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3240 TRANSPORT—WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) When is the evaluation of subsidies and incentives to support the provision of wheel chair taxis due to be completed?

(2) (a) Will this review be made public?
(b) If not, why not?

3241 TRANSPORT—ZIG ZAG RAILWAY—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) (a) Since September 2012, has the Government met with representatives of the Zig Zag Railway?
(b) If so, when?

(2) Since September 2012, what assistance has the Government provided the Zig Zag Railway to meet the requirements of the Independent Transport Safety Regulator report?

(3) When will the Zig Zag railway be open for passengers?

3242 TRANSPORT—BLUE MOUNTAINS SERVICES—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Why was the 4.24pm service from Central to Lithgow cancelled on 18 January 2013?

(2) What action did CityRail take to ensure passengers were kept informed of the changes?

3243 TRANSPORT—BLUE MOUNTAINS SERVICES—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Why was the 3.05pm service from Central to Katoomba reduced to a four car train on 25 January 2013?

(2) When this service terminated at Strathfield, what action did CityRail take to ensure passengers were kept informed about alternate journey arrangements?

3244 TRANSPORT—EIGHTH EDITION OF COMPENDIUM OF CITYRAIL TRAVEL STATISTICS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) When will the eighth edition of "A Compendium of CityRail Travel Statistics" be made available to the public?

3245 TRANSPORT—GRAFFITI RELATED INCIDENTS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) How many prosecutions have there been for graffiti related incidents on public transport since the Government's new graffiti legislation was introduced in August 2012?

(2) How many of these prosecutions were successful?

3246 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—GRAFFITI RELATED INCIDENTS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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PREMIER—DEPARTMENT LIAISON OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO NSW MINISTERS OFFICES—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Of the 57 Department Liaison Officers (DLOs) assigned to NSW Ministers' Offices, how many are assigned to the Office of the Minister for Transport?

TRANSPORT—NORTH WEST RAIL LINK COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE AT CASTLE HILL—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) In the 2011/12 financial year:
   (a) What was the budget for staff assigned to the North West Rail Link (NWRL) Community Information Centre?
   (b) What was the actual expenditure on staff assigned to the NWRL Community Information Centre?

(2) In the 2011/12 financial year:
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(3) In the 2011/12 financial year:
   (a) What was the budget for utilities at NWRL Community Information Centre?
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   (a) What was the budget for promotional materials produced for the NWRL Community Information Centre (including animations, leaflets, printing)?
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TRANSPORT—INS CAREER MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) INS Career Management has been contracted at a cost of $1,259,897 for career development services from Oct 2011 – Nov 2012.
   (a) How many public sector workers have accessed these services? Please provide a breakdown of the numbers and level of service provided?

TRANSPORT—THIRD HORIZON CONSULTING PARTNERS CONTRACT—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Third Horizon Consulting Partners has been contracted at a cost of $500,000 to develop a performance based services contract. Has the contract been finalised?

(2)
   (a) Can you provide a copy of the contract?
   (b) If not, why not?
TRANSPORT—FIRE SUPRESSION SYSTEMS IN GAS POWERED BUSES—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) How many compressed natural gas buses have been fitted with fire suppression equipment?
(2) When is this program due to be completed?
(3) Is it running on time and on budget?

TRANSPORT—ACTIVE TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) When will the Active Transport plan be released?

TRANSPORT—TRANSPORT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY FRAMEWORK—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) (a) When will the Transport Environmental and Sustainability Policy Framework be developed?
(b) When will the Transport Environmental and Sustainability Policy Framework be released?

TRANSPORT—EMU PLAINS STABLING FACILITY—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) What is the expenditure to date on the Emu Plains stabling facility?

TRANSPORT—ARTAMON STATION ACCESS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) (a) Has Artamon Station been considered for upgrades under the Transport Access Program?
(b) If yes, what is the status of this project?
(c) If not, why not?
(d) When will Artamon station be given an accessibility upgrade?

TRANSPORT—RAILCORPS FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT CASE LEGAL COSTS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) What were RailCorp's legal costs in the case in the Federal Magistrates Court about inaudible train announcements on the New South Wales train network?

TRANSPORT—REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Transport—
(1) When will Transport for NSW commence work with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and local councils to prepare the:
(a) Western Regional Transport Plan?
(b) Central West Regional Transport Plan?
(c) Murray - Murrumbridge Regional Transport Plan?
(d) Southern Regional Transport Plan?
(e) New England Regional Transport Plan?
(f) Northern Rivers Regional Transport Plan?
(g) Hunter Regional Transport Plan?
(h) Mid North Coast Regional Transport Plan?
(i) Central Coast Regional Transport Plan?
(j) Illawarra Regional Transport Plan?
(2) What opportunities will communities have to:
(a) Make submissions?
(b) make other comments on the development of the plans?

3) When will these plans be made public?

3259 ROADS AND PORTS—SHELL TERMINAL MODIFICATION PROJECTS—Ms Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports—

(1) Which authority or authorities has or have had overall responsibility for assessing the totality of the impacts on the public and on the environment, associated with importing and transferring refined petroleum products through the Harbour and its pumping from those vessels into the pipeline?

(2) Can the Government confirm that the net physical properties of gasoline are more volatile and that gasoline has great explosive potential than crude oil?

(3) What consideration has the Government made regarding the extent and nature of the risks associated with additional vessels carrying refined petroleum products through Sydney Harbour rather than the current mix of crude oil and finished products?

(4) With the change in operation of the Gore Bay terminal to one that handles refined petroleum products alone, what changes will have to be made to the safety features of the terminal to deal with this change of hazard?

(5) What increases have been made to the onsite fire fighting capacities and at the Crows Nest Fire Station?

(6) What changes have been made to the pipeline and its safety features to deal with the more volatile contents?

(7) Shell recently conducted an emergency response drill in Woolwich; where else has Shell conducted these emergency drills?

(8) What was the nature of the exercise conducted recently along the pipeline in Woolwich and what hazards were identified by this exercise?

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(a) Will there be more fuel stored at Clyde to compensate for the lack of refining capacity at Clyde?
(b) If so what will the new arrangements entail?

(10) In regards to the Departments of Health's assessment of the risk of cancer in the Greenwich area:

(a) Is the Government aware that a cancer study related to the crude oil importation in the Greenwich area was done by Dr Tim Driscoll for Shell?

(b) Has this study been provided to the Department of Health as part of the environmental assessment of the changes in activity at the Gore Bay terminal?

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(i) Does the Health Department consider that there is increased risk from an increase in the quantity of refined petroleum products compared to the previous fuels discharged at the Gore Bay terminal?

(ii) If so, has the risk been quantified and what is it?

(11) In regards to the Emergency Services Assessment of the Explosive and Fire risk of the changes at Gore Bay terminal and Clyde:

(a) Will the government guarantee that refined petroleum products will not be stored as close to residential areas as crude oil was in the past?

(b) Has the government augmented the emergency services in the Crows Nest/Lane Cove area to deal with a major problem at the terminal? If not, why not, given that the hazard has increased?

(c) If so, what augmentation has occurred?

(d) Do emergency services have the right to access the Gore Bay site or will access be controlled by Shell as it has in the past?

(12) In regards to Air Monitoring in Sydney and in Gore Bay in particular:

(a) What changes were made to routine air monitoring in Sydney following the 2003 harbour oil spill?

(b) What perimeter monitoring exists at the Gore Bay terminal?
(c) Is such monitoring continuous?
(d) Who carries out this monitoring?
(e) Are the results of this monitoring readily available to the public in a timely fashion?
(f) When will the Health department's assessment of the risk from the unloading and transfer of refined petroleum products be available?
(g) Will the full text of this assessment be made available publicly?

(13) What changes have there been to emergency services and protocols to deal with the increased volatility of the contents of the pipeline from Gore Bay to Clyde?

(14) What changes have been made at Clyde to deal with the additional input of refined petroleum products and reduction in refining processes?

(15) In regards to requirements for Shell's Development Application:
(a) The Gore Bay terminal and the Clyde site are connected by a 19 kilometre pipeline and so now are part of the same operation; as there is no longer any refining occurring at the Clyde site, will the Government require Shell to submit the one Development Application to cover the total operation?
(b) If not, why not?
(c) If there are separate DAs for the Gore Bay and Clyde sites, will the Government require them to be dealt with simultaneously?
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3262 HEALTH, MEDICAL RESEARCH—FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST MORISSET HOSPITAL—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) As the recruitment to the position of forensic psychiatrist Morisset Hospital has been ongoing, with the latest advertising for the position closing in mid October 2012, can the Minister please advise when a replacement forensic psychiatrist will be found?

3263 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GAME COUNCIL MR EDWARD HOOGENBOOM—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports representing the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Small Business—

(1) What role did Mr Edward Hoogenboom undertake as a volunteer ranger with the Game Council?

(2) Why as of 21 February 2013 has every reference to Mr Hoogenboom recently been deleted from the Game Council’s Website?

3264 TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, HOSPITALITY AND RACING—DESTINATION NSW MARKETING EXPENSES—Ms Barham to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—

(1) Regarding page 68 of the 2011/12 annual report for Destination NSW which shows that "other operating expenses" are in the order of $100million for the year, what is the breakdown of marketing expenses for the following:

(a) Domestic marketing?

(i) Marketing Sydney?

(ii) Marketing Regional NSW? Please provide a breakdown for each region.

(b) International Marketing?

(c) Sector marketing including:

(i) Aboriginal tourism?

(ii) Accessible tourism?

(iii) Backpacker tourism?

(iv) Business tourism?

(v) Caravan and camping tourism?

(vi) Cruise tourism?

(vii) Cultural tourism?

(viii) Food and wine tourism?

(ix) Nature and national parks tourism?

(x) Surf tourism?

(xi) The youth market?

(d) Events marketing?

3265 FINANCE AND SERVICES—NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY—Ms Cotsis to ask the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
(1)  
(a)  Does the New South Wales Government have a policy on sexual harassment in the workplace?  
(b)  If so, under that policy  
(i)  How can a victim of sexual harassment make a complaint?  
(ii)  What support is provided to them?  

3266 HEALTH—MAITLAND HOSPITAL PARKING—Ms Cotsis to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for the Hunter, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
(1)  Regarding the opening of a further 44 car spaces at Maitland Hospital in January 2013:  
(a)  How many spaces are now available in total?  
(b)  How many of these spaces are for the disabled?  
(c)  What enhancements are planned to accommodate increased need for car parking in the future at Maitland Hospital?  

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliaments  

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