual Report and the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Commission for Children and Young People and the 2009 Reports of the Child Death Review Team”, dated 13 September 2012: resumption of the adjourned debate (13 September 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Blair: That the House take note of the report—Mr Blair speaking. (15 minutes)
 3. **Select Committee into the closure of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre:** Report entitled “Closure of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence”, dated October 2012: resumption of adjourned debate (23 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Revd Mr Nile: That the House take note of the report—Revd Mr Nile speaking. (11 minutes remaining)
 4. **Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer-General:** Report No. 1/55 entitled “Report on the Eighth General Meeting with the Valuer-General”, dated October 2012: resumption of adjourned debate (25 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr MacDonald: That the House take note of the report—Mr MacDonald speaking. (15 minutes)
 5. **Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:** Report No. 1/55 entitled “Inquiry into Administrative funding for minor parties” dated November 2012, resumption of adjourned debate (15 November 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Borsak: That the House take note of the report—Mr Borsak speaking. (15 minutes)
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BUDGET ESTIMATES—TAKE NOTE DEBATE

(Debate on Budget Estimates takes precedence after debate on committee reports on Tuesdays according to sessional order. This sessional order has been suspended for the remainder of 2012)

1. **Budget Estimates 2012-2013:** resumption of the interrupted debate (16 October 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Pearce: That the House take note of the Budget Estimates and related papers for the financial year 2012-2013—Mrs Pavey speaking. (7 minutes remaining)

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2012

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

ITEMS IN THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- * 1. **Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2011:** resumption of the adjourned debate (23 August 2012) of the question on the motion of Mr Borsak: That this bill be now read a second time—Revd Mr Nile speaking. (15 minutes remaining)

(Item no. 34)

(Second postponement 3 May 2012)

- * Council bill

BILLS REFERRED TO SELECT OR STANDING COMMITTEES

- * 1. **Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill 2011**

Referred to General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 on 11 November 2011 for inquiry and report

- * Council bill
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Note: Contingent notices of motion are listed in full on the Notice Paper for the first sitting day of each week. On other days only new contingent notices will be published in the Notice Paper.

BILLS DISCHARGED, LAID ASIDE, NEGATIVED OR WITHDRAWN

§ Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Notification of Pollution Incidents) Bill 2011
Order discharged and bill withdrawn, 18 October 2011

§ Local Government Amendment (Local Democracy – Ward Representation Reform) Bill 2011
Second reading negatived, 21 October 2011

§ Threatened Species Conservation Amendment (Ecological Consultants Accreditation Scheme) Bill 2011
Second reading negatived, 16 February 2012

§ Coal Seam Gas Moratorium Bill 2011
Second reading negatived, 15 March 2012

§ Save Gosford Public School Bill 2012
Second reading negatived, 13 September 2012

Retail Trading Amendment Bill 2012
Order discharged, 13 November 2012

§ Private Members' Public Bill

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments