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*58 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PROPOSED TARGET FOR THE IDEAL NUMBER OF LOCAL COUNCILS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1)

- (a) Does the Government have a proposed target for the ideal number of local councils in New South Wales?
- (b) If so, what is that number and how was it determined?

Answer—

The Government does not have a proposed target for the number of councils in NSW. It recognises that a range of social, economic and regional issues need to be considered when determining the appropriate size and number of councils in NSW. That is why we have not adopted a one size fits all approach to this important issue. Instead, we have invested in a detailed review of local councils, conducted by the Independent Local Government Review Panel, at the request of the local government sector.

The Independent Local Government Review Panel concluded that NSW could not sustain 152 councils and it made specific recommendations for individual councils and regions, based on its findings. The Government is now asking councils to consider these options and is providing generous support to those who wish to pursue a voluntary merger with their neighbours to achieve that outcome.

*59 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1) By what date will local councils know whether they are to be amalgamated with another council?

Answer—

The NSW Government is supporting councils as part of the Fit for the Future program, with up to \$258 million in financial support. Councils have been working with their communities in compiling their submissions and the Government has provided assistance with facilitators and subsidised business case studies to ensure that community members are well informed of the potential benefits and costs of each proposal.

Councils' Fit for the Future proposals will be submitted by 30 June 2015 and will be assessed in the following months by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

*60 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—BUDGET FOR COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What is the budget for the research and assessment being conducted by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal into council amalgamations?
- (2) What amount is being allocated from the budget of the Office for Local Government?

Answer—

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is not conducting research or assessment into council amalgamations.

The Government has appointed IPART as the Expert Panel to assess local government Fit for the Future proposals, in accordance with established methodology. This process is being funded through the Fit for the Future budget allocation and will ensure a rigorous, transparent and fair assessment of each proposal.

*61 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—BUDGET FOR INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL'S STUDY OF COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) How much has been spent to date for the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's study of council amalgamations?

Answer—

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal is not conducting a study of council amalgamations. Therefore, no funds have been expended on this purpose.

- *62 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—MINIMUM POPULATION SIZES FOR AMALGAMATED COUNCILS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1)

- (a) Does the Government have minimum population sizes that it is seeking to achieve in metropolitan, regional and rural areas for any amalgamated councils?
 (b) If so, what are these population sizes?

Answer—

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- *63 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PROCESS OF APPROVAL FOR INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL STUDY MODEL—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What process was used by the Office of Local Government to approve the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal study model?
 (2) Who was involved in the decision?

Answer—

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal has been appointed by the NSW Government as the Expert Panel to assess local government Fit for the Future proposals, in accordance with the established methodology.

The methodology is based on the recommendations from Treasury Corporation's analysis of local government, the Infrastructure Audit of NSW Councils, and the Independent Local Government Review Panel. Each of these reviews involved extensive engagement with the local government sector.

The assessment methodology was finalised after a final period of consultation with the sector.

- *64 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PROPOSED ADMINISTRATORS FOR AMALGAMATED COUNCILS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1)

- (a) Is it proposed to appoint administrators to any amalgamated councils?
 (b) If so, at what point would this occur?
 (c) For how long would it be expected that the administrator would be appointed?

Answer—

The NSW Government is providing generous support for councils who wish to undertake voluntary mergers with their neighbours. An important part of this process is transition planning to ensure the effective and efficient establishment of any new council entity.

Councils that choose to merge voluntarily will be working with the Office of Local Government to prepare detailed transition plans. These plans will consider how best to undertake the merger process, and will include opportunities for elected representatives to be involved in the transition phase.

The Government has set aside \$13 million in additional funding to assist with this process.

*65 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FUTURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1) When do you expect local government elections to next take place?

Answer—

Section 287 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires council elections to be held on the second Saturday of September in every fourth year after 2008. On this basis, the next local government elections are due to be held on 10 September 2016.

*66 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—NEWLY AMALGAMATED COUNCILS AND POTENTIAL FOR WARDS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Will newly amalgamated councils have wards?

Answer—

The question of wards would be determined as part of transitional arrangements for a council that undertook a merger.

*67 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—ELECTION OF MAYORS IN NEWLY AMALGAMATED COUNCILS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1)

(a) Will the mayor of a newly amalgamated council be elected by popular vote, or by the vote of councillors?

(b) For what period will they be elected?

Answer—

It is a matter for each council to determine how its Mayor is elected. Councils will receive support and assistance from the NSW Government to prepare detailed transition plans. These plans will address the proposed governance arrangements for the new council, including the election of the Mayor.

*68 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—EXPECTED COST OF AMALGAMATING COUNCILS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1) How much does the Government expect the amalgamation of councils to cost and what would these costs involve?

(2) How did the Office of Local Government calculate these costs? What variables were involved?

Answer—

The Government has supported councils that are considering a voluntary merger with generous funding to undertake merger business case studies. These studies identify the potential costs and benefits of the process and have helped to inform community consultation on the best options for local government in their area.

The Government will provide direct funding to support the establishment of a new council.

*69 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FIT FOR FUTURE REVIEW PROCESS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

(1) What councils have written to either yourself or the Office of Local Government expressing concerns about the 'Fit for the Future' review process?

Answer—

Over the last four years, individual councils and local government sector peak bodies have been engaged in a constructive discussion on local government reform. All 152 councils in NSW have expressed their views and these have informed the Fit for the Future program.

The NSW Government will continue to work collaboratively with the local government sector to ensure that councils in NSW are fit for the future.

*70 ATTORNEY GENERAL—DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JOHN HATZISTERGOS' ROLE IN REVIEWING THE BAIL ACT—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

- (1)
 - (a) From 10 October 2014 to date, has District Court Judge John Hatzistergos received any remuneration for his ongoing review of the NSW Bail Act?
 - (b) If so, what are the remuneration arrangements?
- (2) From 10 October 2014 to date, has District Court Judge John Hatzistergos performed any work on reviewing the NSW Bail Act?
- (3) When is the next report by District Court Judge John Hatzistergos due in his ongoing monitoring of the NSW Bail Act?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Justice that since the appointment of Judge John Hatzistergos to undertake the New South Wales Bail Act review, arrangements for his remuneration have been in line with standard Government processes.

The final review of the Bail Act is due to be submitted by Judge Hatzistergos to the Government shortly.

*71 EDUCATION—REPORTED INCIDENTS OF BULLYING IN 2014 IN NEW SOUTH WALES HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
 - (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Airds High School?
 - (ii) Ajuga High School?
 - (iii) Albion Park High School?
 - (iv) Albury High School?
 - (v) Alexandria Park Community High School?
 - (vi) Alstonville High School?
 - (vii) Ambarvale High School?
 - (viii) Anson Street School?
 - (ix) Ardlethan Central School?
 - (x) Aria Park Central School?
 - (xi) Armidale High School?
 - (xii) Arranounbai School?
 - (xiii) Arthur Phillip High School?
 - (xiv) Ashcroft High School?
 - (xv) Ashfield Boys High School?
 - (xvi) Ashford Central School?
 - (xvii) Asquith Boys High School?
 - (xviii) Asquith Girls High School?
 - (xix) Auburn Girls High School?
- (2) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:

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- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
- (i) Balgowlah Boys Campus Northern Beaches Secondary College?
 - (ii) Ballina High School?
 - (iii) Balranald Central School?
 - (iv) Bankstown Girls High School?
 - (v) Bankstown Hospital School?
 - (vi) Bankstown Senior College?
 - (vii) Banora Point High School?
 - (viii) Baradine Central School?
 - (ix) Barellan Central School?
 - (x) Barham High School?
 - (xi) Barraba Central School?
 - (xii) Barrenjoey High School?
 - (xiii) Bass High School?
 - (xiv) Batemans Bay High School?
 - (xv) Bates Drive School?
 - (xvi) Bathurst High School?
 - (xvii) Batlow Technology School?
 - (xviii) Baulkham Hills High School?
 - (xix) Bega High School?
 - (xx) Bellingen High School?
 - (xxi) Belmont High School?
 - (xxii) Belmore Boys High School?
 - (xxiii) Beverly Hills Girls High School?
 - (xxiv) Billabong High School?
 - (xxv) Bingara Central School?
 - (xxvi) Binnaway Central School?
 - (xxvii) Birrong Boys High School?
 - (xxviii) Birrong Girls High School?
 - (xxix) Blacktown Boys High School?
 - (xxx) Blacktown Girls High School?
 - (xxxi) Blakehurst High School?
 - (xxxii) Blaxland High School?
 - (xxxiii) Blayney High School?
 - (xxxiv) Boggabilla Central School?
 - (xxxv) Bomaderry High School?
 - (xxxvi) Bombala High School?
 - (xxxvii) Bonnyrigg High School?
 - (xxxviii) Bossley Park High School?
 - (xxxix) Bourke High School?
 - (xxxx) Bowral High School?
 - (xxxxi) Bowraville Central School?
 - (xxxxii) Braidwood Central School?
 - (xxxxiii) Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus?
 - (xxxxiv) Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus?
 - (xxxxv) Broken Hill High School?
 - (xxxxvi) Bulli High School?
 - (xxxxvii) Burwood Girls High School?
 - (xxxxviii) Byron Bay High School?
- (3) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports

- (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
- (i) Cabramatta High School?
 - (ii) Callaghan College Jesmond Campus?
 - (iii) Callaghan College Wallsend Campus?
 - (iv) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus?
 - (v) Cambridge Park High School?
 - (vi) Camden Haven High School?
 - (vii) Cammeraygal High School?
 - (viii) Canley Vale High School?
 - (ix) Canowindra High School?
 - (x) Canterbury Boys High School?
 - (xi) Canterbury Girls High School?
 - (xii) Cardiff High School?
 - (xiii) Caringbah High School?
 - (xiv) Carlingford High School?
 - (xv) Casino High School?
 - (xvi) Castle Hill High School?
 - (xvii) Casula High School?
 - (xviii) Cecil Hills High School?
 - (xix) Cessnock High School?
 - (xx) Chatham High School?
 - (xxi) Chatswood High School?
 - (xxii) Cheltenham Girls High School?
 - (xxiii) Cherrybrook Technology High School?
 - (xxiv) Chester Hill High School?
 - (xxv) Chifley College Bidwill Campus?
 - (xxvi) Chifley College Dunheved Campus?
 - (xxvii) Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus?
 - (xxviii) Chifley College Senior Campus?
 - (xxix) Chifley College Shalvey Campus?
 - (xxx) Cobar High School?
 - (xxxi) Coffs Harbour High School?
 - (xxxii) Coffs Harbour Learning Centre?
 - (xxxiii) Coleambally Central School?
 - (xxxiv) Colo High School?
 - (xxxv) Colyton High School?
 - (xxxvi) Concord High School?
 - (xxxvii) Condell Park High School?
 - (xxxviii) Condobolin High School?
 - (xxxix) Conservatorium High School?
 - (xxxx) Coomealla High School?
 - (xxxxi) Coonabarabran High School?
 - (xxxxii) Coonamble High School?
 - (xxxxiii) Cootamundra High School?
 - (xxxxiv) Corowa High School?
 - (xxxxv) Corrimal High School?
 - (xxxxvi) Cowra High School?
 - (xxxxvii) Cranebrook High School?
 - (xxxxviii) Crestwood High School?
 - (xxxxix) Cronulla High School?
 - (xxxxx) Crookwell High School?
 - (xxxxxi) Cumberland High School?
- (4) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:

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- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at?
- (i) Dapto High School?
 - (ii) Davidson High School?
 - (iii) Deniliquin High School?
 - (iv) Denison College of Secondary Education Bathurst High Campus?
 - (v) Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus?
 - (vi) Doonside High School?
 - (vii) Dorrigo High School?
 - (viii) Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre?
 - (ix) Dubbo College Delroy Campus?
 - (x) Dubbo College Senior Campus?
 - (xi) Dubbo College South Campus?
 - (xii) Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design?
 - (xiii) Dungog High School? Duval High School?
- (5) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
- (i) Eagle Vale High School?
 - (ii) East Hills Boys High School?
 - (iii) East Hills Girls Technology High School?
 - (iv) Eden Marine High School?
 - (v) Elderslie High School?
 - (vi) Elizabeth Macarthur High School?
 - (vii) Endeavour Sports High School?
 - (viii) Emmaville Central School?
 - (ix) Engadine High School?
 - (x) Epping Boys High School?
 - (xi) Erina High School?
 - (xii) Erskine Park High School?
 - (xiii) Evans River Community School?
- (6) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
- (i) Fairfield High School?
 - (ii) Fairvale High School?
 - (iii) Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School?
 - (iv) Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre?
 - (v) Figtree High School?
 - (vi) Finley High School?
 - (vii) Forbes High School?
 - (viii) Fort Street High School?
- (7) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
- (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
- (i) Glen Innes High School?

- (ii) Glendale High School?
 - (iii) Glenmore Park High School?
 - (iv) Glenwood High School?
 - (v) Gloucester High School?
 - (vi) Gorokan High School?
 - (vii) Gosford High School?
 - (viii) Goulburn High School?
 - (ix) Grafton High School?
 - (x) Gralee School?
 - (xi) Granville Boys High School?
 - (xii) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (xiii) Great Lakes College Forster Campus?
 - (xiv) Great Lakes College Senior Campus?
 - (xv) Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus?
 - (xvi) Greystanes High School?
 - (xvii) Griffith High School?
 - (xviii) Gulargambone Central School?
 - (xix) Gulgong High School?
 - (xx) Gundagai High School?
 - (xxi) Gunnedah High School?
 - (xxii) Guyra Central School?
 - (xxiii) GyMEA Technology High School?
- (8) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Halinda School?
 - (ii) Hawkesbury High School?
 - (iii) Hay War Memorial High School?
 - (iv) Heathcote High School?
 - (v) Henry Kendall High School?
 - (vi) Holroyd High School?
 - (vii) Holsworthy High School?
 - (viii) Homebush Boys High School?
 - (ix) Hornsby Girls High School?
 - (x) Hoxton Park High School?
 - (xi) Hunter River High School?
 - (xii) Hunter School of Performing Arts?
 - (xiii) Hunter Sports High School?
 - (xiv) Hunters Hill High School?
 - (xv) Hurlstone Agricultural High School?
- (9) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Illawarra Environmental Education Centre?
 - (ii) Illawarra Hospital School?
 - (iii) Illawarra Sports High School?
 - (iv) Ingleburn High School?
 - (v) Inverell High School?
 - (vi) Irrawang High School?

- (10) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) J J Cahill Memorial High School?
 - (ii) James Busby High School?
 - (iii) James Cook Boys High School?
 - (iv) James Fallon High School?
 - (v) James Meehan High School?
 - (vi) James Ruse Agricultural High School?
 - (vii) Jamison High School?
 - (viii) John Edmondson High School?
 - (ix) John Hunter Hospital School?
 - (x) Junee High School?
- (11) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Kadina High School?
 - (ii) Kanahooka High School?
 - (iii) Kandos High School?
 - (iv) Karabar High School?
 - (v) Katoomba High School?
 - (vi) Keira High School?
 - (vii) Kellyville High School?
 - (viii) Kempsey High School?
 - (ix) Kiama High School?
 - (x) Killara High School?
 - (xi) Killarney Heights High School?
 - (xii) Kincumber High School?
 - (xiii) Kingscliff High School?
 - (xiv) Kingsgrove High School?
 - (xv) Kingswood High School?
 - (xvi) Kirrawee High School?
 - (xvii) Kogarah High School?
 - (xviii) Koorringal High School?
 - (xix) Kotara High School?
 - (xx) Ku-ring-gai High School?
 - (xxi) Kurri Kurri High School?
 - (xxii) Kyogle High School?
- (12) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Lake Cargelligo Central School?
 - (ii) Lake Illawarra High School?
 - (iii) Lake Macquarie High School?
 - (iv) Lake Munmorah High School?
 - (v) Lambton High School?
 - (vi) Leeton High School?

- (vii) Leumeah High School?
 - (viii) Lisarow High School?
 - (ix) Lismore High School?
 - (x) Lithgow High School?
 - (xi) Liverpool Boys High School?
 - (xii) Liverpool Girls High School?
 - (xiii) Lockhart Central School?
 - (xiv) Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre?
 - (xv) Lord Howe Island Central School?
 - (xvi) Lucas Heights Community School?
 - (xvii) Lurnea High School?
- (13) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Macarthur Girls High School?
 - (ii) Macintyre High School?
 - (iii) Macksville High School?
 - (iv) Maclean High School?
 - (v) Macquarie Fields High School?
 - (vi) Maitland Grossmann High School?
 - (vii) Maitland High School?
 - (viii) Manilla Central School?
 - (ix) Marrickville High School?
 - (x) Marsden High School?
 - (xi) Melville High School?
 - (xii) Menai High School?
 - (xiii) Mendooran Central School?
 - (xiv) Menindee Central School?
 - (xv) Merewether High School?
 - (xvi) Merrylands High School?
 - (xvii) Miller High School?
 - (xviii) Mitchell High School?
 - (xix) Model Farms High School?
 - (xx) Molong Central School?
 - (xxi) Monaro High School?
 - (xxii) Moorebank High School?
 - (xxiii) Moorefield Girls High School?
 - (xxiv) Moree Secondary College Albert Street Campus?
 - (xxv) Moree Secondary College Carol Avenue Campus?
 - (xxvi) Morisset High School?
 - (xxvii) Moruya High School?
 - (xxviii) Mosman High School?
 - (xxix) Moss Vale High School?
 - (xxx) Mount Annan High School?
 - (xxxi) Mount Austin High School?
 - (xxxii) Mount View High School?
 - (xxxiii) Mudgee High School?
 - (xxxiv) Muirfield High School?
 - (xxxv) Mullumbimby High School?
 - (xxxvi) Mulwaree High School?
 - (xxxvii) Mungindi Central School?
 - (xxxviii) Murray High School?

- (xxxix) Murrumburrah High School?
 (xxxx) Murwillumbah High School?
 (xxxxi) Muswellbrook High School?
- (14) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Nambucca Heads High School?
 - (ii) Narooma High School?
 - (iii) Narrabeen Sports High School?
 - (iv) Narrabri High School?
 - (v) Narrandera High School?
 - (vi) Narromine High School?
 - (vii) Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (viii) Newcastle High School?
 - (ix) Newcastle Senior School?
 - (x) Newtown High School of Performing Arts?
 - (xi) North Sydney Boys High School?
 - (xii) North Sydney Girls High School?
 - (xiii) Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys Campus?
 - (xiv) Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus?
 - (xv) Northern Beaches Secondary College Freshwater Senior Campus?
 - (xvi) Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus?
 - (xvii) Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus?
 - (xviii) Northlakes High School?
 - (xix) Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (xx) Nowra High School?
 - (xxi) Nyngan High School?
- (15) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Oak Flats High School?
 - (ii) Oaklands Central School?
 - (iii) Oberon High School?
 - (iv) Open High School?
 - (v) Orange High School?
 - (vi) Orara High School?
 - (vii) Orara Upper Public School?
 - (viii) Oxley High School?
- (16) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Parkes High School?
 - (ii) Parramatta High School?
 - (iii) Peak Hill Central School?
 - (iv) Peel High School?
 - (v) Pendle Hill High School?
 - (vi) Pennant Hills High School?

- (vii) Penrith High School?
 - (viii) Penrith Valley Learning Centre?
 - (ix) Picnic Point High School?
 - (x) Picton High School?
 - (xi) Pittwater High School?
 - (xii) Plumpton High School?
 - (xiii) Plumpton House School?
 - (xiv) Port Hacking High School?
 - (xv) Port Macquarie High School?
 - (xvi) Prairiewood High School?
 - (xvii) Punchbowl Boys High School?
- (17) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Quakers Hill High School?
 - (ii) Queanbeyan High School?
 - (iii) Quirindi High School?
- (18) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Randwick Boys High School?
 - (ii) Randwick Girls High School?
 - (iii) Richmond High School?
 - (iv) Riverstone High School?
 - (v) Rooty Hill High School?
 - (vi) Rose Bay Secondary College?
 - (vii) Rouse Hill High School?
 - (viii) Royal North Shore Hospital School?
 - (ix) Royal Prince Alfred Hospital School?
 - (x) Rutherford High School?
 - (xi) Ryde Secondary College?
- (19) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Sarah Redfern High School?
 - (ii) Scone High School?
 - (iii) Sefton High School?
 - (iv) Seven Hills High School?
 - (v) Shoalhaven High School?
 - (vi) Singleton High School?
 - (vii) Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School?
 - (viii) Sir Joseph Banks High School?
 - (ix) Smiths Hill High School?
 - (x) South Grafton High School?
 - (xi) South Sydney High School?
 - (xii) Spring Hill Public School?
 - (xiii) Springwood High School?

- (xiv) St George Girls High School?
 - (xv) St George Hospital School?
 - (xvi) St Ives High School?
 - (xvii) St Johns Park High School?
 - (xviii) St Marys Senior High School?
 - (xix) Strathfield Girls High School?
 - (xx) Sutherland Hospital School?
 - (xxi) Swansea High School?
 - (xxii) Sydney Boys High School?
 - (xxiii) Sydney Childrens Hospital School?
 - (xxiv) Sydney Distance Education High School?
 - (xxv) Sydney Girls High School?
 - (xxvi) Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus?
 - (xxvii) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus?
 - (xxviii) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus?
 - (xxix) Sydney Technical High School?
 - (xxx) Sylvania High School?
- (20) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Tamworth High School?
 - (ii) Tangara School?
 - (iii) Taree High School?
 - (iv) Temora High School?
 - (v) Tempe High School?
 - (vi) Tenterfield High School?
 - (vii) Terrigal High School?
 - (viii) The Childrens Hospital School?
 - (ix) The Forest High School?
 - (x) The Henry Lawson High School?
 - (xi) The Hills Sports High School?
 - (xii) The Jannali High School?
 - (xiii) The Ponds High School?
 - (xiv) The Rock Central School?
 - (xv) Thomas Reddall High School?
 - (xvi) Tomaree High School?
 - (xvii) Toormina High School?
 - (xviii) Toronto High School?
 - (xix) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale Campus?
 - (xx) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance Campus?
 - (xxi) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumby Umbi Campus?
 - (xxii) Tumbarumba High School?
 - (xxiii) Tumut High School?
 - (xxiv) Turrumurra High School?
 - (xxv) Tweed River High School?
- (21) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Ulladulla High School?
 - (ii) Vincentia High School?

- (22) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Wagga Wagga High School?
 - (ii) Walgett Community College - High School?
 - (iii) Warialda High School?
 - (iv) Warilla High School?
 - (v) Warrawong High School?
 - (vi) Wauchope High School?
 - (vii) Wee Waa High School?
 - (viii) Wellington High School?
 - (ix) West Wallsend High School?
 - (x) West Wyalong High School?
 - (xi) Westport High School?
 - (xii) Whitebridge High School?
 - (xiii) Wiley Park Girls High School?
 - (xiv) Willoughby Girls High School?
 - (xv) Windsor High School?
 - (xvi) Wingham High School?
 - (xvii) Winmalee High School?
 - (xviii) Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts?
 - (xix) Wollumbin High School?
 - (xx) Woogelemai Environmental Education Centre?
 - (xxi) Woolgoolga High School?
 - (xxii) Woolooware High School?
 - (xxiii) Woonona High School?
 - (xxiv) Wyong High School?
- (23) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2014, including cyberbullying, in the following New South Wales high schools, what was the:
- (a) most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (b) second most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports
 - (c) third most frequent reason given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (i) Yanco Agricultural High School?
 - (ii) Yass High School?
 - (iii) Young High School?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education and Communities does not collect data at a systemic level on incidents of alleged bullying in schools.

*72 ENVIRONMENT—RINDEAN QUARRY—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1)
 - (a) Is there any Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) recommendation for the minimum distance between residential premises and quarrying activity?
 - (b) If so, what is this guidance and is it mandatory or recommended?
 - (c) If not, given that many other states have minimum distances, why does New South Wales not?
- (2) Does the EPA have any health or environmental concerns about the Rindean Quarry at Somersby given that it is located less than 100 metres from residential premises?
- (3)

- (a) Did the EPA conduct any independent assessment of the air quality report provided by the proponent of the Rindean Quarry during the planning proposal in 2014?
- (b) Did the EPA have any concerns that Mangrove Mountain was used as a weather station for air quality data, given its very different topography to the area proposed for the quarry?
- (4)
- (a) Has the EPA received any complaints about the Rindean Quarry?
- (b) If so, how many?
- (c) what was the conclusion of any investigations?
- (5) Is there any air quality monitoring occurring around the Rindean Quarry?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) does not apply arbitrary minimum set back distances between residential premises and quarrying activities.
- (b) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) does not apply arbitrary minimum set back distances between residential premises and quarrying activities.
- (c) Air quality impacts on residential premises are quantified and assessed in accordance with the Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales ('Approved Methods'). Modelling provides the most scientifically robust methodology to clearly predict air quality impacts and is a better approach than arbitrary buffers that may not adequately consider local features.
- (2) The original Air Quality Assessment for Rindean Quarry was determined by the EPA to be inadequate. A revised Air Quality Assessment conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Approved Methods was submitted. The EPA reviewed the revised assessment and determined that the predicted air quality impacts were well below the relevant criteria for particulates. Based on this assessment the EPA is satisfied that the proposed development is capable of operating without unreasonable impacts on health or the environment.
- (3)
- (a) Yes, the EPA conducted an independent assessment of the 'Rindean Sands Quarry -Air Quality Assessment'. The EPA found that the assessment had been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Approved Methods.
- (b) The EPA was satisfied with the approach used. It is unusual to have exact weather data for a proposed development site. The modelling approach used weather data from the two closest weather stations, being the Mangrove Mountain and Gosford Bureau of Meteorology sites. This data was fed into a model along with important features such as local terrain, in generating likely weather data for the site. The EPA has advised this approach is consistent with the requirements of the Approved Methods.
- (4)
- (a) Rindean Quarry has not been operational since the surrender of its original Environment Protection Licence in early 2004. The EPA has not received any complaints regarding operational activities at Rindean Quarry in recent times.
- (b) Rindean Quarry has not been operational since the surrender of its original Environment Protection Licence in early 2004. The EPA has not received any complaints regarding operational activities at Rindean Quarry in recent times.
- (c) The EPA understands that Gosford Council conducted an investigation in 2008 into alleged dumping of building and demolition waste at the site, however the outcome of that investigation is not known.
- (5) The EPA has placed strict, legally enforceable, conditions on the recently issued Environment Protection Licence for Rindean Quarry. The Licensee is required to have two state of the art air quality monitors installed at strategic locations approved by the EPA. These locations consider prevailing weather conditions and the proximity of the quarry to nearby residential premises. This monitoring will be required to commence prior to operations at the quarry commencing.

*73 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ROYALTIES FOR NATIVE FOREST LOGS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What are the current rates for the payment of royalties for native forest logs in the Southern Regional Forest Agreement region and the Eden Regional Forest Agreement region for:
 - (a) Sawlogs?
 - (b) Pulplogs?
 - (c) Firewood?
- (2) What was the total sum of royalties paid in each of the above categories in the South Coast region for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15 to date?
- (3) What was the total sum of royalties received by the Forestry Corporation for all categories of native forest logs in the South Coast Region for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014 -15 to date?

Answer—

(1)

(a) Sawlogs

Eden RFA

- High quality sawlog royalty rates range from \$15.47 to \$125.49/m³ according to a pricing matrix of species groups and size classes.
- Low quality sawlogs \$15.00/m³

Southern RFA (South Coast)

- High quality sawlog royalty rates range from \$24.12 to \$154.60/m³ according to a pricing matrix of species groups and size classes.
- Low quality sawlogs \$14.07/m³

Southern RFA (Tumut)

- High quality sawlog royalty rates range from \$52.67 to \$106.46/m³ according to size class.
- Low quality sawlogs \$16.11/m³

b. Pulplogs

Eden RFA \$18.19/m³

Southern RFA (South Coast) \$4.60/m³

c. Firewood

Eden RFA \$21.50/m³

Southern RFA (South Coast) \$13.43/m³

Southern RFA (Tumut) \$6.18/m³

2. Note for this question it has been assumed that the 'South Coast region' is the combination of the Eden RFA Region and the Southern RFA Region.

a. 2011-12

- Sawlogs \$5,054,512
- Pulplogs \$4,396,055
- Firewood \$319,711

b. 2012-13

- Sawlogs \$4,942,103

- Pulplogs \$3,691,018
- Firewood \$293,550

c. 2013-14

- Sawlogs \$5,347,465
- Pulplogs \$4,333,713
- Firewood \$209,730

d. 2014-15 to date

- Sawlogs \$6,334,304
- Pulplogs \$3,842,887
- Firewood \$222,382

3. Note for this question it has been assumed that the 'South Coast region' is the combination of the Eden RFA Region and the Southern RFA Region.

a. 2011-12 \$9,929,900

b. 2012-13 \$9,127,750

c. 2013-14 \$10,008,201

d. 2014 -15 to date \$10,549,810

*74 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—FUMIGATION OF PINE LOGS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)

- (a) Are facilities for fumigation of logs and other cargoes available at the Port of Eden hard stand storage yard associated with the Multi-Purpose (Navy) Wharf?
- (b) If so, what are these facilities?

(2) In which circumstances is fumigation of cargoes required?

(3) Are fumigation facilities available for use by other exporters of wood products from Eden?

Answer—

(1) There are no purpose-built facilities for the fumigation of logs and other cargoes at Eden. Fumigation is undertaken at the cargo storage hard stand adjacent to the MultiPurpose Wharf in accordance with conditions set out in the Environment Protection Licence.

(2) Fumigation requirements differ depending on the type of timber product and the country they are being exported to. For example, all softwood log exports to China require fumigation. Woodchips to Japan do not.

(3) No.

*75 HEALTH—LOST BABIES—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) Are there protocols to deal with medical staff misplacing or losing babies in New South Wales hospitals?

(2) What is the official definition of "lost" or misplaced?

(3) How many babies have been lost in New South Wales hospitals in:

- (a) 2011?
- (b) 2012?
- (c) 2013?
- (d) 2014?
- (e) From 1 January 2015 to 1 May 2015?

(4) What is the longest period of time a baby has been lost or misplaced in a New South Wales hospital in:

- (a) 2011?
- (b) 2012?

- (c) 2013?
- (d) 2014?
- (e) From 1 January 2015 to 1 May 2015?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) to (4) Protocols to ensure the correct identification of babies are outlined in PO 2014_24 Patient Identification Bands.

*76 HEALTH—BABY SWITCHING—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1)
 - (a) Are there protocols or steps taken to ensure that babies are not inadvertently mixed up or switched at birthing unit or in the maternity wing?
 - (b) If so, what are the steps?
- (2) How many incidents of "baby switching" between parents have occurred in New South Wales hospitals in:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) From 1 January 2015 to 1 May 2015?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) and (2) I refer the Honourable member to my response to LC 0075.

*77 HEALTH—STAFFING LEVELS—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1)
 - (a) As of 31 December 2013, how many staff were employed at the Miller Street, North Sydney health department?
 - (b) What is the total number?
 - (c) How many were Senior Executive Service positions?
 - (d) How many were full-time employees as part of the total number?
 - (e) How many were part-time employees as part of the total number?
- (2)
 - (a) As of 31 December 2014, how many staff were employed at the Miller Street, North Sydney health department?
 - (b) What is the total number?
 - (c) How many were Senior Executive Service positions?
 - (d) How many were full-time employees as part of the total number?
 - (e) How many were part-time employees as part of the total number?
- (3)
 - (a) As of 1 May 2015, how many staff were employed at the Miller Street, North Sydney health department?
 - (b) What is the total number?
 - (c) How many were Senior Executive Service positions?
 - (d) How many were full-time employees as part of the total number?
 - (e) How many were part-time employees as part of the total number?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I refer you to the NSW Health Annual report 2013-14.

*78 HEALTH—POST-SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1)

(a) As of 1 May 2015, does NSW Health have a "cooling-off period" for bureaucrats or senior officials leaving the Ministry or Department before taking up a position in a lobbying or related field? (Cooling off-period means a restricted time when they are not allowed to work in a field or discipline related to their previous employment.)

(b) If so, what is the requirement?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1)

(a) I refer to you to the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Public Sector Executives.

(b) I refer to you to the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Public Sector Executives.

*79 HEALTH—OVERSEAS TRAVEL—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) How much was spent by NSW health department officials and staff in the 2013-2014 financial year on overseas travel including trips to New Zealand and Papua New Guinea?

(2) How many staff did the expenditure involve?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) and (2) I refer you to the NSW Health Annual Report 2013-14.

*80 HEALTH—MEDICAL PAY-OUTS DUE TO ERRORS—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1)

(a) In 2013-14, how much was paid out to patients or their surviving family members by the Government due to hospital or medical errors?

(b) How many patients were involved in these matters?

(c) What were the top 10 hospitals?

(2)

(a) In 2011-12, how much was paid out to patients or their surviving family members by the Government due to hospital or medical errors?

(b) How many patients were involved in these matters?

(c) What were the top 10 hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) and (2) I refer you to NSW Health Annual Report 2013-14 <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publications/Publications/annualreport14/annualreport14.pdf>

*81 HEALTH—ATTACKS ON HOSPITAL STAFF - ICE ADDICTION—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1)

(a) How many hospital staff reported that they were assaulted by people affected by ice in New

South Wales hospitals in 2013-14?

- (b) How many were unable to return to work?
- (c) How many lost work days were there?
- (d) What are the top 10 hospitals for reported incidents?

(2)

- (a) How many hospital staff reported that they were assaulted by people affected by ice in New South Wales hospitals in 2012-13?
- (b) How many were unable to return to work?
- (c) How many lost work days were there?
- (d) What are the top 10 hospitals for reported incidents?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) and (2) NSW Health has a zero tolerance to violence as set out in the policy "Preventing and Managing Violence in the NSW Health Workplace: A Zero Tolerance Approach" (PD2015_001). The policy includes procedures for identifying, assessing, and eliminating or controlling violence.

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*82 JUSTICE AND POLICE, RACING—POLICE RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Is the Minister for Justice and Police and Minister for Racing aware that a joint Queensland Police Service and RSPCA Task Force has been established and is currently investigating allegations of animal cruelty in the greyhound racing industry?

(2)

- (a) Has a taskforce or similar body been established in New South Wales to investigate allegations of animal cruelty in the greyhound racing industry?
- (b) If so, what is its size, terms of reference and duration?
- (c) If not, why not?

(3)

- (a) Are there any plans to establish a police taskforce or similar body in response to animal cruelty allegations in the greyhound racing industry in New South Wales?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (c) If so, what is its proposed size, terms of reference and duration?

(4)

- (a) Will NSW Police be allocating any additional resources to investigate animal cruelty matter to assist the NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into the greyhound racing industry in New South Wales?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (c) If so, what are these additional resources

(5) What has been the NSW Police's response to animal cruelty allegations in the greyhound racing following the airing of live baiting footage on the ABC Four Corner's program in February this year?

Answer—

On 4 March 2015 I announced the establishment of a Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW greyhound racing industry to investigate animal welfare and integrity issues. The Inquiry is headed by Commissioner Michael McHugh and has the wide-ranging powers of a Royal Commission. The Inquiry will report later in 2015.

*83 EDUCATION—COMMUNITY LANGUAGES PROGRAM—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many permanent full-time-equivalent teacher positions are or were in the Community Languages Program in public schools in New South Wales in:
 - (a) 2015?
 - (b) 2010?
 - (c) 2005?
- (2)
 - (a) How many of these positions are used only to deliver Community Languages education to students, and not, for example, used for casual relief when a classroom teacher is absent?
 - (b) What is the total number of face to face teaching hours delivered by those teachers?
 - (c) What is the total number of face to face teaching hours, delivered in the Community Languages Program, by those teachers?
- (3) What data collections are used by the Department of Education and Communities to provide answers to Question 2 a-c?
- (4) When was the policy that underpins the Community Languages Program last updated?
- (5)
 - (a) Does the Government have any plans to expand or change any of the current arrangements in the Community Languages Program?
 - (b) If so, what are these plans?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) 2015 - 243.8 full-time equivalent
 - (b) 2010 - 243.8 full-time equivalent
 - (c) 2005 - 243.8 full-time equivalent
- (2)
 - (a) 243.8 full-time equivalent
 - (b) In 2014 it was 4,489.4 hours
 - (c) In 2014 it was 4,489.4 hours
- (3) Data is derived from the LBOTE bulletin and the Statistical Bulletin.
- (4) The Community Languages K-6 Guidelines were last updated in October 2000.
- (5)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Not applicable.

*84 EDUCATION—REVIEW OF LANGUAGES EDUCATION POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1)
 - (a) What is the Government's proposed timeline for implementation of the proposed actions endorsed by the NSW Schools Advisory Council in April 2014 and approved by the Minister for Education in June 2014, arising out of the review of languages education in New South Wales?
 - (b) What is the timeline for implementation of each of the proposed actions?

Answer—

As a first action, a NSW Languages Advisory Panel was established with high level representation from the key education sectors, community organisations, business and industry.

This Panel will provide advice on development of a new languages education policy for NSW and strategic oversight of actions arising from the proposals developed from the NSW Review of Languages Education announced in June 2014.

The timeline will be determined when the Panel has provided advice on actions arising from the NSW Review of Languages Education.

*85 EDUCATION—RELOCATION OF TWO NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

- (a) What arrangements have been made for the relocation of the Cleveland Street Intensive English High School and the Open High School in Randwick?
- (b) What is the timeline for the relocation of both schools?
- (c) What consultation has occurred with staff and their union in both cases?

Answer—

The new location for Cleveland Street Intensive English High School has not yet been determined. A Project Advisory Group has been established. The Principal and an elected teacher are members of the group. The group has commenced working on the new location for the school. The school will be relocated as soon as possible. It will be relocated before construction of the new high school commences on the existing site.

The new location for the Open High School has not yet been determined. A Project Advisory Group has been established. The Principal and an elected teacher are members of the group. The group has commenced working on the new location for the school.

*86 EDUCATION—MINISTERIAL MEETINGS WITH PEARSON AUSTRALIA—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

Has the Minister for Education ever met with any person representing Pearson Australia or any organisation associated with it?

If so, when did the meeting take place and what was the topic of discussion?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Ministerial diary records do not show any meetings with Pearson Australia.
- (b) N/A

*87 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS WITH PEARSON AUSTRALIA—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

- (a) Has any representative of the Department of Education and Communities met with any person representing Pearson Australia or any organisation associated with it?
- (b) If so, when did the meeting take place and what was the topic of discussion?

Answer—

Representatives of the Department of Education and Communities have met with representatives of Pearson Australia on a number of occasions as part of normal departmental business.

*88 EDUCATION—ROLE OF PEARSON AUSTRALIA—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What steps has the Minister for Education taken to ensure that there is no conflict of interest for Pearson Australia in carrying out its duties in relation to National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in New South Wales public schools, given Pearson Australia's current primary business is in textbook production, including NAPLAN preparation textbooks?

Answer—

Pearson Australia was awarded the NAPLAN contract for New South Wales public schools after a competitive tender process in 2011. The tender process requires respondents to identify any conflicts of interest as a condition of tender. The 2011 tender process was reviewed by an external Probity Advisor prior to awarding the contract.

- *89 EDUCATION—NSW GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WITH PEARSON AUSTRALIA—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

- (a) What agreements and contracts does the Government or the NSW Department of Education and Communities have with Pearson Australia?
 (b) What is the value of each?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities has one current registered contract with Pearson Australia, for the delivery of NAPLAN services. This contract was awarded in 2011, commencing 2012 and is due to expire in 2016. The annual cost against this contract is based on the quantities required each year, the 2015 NAPLAN service is \$10.9 million.

- *90 EDUCATION—PEARSON AUSTRALIA AND 2015 NAPLAN TESTS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the process by which Pearson Australia was chosen to facilitate the marking of the 2015 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in New South Wales?
 (2) Does Pearson Australia receive any financial benefit from the Government to mark the NAPLAN tests?
 (3)
 (a) Did any other organisation, government or non-government, apply to be involved in the marking of NAPLAN tests in New South Wales in 2015?
 (b) If so:
 (i) who were these organisations?
 (ii) what roles did they apply for?
 (c) Were any of these organisations successful in their application?
 (4) What is Pearson Australia's exact role in the marking process for NAPLAN in New South Wales in 2015?
 (5)
 (a) Will any person or persons employed by Pearson Australia be allowed on New South Wales public school grounds to enable them to carry out their duties in relation to NAPLAN?
 (b) If so, what will those duties consist of?

Answer—

(1) to (5)

Pearson Australia was selected to facilitate the marking of NAPLAN tests in New South Wales through a competitive tender process, which was contested in 2011.

The term of the agreement was extended with Pearson to deliver NAPLAN services for 2015. The extension of the contract was approved to ensure continuity of service to schools in NSW.

Pearson Australia's role in the marking process is to capture and mark student test responses, deliver marking centre services and to score student responses for reporting.

Under contract there is no need for persons employed by Pearson to be on New South Wales Public Schools grounds in order to carry out their duties in relation to delivery of the 2015 NAPLAN, other than contracted couriers for the delivery and pick up of NAPLAN test materials.

*91 ENVIRONMENT—MANGROVE MOUNTAIN LANDFILL—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) How many complaints has the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) received regarding the Mangrove Mountain Landfill in the last ten years?

Answer—

(1) 1. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) conducted a review of their files and environment line reports and found that 16 complaints have been received by the EPA in the past 10 years regarding the operation of Mangrove Mountain Landfill.

*92 ENVIRONMENT—MOUNT PANORAMA KANGAROOS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many licences have been issued by National Parks and Wildlife Service to shoot Kangaroos in the Mount Panorama precinct near Bathurst, since January 2014, including for 'damage mitigation' and commercial licences?
- (b) How many of these licences were issued by the Bathurst Office?
- (c) How many of these licences were issued by the Dubbo Office?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

*93 TRADE, TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—SHARK FIN NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

(1)

- (a) Does NSW Trade and Investment keep any statistics on the amount of shark fins exported from New South Wales overseas?
- (b) If so:
 - (i) how many tonnes of shark fin have been exported each year over the last ten years?
 - (ii) what was their destination?
- (c) If not, why not?

(2)

- (a) Does NSW Trade and Investment keep any statistics on the amount of shark fins imported from overseas into New South Wales?
- (b) If so:
 - (i) how many tonnes of shark fin have been imported each year over the last ten years?
 - (ii) what was their origin?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) and (2) NSW Trade and Investment does not collect statistics on goods and services exported from or imported into NSW. I am advised that this data is assembled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from data that is sourced from the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

(Customs). None of the international customs or trade classification systems list shark fins as a specific item. Any shark fin exports or imports would be listed under a broader category and so it is not possible to identify shark fin exports and imports from existing data sources.

*94 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SHARK FIN HARVESTING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Does the Department of Primary Industries keep any statistics on the amount of shark fin harvested by commercial fishers in New South Wales?
- (b) If so, how many tonnes of shark fin have been harvested each year over the last ten years?
- (c) If not, why not?

(2)

- (a) Does the Department of Primary Industries keep any statistics on the amount of shark fin exported from New South Wales overseas?
- (b) If so, how many tonnes of shark fin has been exported each year over the last ten years?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) No.
- (b) -
- (c) The Department of Primary Industries maintains a catch and effort record system to monitor landings of target and by-product species, and effort deployed in each of the State's commercial fisheries. This information is used to inform stock assessment and other scientific evaluation of fisheries resources in NSW. Commercial fishers are required by law to submit catch and effort records to report, among other things, the validated landed weight per species of 'fish' (including sharks). The landed weight may be the weight of a 'fish' after being processed (for example headed and gutted, filleted etc.) and in this case the manner in which the 'fish' is processed is included in the record. The landed weight of a shark therefore may be in a number of processed forms and is then converted to a whole weight (using standard conversion factors) for the purposes monitoring stock sustainability.

(2)

- (a) No.
- (b) -
- (c) The export of fish and fish products for human consumption is regulated by the Export Control Act 1982 and regulations and orders made under this Act. The Department of Agriculture is the Commonwealth Government agency responsible for the administration of this Act.

*95 ENVIRONMENT—LORD HOWE ISLAND DRAFT RODENT ERADICATION PLAN—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1) In regards to Lord Howe Island; have there been any updates or revisions to the Draft Rodent Eradication Plan since 2009?

(2)

- (a) Was a formal options analysis undertaken before the Draft Rodent Eradication Plan was developed?
- (b) If so, where is the options analysis available?
- (c) If not, why not?

(3)

- (a) Are the following final reports, or progress reports for ongoing projects, identified in the Lord Howe Island Business Paper (March 2015) in the public domain and available for viewing:

- (i) Terrestrial bird study (September 2014)?
 - (ii) Seabird study of Black Noddy (October 2014)?
 - (iii) Reptile study of the LHI Skink (November 2014)?
 - (iv) Seabird study of Black-winged Petrel (January 2015)?
 - (v) Flora studies of Mountain Palms?
 - (vi) Flora studies of other flower plants?
 - (b) If so, where are these studies available?
 - (c) Have there been other biodiversity, that is flora and fauna, baseline surveys undertaken?
 - (d) If so, are these studies in the public domain?
- (4) Has any risk assessment for impacts of the Rodent Eradication Plan on the marine environment, domestic and non-target animals been undertaken?
- (5) Will there be any community consultation to make a decision on whether to proceed with an aerial bait eradication program, apart from the Lord Howe Island Rodent Consultation Community Survey conducted by Elton Consulting?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (2) Yes. The Reports can be viewed at the Lord Howe Island Board offices.
 - (3)
 - (a)
 - (i) Yes.
 - (ii) to vi. No. The studies have not been completed.
 - (b) Lord Howe Island Board offices
 - (c) Yes
 - (d) Yes
 - (4) Yes
 - (5) There will be ongoing community information, engagement and consultation throughout the planning and approvals stage of the rodent eradication program.
- *96 ENVIRONMENT—SOMERSBY MINTBUSH—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—
- (1)
 - (a) Is there currently any dedicated biodiversity officer at the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Gosford office?
 - (b) If not, why is there no dedicated biodiversity officer?
 - (2)
 - (a) Did the last survey undertaken of the endangered Somersby Mintbush, or Prostanthera junonis, in 2008 by NPWS contract staff show a serious decline in the species?
 - (b) If so, what was the decline?
 - (3)
 - (a) Has the NPWS undertaken any survey of the Somersby Mintbush, or Prostanthera junonis since 2008?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) when were these surveys undertaken
 - (ii) what were the results?
 - (c) If not, why not?
 - (4) How much money is or was allocated in the Saving Our Species Program for the Somersby Mintbush, or Prostanthera junonis, in:
 - (a) 2015-2016?
 - (b) 2014-2015?

- (c) 2013-2014?
- (5)
- (a) Is the Somersby Mintbush included in any burn plans in the Brisbane Waters National Park?
- (b) If so, is there any budget for monitoring the response of the Somersby Mintbush to burning?
- (6) Is there any concern in the NPWS that an ecological burning of areas containing Somersby Mintbush could result in a critical reduction of its numbers in the Brisbane Waters National Park?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) and (b) There are seven National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) rangers based in the Gosford office that have tertiary qualifications in biodiversity and natural resource management and manage biodiversity as part of their duties.
- (2)
- (a) and (b) Based on survey data from 2008, there was an average decline of 74 per cent across five populations and an average increase of 250 per cent in one population, when compared to surveys undertaken from 1996-2006.
- (3)
- (a) Yes.
- (b)
- (i) February 2012 at one population.
- (ii) 67 plants were found including some in flower and nine seedlings.
- (4)
- (a) to (c) None, however, NPWS's annual funding contributes to the protection of these species as part of normal operations.
- (5)
- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes, monitoring will be undertaken as part of routine operations.
- (6) No.

*97 ENVIRONMENT—HUMANE SHOOTING OF KANGAROOS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1)
- (a) Is an internal review of the methodology of kangaroo surveys currently underway?
- (b) If so:
- (i) what are the terms of reference of the review?
- (ii) who is carrying out the review?
- (iii) will the outcomes of the review be made public?
- (c) If not, is the Office of Environment and Heritage considering a review?
- (2) Does the kangaroo survey map absence of kangaroos in New South Wales when there is a zero count?
- (3) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage ever mapped the survey transects or checked the actual count data to check the validity of the methodology that informs the final survey estimate on which commercial shooting is based?
- (4) What are the population growth rates the Office of Environment and Heritage uses for each of the four large macropods commercially shot, and on what science is this based?
- (5) What actions has the Minister for the Environment taken to ensure that at-foot joeys are appropriately euthanised by shooters?
- (6) What action is the Government taking to ensure the federal Code of Practices for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies is complied with by commercial kangaroo harvesters?

- (7)
- (a) Does the Government support male-only kangaroo shooting?
 - (b) If so, why?
 - (c) Does the Government have any way of on-ground monitoring of how many female and males are shot by shooters?
 - (d) Is this data reported by the shooter?
 - (e) Are tags issued on the basis of kangaroo gender?
- (8) How many kangaroos have been inspected as a proportion of the total number shot under kangaroo shooting licenses issued in New South Wales since January 2012 to date?
- (9)
- (a) How many kangaroo inspectors does the Government currently employ?
 - (b) Where are these inspectors located?
 - (c) What is the geographical area covered by each inspector position?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes
 - (b)
 - (i) The purpose of the review is to ensure that the survey methods applied continue to reflect the best available science.
 - (ii) The Office of Environment and Heritage
 - (iii) Yes
 - (c) Not applicable
- (2) to (8) Commercial kangaroo harvesting in NSW is managed in accordance with the NSW Commercial Kangaroo Harvest: Management Plan 2012-2016. A copy of the plan is publicly available on the Office of Environment and Heritage website.
9. The Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2012-2016 sets out compliance requirements. These compliance activities are part of the role of Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) Compliance Officers.

*98 JUSTICE AND POLICE—OFFICE OF LIQUOR, GAMING AND RACING RELOCATION—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1)
- (a) Has the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing been relocated under the purview of the Department of Justice?
 - (b) If so, what consideration was given to co-locating the office within NSW Health as well?

Answer—

The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing has been relocated under the purview of the Department of Justice.

*99 JUSTICE AND POLICE—LIQUOR LICENCE BIENNIAL RETURN—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1)
- (a) How many liquor licences in New South Wales failed to return the 2014 Liquor licence biennial return?
 - (b) What has happened to those licencees that failed to submit a return?

Answer—

OLGR adopted a risk-based approach to non-responding venues and investigated.

*100 HEALTH—METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1)

- (a) Has there been a Department of Health investigation into the breakout of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) amongst workers at the Wonga Piggery in early 2015?
- (b) If so, what was the result of the investigation?
- (c) What actions have or will NSW Health take?

(2)

- (a) Have there been any other cases of MRSA identified in any other farm or animal husbandry facility in the last four years?
- (b) If so, what are the details of these cases?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

(1) and (2) NSW Health facilities are guided by PD2007_084 Infection Control Policy: Prevention and Management of Multi-Resistant Organisms (MRO) with regard to the screening of inpatients for multi-drug resistant organisms.

This policy directive is available online at: http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd2007/PD2007_084.html

The Public Health Unit is not aware of any other cases of MRSA related to livestock identified in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in the last four years.

*101 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Has there been a Department of Primary Industries investigation into the breakout of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) amongst workers at the Wonga Piggery in early 2015?
- (b) If so, what was the result of the investigation?
- (c) What actions have or will the Department of Primary Industries take?

(2)

- (a) Have there been any other cases of MRSA identified in any other farm or animal husbandry facility in the last four years?
- (b) If so, what are the details of these cases?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) There has been no Department of Primary Industries investigation into this incident. The primary responsibility for the human health effects arising from antimicrobial resistance are with NSW Health.
- (b) N/A
- (c) The Department is not taking any actions involving occurrence of MRSA on specific farms. The primary responsibility for the human health effects arising from antimicrobial resistance are with NSW Health. Nevertheless, the Department has been very active on the issue of antimicrobial resistance. The Department has worked closely with Commonwealth agencies such as Health, Agriculture, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, and the National Health and Medical Research Council.

(2)

- (a) The Department advises that in 2010, MRSA isolates were recovered from one of three NSW pig herds surveyed as part of a research project. Private veterinarians or non-government researchers may have detected the occurrence of MRSA on other farms, however MRSA is not a notifiable disease in animals.
- (b) In 2014, the details of the research where MRSA was detected in a NSW pig herd were published in Volume 69 of the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, pages 1426-1428. The department is aware from a study of Australian veterinarians that MRSA is likely to be present in a range of animal species in NSW. The study, "Carriage of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus by veterinarians in Australia", authored by Jordan, D., J. Simon, S. Fury, S. Moss, P. Giffard, M. Maiwald, P. Southwell, M.D. Barton, J.E. Axon, S. Morris, and D.J. Trott, was published in the Australian Veterinary Journal, 2011, edition 89: p. 152-159. A study of horses in the Hunter Valley, "Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in a population of horses in Australia", authored by Axon JE, Carrick JB, Barton MD, Collins NM, Russell CM, Kiehne J, Coombs G and published in the Australian Veterinary Journal, 2011, edition 89: p221-5, showed that MRSA is present in horses in NSW.

*102 TRADE, TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—REGISTERED CLUB GAMING MACHINE NUMBERS AND PROFIT—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) For the most recent registered clubs gaming machine tax year, what were each registered club's gaming machine entitlement numbers by venue?
- (2) For the most recent registered clubs gaming machine tax year, what was each registered club's gaming machine profit after tax by venue?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing.

*103 JUSTICE AND POLICE—REGISTERED CLUB GAMING MACHINE NUMBER AND PROFIT—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) For the most recent registered clubs gaming machine tax year, what were each registered club's gaming machine entitlement numbers by venue?
- (2) For the most recent registered clubs gaming machine tax year, what was each registered club's gaming machine profit after tax by venue?

Answer—

As at 31 May 2015 there were 70,099 authorised gaming machine in clubs. As per the recent Budget Statement in 2014-15 clubs paid \$716 million in gaming machine tax.

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*104 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—BULLYING AND HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How many complaints regarding workplace harassment and bullying in or in relation to mining operations were received by NSW Trade & Investment or its predecessor in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?

- (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (2) How many of these complaints related to mining operations in the Hunter Valley?
- (3) How many complaints regarding workplace harassment and bullying in or in relation to mining operations were investigated by NSW Trade & Investment or its predecessor in each of the following financial years:
- (a) a. 2012-13?
- (b) b. 2013-14?
- (c) c. 2014-15 to date?
- (4) How many of these complaints related to mining operations in the Hunter Valley?
- (5) How many complaints regarding workplace harassment and bullying in or in relation to mining operations were referred by NSW Trade & Investment or its predecessor back to a mining company for investigation in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?
- (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (6) How many of these complaints related to mining operations in the Hunter Valley?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) 2012-13 – 4 complaints
- (b) 2013-14 – 14 complaints
- (c) 2014-15 to date – 6 complaints
- (2) 17. This includes the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas.
- (3)
- (a) 2012-13 - 4
- (b) 2013-14 - 2
- (c) 2014-15 to date - 18
- (4) 17. This includes the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas.
- (5) In no cases has the Department asked the mine to prepare and submit an investigation report as the only form of investigation. In the following cases, the operator of the mine, employer or other person responsible has been asked to conduct an investigation and prepare and submit a report either prior to the department commencing an investigation or concurrently with the department's investigation:
- (a) 2012-13 – 1 complaint
- (b) 2013-14 – 7 complaints
- (c) 2014-15 to date – 7 complaints
- (6) 8 complaints. This includes the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas.

*105 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MARINE ESTATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) What advice or briefings has the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water received from the Marine Estate Management Authority since its inception?
- (b) If advice or briefings have been received, what was the title and date for each?
- (c) When will this advice be made publicly available?

Answer—

- (1)

(a) Advice and briefings have been provided on Marine Estate Management Authority projects outlined in the schedule of works and on progress in implementing the new approach to the management of the NSW marine estate.

(b) Face-to-face briefings:

- 17 July 2013
- 17 September 2013
- 27 May 2014
- 16 July 2014
- 27 April 2015.

Written advice and briefings:

- 3 April 2013 Letter – Authority work plan and first meeting
- 19 July 2013 Letter – Authority progress and timeframes
- 1 August 2013 Letter – scope of projects and timeframes
- 17 September 2013 Diary brief – project summaries
- 25 November 2013 Paper – Managing the NSW Marine Estate: Purpose, Underpinning Principles and Priority Setting
- 16 December 2013 Letter – final advice regarding ocean beaches and headlands recreational fishing assessment
- 16 December 2013 Manual – Protocol Manual
- 26 May 2014 Report – Annual Progress Report 2013
- 4 July 2014 Letter – scheduling of marine estate initiatives
- 12 August 2014 Letter – findings from the marine estate community survey and Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel technical paper
- 26 August 2014 Letter – Marine Estate Management Bill
- 29 August 2014 Letter – development of Marine Estate Management Strategy
- 27 February 2015 Letter – Threat and Risk Assessment Framework

c. Authority meeting minutes are available on the website at www.marine.nsw.gov.au. Advice relating to the ocean beaches and headlands recreational line fishing assessment is also on the website. Some advice from the Authority to the Minister remains Cabinet-in-confidence. The website is periodically updated with advice relating to other projects.

*106 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ACTUAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON DROUGHT ASSISTANCE MEASURES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) What was the actual annual expenditure on drought assistance measures in New South Wales, broken down into the total amount for each separate program, for the years:

- (a) 2010-11?
- (b) 2011-12?
- (c) 2012-13?
- (d) 2013-14?

(2) What is the actual annual expenditure on drought assistance measures in New South Wales, broken down into the total amount for each separate program from 1 July 2014 to present?

Answer—

Information relating to departmental expenditure and allocations is available in the NSW Budget Papers and annual reports.

*107 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MARINE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) How many nominations were received for each of the following marine park advisory committees:

- (a) Cape Byron Marine Park Advisory Committee?
- (b) Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee?

- (c) Lord Howe Island Marine Park Advisory Committee?
 - (d) Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park Advisory Committee?
 - (e) Jervis Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee?
 - (f) Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee?
- (2) When will the committee appointments for each of these marine park advisory committees be made publicly available?
- (3) Have any of these marine park advisory committees been fully appointed and held any meetings?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) 25
 - (b) 21
 - (c) 15
 - (d) 33
 - (e) 14
 - (f) 34
- (2) As soon as appointments have been made. The membership for Lord Howe Island and Cape Byron Marine Parks Advisory Committees are available on the marine estate website www.marine.nsw.gov.au.
- (3) Yes, the Lord Howe Island and Cape Byron Marine Parks Advisory Committees have been appointed. Lord Howe Committee met on 11 December 2014 and 27 March 2015. The Cape Byron Committee met on 23 March 2015.

*108 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—REFORM TO THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How much has the Government spent on pursuing reform to the commercial fishing industry from 1 July 2011 to present?
- (2) What was the nature of this expenditure, broken down into category and financial year?

Answer—

- (1) Details of all departmental financial expenditure are contained in annual reports – which are publicly available.
- (2) See (1) above.

*109 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ACTUAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF WILD DOGS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What was the actual annual expenditure on the management of wild dogs in New South Wales for the years:
- (a) 2010-11?
 - (b) 2011-12?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2013-14?
- (2) What is the projected expenditure on the management of wild dogs in New South Wales for the financial year 2014-15?

Answer—

- (1) The figures provided are estimates of the combined expenditure on wild dog control incurred by the Department of Primary Industries (including Biosecurity NSW and Land and Natural Resources), Local Land Services, National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Wild Dog Destruction Board and Forests NSW, (Forestry Corporation of NSW). Each year these agencies are involved in a variety of activities including the planning and implementation of operational programs on public and private

land, research and development to improve wild dog management tools and techniques and capacity building to improve the community's ability to manage wild dogs. Total government expenditure on the management of wild dogs in New South Wales in the years in question is estimated at:

- (a) 2010-11 - \$5.4 million
- (b) 2011-12 - \$4.8 million
- (c) 2012-13 - \$6.4 million
- (d) 2013-14 - \$8.0 million

(2) The projected expenditure for 2014-15 is \$10.2 million.

*110 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ASIAN BLACK SPINED TOADS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Has the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water received any briefings on the recent discovery in northern Sydney of Asian black-spined toads?
- (b) If so:
 - (i) When was the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water first informed?
 - (ii) What are the estimated numbers of the toad population?
 - (iii) What is estimated location and geographical spread of the toad population?

(2) What action has been taken to ensure no breeding colonies have been established?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) No. The previous Minister for Primary Industries was advised of the detection on 4 March 2015.
- (b)
 - (i) Refer to answer 1(a) above.
 - (ii) Zero – no further specimens have been found and the original specimen has been euthanized.
 - (iii) Refer to answer to 1(b)(ii) above.

(2) On 3 March 2015, Taronga Zoo notified the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) about a single female Asian black-spined toad that was captured on 2 March 2015 in the Sydney suburb of Belrose. The toad was delivered to Taronga Zoo on 3 March 2015 by local council staff who had received it from staff of the veterinary clinic where the toad was found (in the clinic garden). Taronga Zoo staff confirmed that the specimen was an Asian black-spined toad, euthanized it and conducted a necropsy. The female toad was carrying over 1000 (unfertilised) eggs. DPI notified the National Invasive Plants and Animals Committee secretariat (based in the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture) on 3 March 2015. DPI requested that National Parks and Wildlife Service investigate further to determine the likelihood of whether the toad was a lone 'hitchhiker' (a shipping container from Singapore had recently been delivered to a property adjacent to where the toad was found) or part of a population. A desktop analysis was conducted to determine potential habitat and breeding sites in backyards and bushland within the vicinity and the finder of the toad and immediate neighbours were contacted. The first night survey of the neighbourhood was conducted on 5 March 2015. There has been follow-up contact with the local council and Greater Sydney Local Land Services and information has been distributed to local residents. No sign of other Asian black-spined toads have been found. This is not the first case of Asian black-spined toads breaching the national border, but is a good example of collaboration between the general public and local and State government agencies to detect and manage new incursions, in keeping with a key principle of the NSW Biosecurity Strategy 2013-2021.

*111 ARTS—COSTS OF MOVING THE MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1)
- (a) In relation to the proposal to relocate the Powerhouse Museum to Western Sydney, has a comprehensive costing for moving the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) out of its Ultimo location been completed?
 - (b) If so, what is the cost of moving?
 - (c) If not, has an estimated cost of moving been completed?
 - (d) If so, what is that estimated cost?
 - (e) What is the estimated cost of moving the Number 1 Locomotive?
 - (f) What is the estimated cost of moving the Bolton and Watt Engine?
 - (g) What is the estimated cost of moving the Catalina Flying Boat?
- (2)
- (a) Has any land been allocated for a possible new museum in Western Sydney?
 - (b) If so, where is it?
- (3)
- (a) How many objects does the MAAS have on display?
 - (b) How many objects does the MAAS have in storage?
- (4)
- (a) Do plans exist for the refurbishment of the Harwood Building at the MAAS Ultimo site?
 - (b) If so, where are these plans available?

Answer—

In the 2015/16 budget \$10 million over 2 years has been allocated to commence planning for the relocation of the Museum from Ultimo to Parramatta. This planning will guide future decisions on the relocated Powerhouse and its location.

The Harwood building will be considered as part of the planning process.

The cost of the new museum will be determined from a business case which will be prepared as part of the planning process.

Information relating to the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences' collection can be found online at www.powerhousemuseum.com

- *112 ARTS—ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE AT BARANGAROO—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the progress of the decision to build a cultural centre at Barangaroo as a showcase for Aboriginal arts and culture?

Answer—

- (1) Questions regarding potential indigenous cultural facilities at Barangaroo should be directed to the Premier.

- *113 ARTS—FUNDING FOR FIFTH CULTURAL ACCORD OFFICER—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Noting that the funding of \$110,000 for the cultural officer within Local Government NSW for the Local Government Cultural Development Program to support the Cultural Accord between Local Government NSW and State Government ceased at the end of 2014;
- (a) At the October 2014 meeting of the State Ministers with the Federal Minister was it decided to proceed with a Fifth Cultural Accord?
 - (b) If so, has the funding for the officer been granted for another year?

Answer—

- (1)

- (a) The Meeting of Cultural Ministers in October 2014 did not consider a Fifth Cultural Accord.
- (b) See question 1(a).

*114 ARTS—ABORIGINAL ARTS AND CULTURAL STRATEGY—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) With the finalisation of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2010-14, how much funding in total was allocated to it over the Strategy's life?
- (2)
 - (a) What are the results of the evaluation of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2010-14, Stage 1?
 - (b) What are the recommendations for future actions?
 - (c) If an evaluation report has not yet been completed:
 - (i) when will it be available?
 - (ii) where will it be available?
- (3) What funding will be available for Aboriginal arts and culture in Stage 2 of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2015-18?
- (4) Action 1.4 of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2010-14 was to continue opportunities for Aboriginal young people to participate in arts and cultural activities:
 - (a) Will further actions be taken to encourage participation?
 - (b) If so, what will they be?
- (5) It has been noted that the focus of Stage 2 of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2015-18 will be on jobs:
 - (a) What targets are there for job creation?
 - (b) What is the regional distribution of employment opportunities being created?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to continue to promote Aboriginal artists and their works in New South Wales?
- (7) Given that the last available statistics by the Australian Bureau of Statistics was dated 2011 and does not include outcomes of the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2010-14:
 - (a) How many Aboriginal artists have been supported in total by the Stage 1 Strategy?
 - (b) What plans are in place for their long term support to ensure that these jobs are sustainable?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Information relating to the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2010 – 2014 is available in the Trade and Investment Annual Reports and online at www.arts.nsw.gov.au
- (5) The NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy 2015-18 will be published in due course. The strategy will prioritise professional development and career pathways for Aboriginal artists and arts workers including identifying opportunities in regional NSW and Western Sydney.
- (6) Please refer to the Create in NSW: Arts and Cultural Policy Framework at www.arts.nsw.gov.au
- (7)
 - (a) The evaluation of the Strategy will be available in due course and published online at www.arts.nsw.gov.au
 - (b) Please refer to the Create in NSW: Arts and Cultural Policy Framework at www.arts.nsw.gov.au

*115 ARTS—ARTS AND CULTURAL POLICY—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Why were individual submissions to the draft Discussion Paper on the Arts and Cultural Policy not made public but combined into a Consultation Outcomes Report, which is publicly available?
- (2)

- (a) Were submitters to the draft Discussion Paper required to provide approval for publication of their submissions?
- (b) If so, why were individual submissions not publicly available if the submitters did not object to publication?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The purpose of the Consultations Outcome Report was to provide an overview of the Discussion Paper findings.

Submitters through the Have Your Say portal and survey had the option of indicating whether the submission could be released publicly or not. Due to an Arts NSW administrative error there was a delay in the publication of submissions. Arts NSW are now rectifying the issue and those submissions with consent for publication will be made available online at www.arts.nsw.gov.au

*116 SPORT—SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AUTHORITY AND PROTECTED TENANCIES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) In relation to the sale of property containing 12 houses located in Welfare Street and Flemington Road, Homebush West, which was sold by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority to Centennial Property Group in November 2014:
 - (a) Were the residents in any of the 12 houses protected tenants under the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) How many of these houses were lived in by protected tenants?
 - (ii) Were the tenants of these houses given the opportunity to purchase the property as required by section 88A of the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948?

Answer—

Five of the 12 premises were identified as being subject to the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948. Section 88A of the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948 did not apply to the sale by the Authority, as the sale was for a single lot on which 12 premises were located.

*117 ARTS—ABORIGINAL REGIONAL ARTS FUND—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Twelve Aboriginal regional arts projects were funded in 2013-14 with \$117,087 through the Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund:
 - (a) How much money was allocated for 2014-15?
 - (b) What projects received funding?
- (2) What funds were allocated to Aboriginal artists under the Arts Funding Program in 2013-14 and via Requests for Proposals?

Answer—

Information regarding the Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund, Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy and the Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP) recipients and funding allocations is available online at www.arts.nsw.gov.au

*118 ARTS—COUNTRY ARTS SUPPORT PROGRAM—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1)
 - (a) By what date will Arts NSW review of devolved funding programs be completed?
 - (b) By what date will the Country Arts Support Program (CASP) be advised of the available

funding for 2015?

Answer—

I am advised that:

An internal review is being finalised. Funding for the Country Arts Support Program (CASP) has been provided until 31 December 2015. CASP is administered by Regional Arts NSW.

*119 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FIREWOOD COLLECTION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Which of the State Forests are open for collection of firewood in 2015?
- (b) If restricted to compartments, what are the compartments?
- (c) If restricted to the whole of a State Forest, what is the name of the State Forest?

(2) What were the total number of firewood collections permits issued in each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?

(3) What was the cost of deploying surveillance cameras to monitor illegal activity in State Forests for the following financial years:

- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?

(4) What was the total amount of fines collected for illegal firewood collection in each of the State Forests for the following financial years:

- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?

Answer—

(1) Answers have been provided as a table. Copies are available from the Legislative Council Procedure Office.

(2)

- (a) 4427
- (b) 4272

(3) Not available as expenditure on deployment of surveillance cameras to monitor illegal activity is not separately recorded in the corporation's finance system. In addition, the Game Licencing Unit of the Department of Primary Industries has installed 35 cameras in State forests at a cost of approximately \$650 each.

(4)

- (a) \$1000
- (b) \$1500

*120 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SERRATED TUSSOCK ON CROWN LAND—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Have there been any new infestations of Serrated Tussock located on Crown Land since 1 January 2011?
- (b) If so, where?

Answer—

Crown Lands has no records of reports of new infestations of Serrated Tussock on Crown land since 1 January 2011.

*121 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN LAND RESERVE TRUST BOARDS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What training is provided to Crown Land Reserve Trust Boards to ensure they are able to meet their obligations as managers of public reserves and Crown Land, in list form?
- (2) What was the cost of training provided to Crown Land Reserve Trust Boards during the following periods:
 - (a) 2013-14?
 - (b) 2014-15?

Answer—

- (1)
 - All members of Crown Land Reserve Trust Boards are required to complete the Members Induction Program prior to their appointment being finalised. This program provides an overview of the key roles and responsibilities of Trust Board members and aims to strengthen governance and ensure all members maintain awareness of their responsibilities as a Trust Board member.
 - In addition, a more comprehensive induction process is provided to high value Reserve Trusts covering matters such as the legislative and governance basis for reserve trusts and the operations of the Trust.
 - Trust Boards and their Members are also provided with a comprehensive Reserve Trust Handbook which contains general information and guidelines as well as regulatory requirements on how to manage reserves. The Department also provides advice and support to Reserve Trust Boards to assist them to understand and meet their obligations.
- (1) The Department oversees the governance of Reserve Trusts as per (1) above. The costs associated with this are part of the Department's core, recurrent role in supporting the work of Trusts, and are not itemised separately.

*122 PREMIER—IRISH MARRIAGE REFERENDUM—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Did the Irish nation hold a referendum on 22 May 2015 to amend the Irish Constitution to recognise as legal, marriage between two males or two females?
- (2)
 - (a) Did 60.52 per cent of the electorate turn out to vote?
 - (i) Of those, did 62.07 per cent vote yes?
 - (b) Did 39.48 per cent not vote?
 - (i) Of those, did 37.93 per cent vote no?
 - (c) Did a total of 62.7 per cent not vote yes?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to support the traditional historic definition of God-given marriage, as a union between one male and one female, to the exclusion of all others?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes, all statistics referenced are correct according to the results recorded on the website of the Referendum Returning Officer of Ireland.
- (3) There is currently no legislation before the NSW Parliament proposing to change the definition of marriage. The Commonwealth Government has constitutional responsibility for marriage law and the High Court of Australia has emphasised that it is a matter for the Federal Parliament (*The Commonwealth v ACT* [2013] HCA 55).

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(Paper No. 9)

*123 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PROPOSED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR AMALGAMATED COUNCILS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What governance structure is proposed for amalgamated councils following the 'Fit for the Future' process, until elections are eventually held for the new council?
- (2) What role will there be for current mayors and general managers?
- (3)
 - (a) Will administrators be appointed?
 - (b) If so, how will they be selected?

Answer—

The NSW Government is providing generous support for councils who wish to undertake voluntary mergers with their neighbours. An important part of this process is transition planning to ensure the effective and efficient establishment of any new council entity.

Councils that choose to merge voluntarily will be working with the Office of Local Government to prepare detailed transition plans. These plans will consider how best to undertake the merger process, and will include opportunities for elected representatives to be involved in the transition phase.

The Government has set aside \$13 million in additional funding to assist with this process.

*124 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—MONITORING THE IMPACT OF ASBESTOS AND CHIPS OF PAINT CONTAINING LEAD—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How will the Government monitor the impact on consumers from asbestos and chips of paint containing lead, as a consequence of unlicensed painters now being able to enter into contracts for internal paintwork valued at below \$5,000?

Answer—

Low value work has always been excluded from the requirements of the Home Building Act by means of a threshold. The previous Labor Government amended the Home Building Act in 2004 to increase the threshold for work (other than specialist work) requiring a licence from \$200 to \$1,000.

The NSW Government's decision to increase the threshold to \$5,000 in 2014 was adopted in response to recommendations made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). This new threshold better aligns NSW with applicable thresholds in Victoria (\$5,000) and Queensland (\$3,300).

Recent changes to the scope of work regulated under the Home Building Act 1989 have not altered the work health and safety (WHS) obligations of Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBUs). Every PCBU, whether they or their workers are required to hold trade licences or not, continues to be subject to obligations to carry out work safely.

The health and safety obligations of traders to ensure safe work practices (including managing risks of exposure to hazardous substances such as asbestos and lead) are stringently regulated by the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and are administered by my colleague the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

These laws include general 'primary duty of care' obligations that PCBUs must not put people's health and safety at risk from their work, and must ensure employees have adequate information, training, instruction or supervision. The law also contains specific obligations for traders in respect of lead risk work and work involving asbestos, including training obligations and licensing of certain work involving asbestos.

Any consumer in NSW with concerns or a complaint regarding services provided by a trader is encouraged to contact NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20 to request assistance or lodge a complaint online at the Fair Trading website (www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au).

*125 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ASBESTOS AND CHIPS OF PAINT CONTAINING LEAD—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What assessments have been undertaken of the potential impact on consumers from asbestos and chips of paint containing lead, as a consequence of unlicensed painters now being able to enter into contracts for internal paintwork valued at below \$5,000?

Answer—

Low value work has always been excluded from the requirements of the Home Building Act by means of a threshold. The previous Labor Government amended the Home Building Act in 2004 to increase the threshold for work (other than specialist work) requiring a licence from \$200 to \$1,000.

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*126 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PACIFIC HIGHWAY SECTION 10 - KOALA HABITAT—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What steps is the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight taking to ensure transparency in determining whether Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will meet the conditions of approval determined by the Federal Environment Minister Mr Greg Hunt MP, under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999?
- (2)
- (a) Will the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight have final sign off in determining whether these conditions have been met?
- (b) If not, who does?
- (3) Is the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight consulting with the NSW Minister for Environment, the Honourable Mark Speakman MP, in relation to these conditions?
- (4) Will the community have the opportunity to see the RMS response to these conditions prior to lodgement with the Commonwealth?
- (5) What is the timeframe for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight to make a final decision regarding the final route and specifications of Section 10 of the Pacific Highway Upgrade?
- (6) What is the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight doing to ensure all stakeholders are kept properly informed of progress regarding approval and planning of Section 10 of the Pacific Highway Upgrade?

Answer—

Information about Section 10 of the Pacific Highway upgrade on the conditions of approval, preferred route, timelines, consultation and requirements for further approvals can be found on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*127 EDUCATION—NAVITAS INVESTIGATION—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

- (a) Has the Government commenced legal action against Navitas?
- (b) If so, what are the terms of reference of the action?
- (c) If so:
 - (i) when did the legal action commence?
 - (ii) when it is expected to be complete?
- (d) Will any findings or recommendations be made public?

Answer—

The Department of Education and Communities is not aware of any legal proceedings against Navitas.

*128 PREMIER—OFFICE OF THE NSW OMBUDSMAN—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1)

- (a) Is the position of Principal Lawyer, Senior Executive Band 1, Police and Compliance Branch, advertised via NSW Jobs, a newly created position or a pre-existing position?
- (b) If it is a new position:
 - (i) is it funded from the Ombudsman's existing budget?
 - (ii) has additional funding been provided?
- (c) If it is a pre-existing position, is it now vacant as a result of the previous officer resigning, or being terminated?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) It is a pre-existing position.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The current occupant has been successful in gaining ongoing employment in another public sector agency.

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*129 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ELLERTON DRIVE EXTENSION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How much is Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) spending on the telephone poll being conducted by Jetty Research relating to the Ellerton Drive Extension at Queanbeyan?
- (2)
 - (a) Is the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight concerned about reports in the Queanbeyan Age on 29 May 2015 that the questions in the telephone poll amounted to 'push polling'?
 - (b) Will RMS be investigating these reports?
- (3) What evaluation will RMS take of the telephone poll conducted for the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension?
- (4) Did Queanbeyan City Council or any Councillors on Queanbeyan City Council initiate the idea for

RMS to conduct a telephone poll on the Ellerton Drive Extension?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime Services initiated the telephone poll as part of the evaluation of community engagement processes for the Ellerton Drive Extension. The cost of the poll and analysis of results forms part of the total project cost.

The telephone poll was designed by survey experts from Jetty Research, in consultation with Roads and Maritime Services, and includes questions seeking views about the proposal. A report on the results will be developed by Jetty Research and published later in 2015.

*130 PLANNING—OPERATIONAL NOISE AND VIBRATION REVIEW—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

(1)

Is the ^(a)Minister for Planning aware of an independent audit of the Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR) by Dr John L Goldberg, a former Senior Principal Research Scientist with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) National Measurement Laboratory, Acoustics and Vibration section, published in the Monthly Chronicle, Volume 20, number 2, 2015?

Has the ^(b)Department of Planning and Environment investigated Dr Goldberg's concerns that the noise mitigation measures within the ONVR will be largely ineffective?

If so, ^(c)what was the conclusion from that investigation?

(2)

Does the ^(a)ONVR suggest that as time progresses, the noise impact from rail freight movements will be less even though the number of movements will increase because of the Epping to Thornleigh Third Track?

If so, ^(b)on what basis is that conclusion drawn?

Answer—

(1) Dr Goldberg has not raised any concerns with the Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the noise mitigation measures proposed under the Operational Noise and Vibration Review- January 2015.

(2) The Operational Noise and Vibration Review predicts that noise impacts will increase as a result of the ETTT, and the Review proposes a range of measures to mitigate additional noise impacts. As a result of the proposed measures, noise levels in the operational scenario for the ETTT will be within acceptable limits set by noise guidelines. This has been independently verified by a noise and vibration specialist, namely Renzo Tonin and Associates.

*131 EDUCATION—ISLAMIC SCHOOLS AUDITED—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

(a) Is the Government aware that the largest Islamic school in Australia, Malek Fahd in Sydney's south west is under investigation by the Federal Department of Education and Training?

(b) If so, is the Government aware that allegations include concerns about curriculum, gender segregation, senior staff movements and financial transactions?

(2) What actions is the Minister for Education taking to investigate Al Noori Muslim School in Greenacre and Rissalah College in Lakemba, two New South Wales schools where parents and regulators have ongoing concerns?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Yes.
 - (b) The Federal Department of Education has not provided details concerning an investigation of Malek Fahd.
- (2) The NSW Department of Education and Communities is not currently investigating AI Noori Muslim School. The NSW Department of Education and Communities commissioned an audit of Rissalah College in June 2014 to ensure the school has compliant practices in place. This independent audit found that Rissalah College was compliant with the not-for-profit funding requirements in 2014. The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) is currently assessing the application for renewal of registration of AI Noori Muslim School, Greenacre. The period of registration of the school was extended to the end of 2015 to allow the school to address the BOSTES' concerns about the governance of the school. The BOSTES is not currently investigating any concerns in relation to Rissalah College, Lakemba.

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(Paper No. 11)

*133 EDUCATION—ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE NEEDS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) From the Department of Education and Communities' annual English as a second language (ESL) survey data, for each of the data collection years 2010-2014 in primary schools in an excel or CSV spreadsheet:
 - (a) What was the number of LBOTE students identified in the survey as unable to receive ESL assistance?
 - (b) What was the number of LBOTE students identified in the survey as requiring ESL assistance who received ESL assistance?
 - (c) What was the number of Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) students that were identified in the survey as requiring ESL assistance?
- (2) From the Department of Education and Communities' annual ESL survey data, for each of the data collection years 2010-2014 in secondary schools in an excel or CSV spreadsheet:
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 - (a) What was the number of LBOTE students identified in the survey as unable to receive ESL assistance?
 - (b) What was the number of LBOTE students identified in the survey as requiring ESL assistance who received ESL assistance?
 - (c) What was the number of Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) students that were identified in the survey as requiring ESL assistance?
- (4) From the Department of Education and Communities' annual ESL survey data, for each of the data collection years 2010-2014 in Department of Education statistical area groupings in an excel or CSV spreadsheet:
 - (a) What was the number of LBOTE students identified in the survey as unable to receive ESL assistance?
 - (b) What was the number of LBOTE students identified in the survey as requiring ESL assistance who received ESL assistance?
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Answer—

- I refer the honourable member to the answer to LC QON 0158 which was published in the LC Hansard paper on 2 March 2015.
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- EAL/D (ESL) Survey data was not disaggregated by NSW electorate for the requested period. To provide this information would result in an unjustifiable diversion of resources away from the core responsibilities of the Department.
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*134 EDUCATION—SAFE HAVEN ENTERPRISE VISA PROGRAM AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- In relation to the Government's Safe Haven Enterprise Visa program, for those students who are likely to enrol in rural and regional public schools that have no English as a second language (ESL) programs or professional infrastructure:
 - How will vital ESL and resettlement services to students and families will be provided and co-ordinated without the ESL Multicultural consultant, and Refugee and Community Liaison Officer support to schools?
 - How will teachers in rural and regional public schools enrolling these refugee students be able to receive the specialist professional support they need to provide effective ESL and resettlement support to these students?
- Will students under the Government's Safe Haven Enterprise Visa program enrolling in rural and regional public schools, over the life of the program, have access to a similar level of intensive New Arrivals and ongoing ESL support provided to newly arrived students in public schools in Sydney and Wollongong metropolitan areas?

Answer—

- and (2) In schools that have not attracted English language proficiency equity loading resources, Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) holders may be eligible for support under the New Arrivals Program. All teachers are responsible for meeting the learning needs of their students. Professional learning support and advice is available from Educational Services teams and from a team of EAL/D specialists at state office. In non-metropolitan areas, EAL/D teacher mentors are available to provide specialist professional learning and support to teachers of newly arrived EAL/D students.

*135 EDUCATION—IMPACT OF FULL-FEE PAYING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- Are full fee-paying international students eligible to access English language teaching support available to migrant and refugee students through the Department of Education and Communities' English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) program?

- (2) Has any additional funding been given to increase the number of EAL/D or English as a second language (ESL) teaching positions to meet the English language learning needs of migrant and refugee students in schools since 2009?
- (3) Is EAL/D teaching support currently provided to meet the English language learning needs of migrant and refugee students being diverted to meet the additional English learning needs of international students?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) In 2009, an additional 10 (FTE) ESL teacher positions increased the pool of ESL teacher position to 896. In 2014, principals were informed that an additional \$14m in flexible funding would be allocated to assist schools to meet the English language learning needs of migrant and refugee students in 2015.
- (3) Principals make local decisions, in consultation with their school communities, about how to best meet the needs of their EAL/D students. In schools where there are international, migrant and refugee students, decisions may be made to provide enhanced service delivery, enabled through combining resources from all funding sources and including the employment of additional EAL/D teachers, to benefit all EAL/D students.

*136 EDUCATION—FUNDING FOR ENGLISH LEARNING SUPPORT NEEDS OF FULL-FEE PAYING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1)
- (a) What was the amount of revenue generated from international students' fees for:
- (i) 2010?
 - (ii) 2011?
 - (iii) 2012?
 - (iv) 2013?
 - (v) 2014?
- (b) What amount and proportion of this revenue was made available to schools enrolling international students in these years?
- (c) What amount and proportion of this revenue was retained centrally in these years?
- (2) Do principals have discretionary authority to use the school-based portion of international student fee funding to employ English as a second language (ESL) teachers to meet the English learning needs of their international students?
- (3)
- (a) Were any additional ESL teaching positions established by schools from the school-based portion of international student fee funding to meet the English learning needs of their international students in:
- (i) 2010?
 - (ii) 2011?
 - (iii) 2012?
 - (iv) 2013?
 - (v) 2014?
- (b) If so, what was the equivalent ESL Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for these years for:
- (i) primary schools?
 - (ii) secondary schools?
- (c) What was the total equivalent ESL FTE for these years?
- (d) If there was no additional funding, why was it not provided?
- (4)
- (a) From the centrally-held portion of international student fee funding, was any additional funding provided by the Department of Education and Communities to meet the English learning needs of international students in the years:

- (i) 2010?
 - (ii) 2011?
 - (iii) 2012?
 - (iv) 2013?
 - (v) 2014?
- (b) If so, what was the equivalent ESL FTE for these years for:
- (i) primary schools?
 - (ii) secondary schools?
- (c) What was the total equivalent ESL FTE for these years?
- (d) If there was no additional funding, why was it not provided?
- (5)
- (a) What international student enrolments and associated fee revenue is projected by the Department of Education and Communities in each year over the next four years on the basis of current trends for:
- (i) primary schools?
 - (ii) secondary schools?
- (b) What was the total equivalent ESL FTE for these years?
- (6)
- (a) What number and proportion of international student enrolments from question 5 is projected by the Department of Education and Communities in each year to need English language teaching support over the next four years for:
- (i) primary schools?
 - (ii) secondary schools?
- (b) What was the total equivalent ESL FTE for these years?
- (7) What plans does the Department of Education and Communities have in place to ensure adequate resourcing of EAL/D teaching support to meet the additional English language learning needs of international students over the next four years?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The amount of revenue generated is included in revenue estimates as printed in the budget papers each year.
 - (b) Each school receives 25% of the fees for the international students enrolled in their schools.
 - (c) The remaining 75% is used to cover the program costs and support educational programs in NSW government schools.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) (a) to (c) Principals make local decisions about how to use the resources they receive to best meet the needs of all students requiring EAL/D support.
- d. Each school received 25% of the fees for the international students enrolled in their schools. Principals make decisions locally about how to use these resources.
- (1) (a) to (d) International students requiring EAL/D support are included in the Department's Annual EAL/D survey for the purpose of resource allocation.
- (2)
- (a) Projections are included in forward estimates contained in the 2015-16 budget.
 - (b) Decisions about the total EAL/D (ESL) FTE for the next four years have not been finalised.
- (3) Decisions about the total EAL/D (ESL) FTE for the next four years have not been finalised.
- (4) Current funding arrangements are sufficient to cater for the demand over the next four years.

*137 EDUCATION—ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT ALLOCATIONS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2014-15—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What were the English as An Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) ESL teaching positions full time equivalent allocations for each New South Wales public school in 2014 and 2015 by:
 - (a) total number of New South Wales public schools?
 - (b) New South Wales electorates?
 - (c) Department of Education statistical area groupings?
 - (d) secondary school?
 - (e) primary school?

Answer—

- (1) (a) to (e) Full-time equivalent EAL/D teaching positions allocation across primary and secondary schools, departmental groupings and electorates was 896 in 2014 and 896.2 in 2015.

*138 EDUCATION—PARRAMATTA OLD KING'S SCHOOL SITE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What steps has the Minister for Education or the Department of Education and Communities taken to move forward with the Government's plan to build a public primary school on the site of the Old King's School in Parramatta?
- (2) What is the timetable for implementation of this plan?
- (3) What stakeholders have been consulted about the plan?

Answer—

- (1) On 16 June 2015, I announced funding to develop a new primary school on the old King's School site in Parramatta.
- (2) Preliminary planning for the new school has commenced. The school is expected to open in 2017.
- (3) Local educators have been consulted, and the community and other key stakeholders will be consulted.

*139 EDUCATION—STUDENT WELLBEING COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) In relation to the Student Wellbeing system in the Learning Management and Business Reform software package, what levels of confidentiality for student files can be applied to the system, particularly for information provided to school counsellors on a confidential basis?
- (2)
 - (a) Has the Department of Education and Communities received complaints from student counsellors about the software and levels of confidentiality that can be applied by it?
 - (b) What response did the Department of Education and Communities provide them?

Answer—

- (1) Student counselling files are confidential Department of Education and Communities records. Within Student Wellbeing there is a secure provisioning system to ensure only school counsellors access confidential student counselling information.
- (2) The Student Counselling Team, within the Learning Engagement Directorate, that has policy oversight for the school counselling service has not received complaints about the levels of confidentiality applied by the system to information contained within student counselling files.

*140 HEALTH—E-CIGARETTE RETAILING—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) In October 2013, NSW Health issued a warning on e-liquids which stated that "NSW Health has written to all tobacco retailers to remind them of the laws around selling products containing nicotine":
 - (a) Did NSW Health only write to tobacco retailers or also to retailers in New South Wales who do not sell tobacco but do sell e-cigarettes or e-liquids?

- (2)
- (a) Was the testing of samples of e-liquids collecting by the Ministry of Health in 2013 to assess the level of nicotine only of samples from tobacco retailers?
 - (b) Were any samples taken from non-tobacco retailers?
- (3) How many retailers in New South Wales currently engage in tobacco retailing?
- (4) Do e-cigarette retailers have to notify the Director-General of the Ministry of Health that they intend to engage in e-cigarette retailing?
- (5)
- (a) Does the Government have any accurate way of knowing which retailers in New South Wales are selling e-cigarettes?
 - (b) If so, how many retailers are selling e-cigarettes?
 - (c) If not, what is the Government's estimate of the number of retailer engaged in selling e-cigarettes?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) In October 2013, NSW Health released a public health warning on the dangers of e-liquids containing nicotine. Correspondence was sent to approximately 8,000 registered tobacco retailers and peak retailer bodies in NSW including the Australian National Retail Association and Master Grocers Australia about this issue and the legal requirements in relation to selling liquid nicotine. In January 2015, further correspondence was sent to all registered tobacco retailers, peak retailer bodies, major shopping centre owners and managers and local councils as a contact point for pop up markets. In June 2015, the Government Licencing Service has 9,235 registered tobacco retailers as part of the NSW Tobacco Retailers Notification Scheme. If a business is retailing tobacco in NSW, it must register with the Government Licensing Service.

*141 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE 2—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) What drilling has been completed and how many wells have been drilled in Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 2 since the PEL was granted in 1993?
- (2) What other exploratory activities have been undertaken in PEL 2?
- (3) What is AGL's current work program for PEL 2?

Answer—

- (1) A total of 73 wells have been drilled in the PEL 2 area since it was granted in 1993. 56 of the wells are now contained within the Camden Gas Project production leases (PPL 1, or 4) and 31 of those are producing gas.
- (2) A two-dimensional (2D) seismic survey, an exploration method used to create a map of the structures beneath the Earth's surface, was undertaken in 2006 in Camden.
- (3) PEL 2 was bought-back and cancelled by the NSW Government on 6 July 2015 under the buy-back scheme of the NSW Gas Plan.

*142 HEALTH—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What percentage of people in each of the following local health districts currently have private health insurance?
 - (a) Central Coast?
 - (b) Illawarra Shoalhaven?
 - (c) Nepean Blue Mountains?
 - (d) Northern Sydney?
 - (e) South Eastern Sydney?
 - (f) South Western Sydney?
 - (g) Sydney?

- (h) Western Sydney?
 - (i) Rural and Regional New South Wales?
 - (j) Local Health Districts?
 - (k) Far West?
 - (l) Hunter New England?
 - (m) Mid North Coast?
 - (n) Murrumbidgee?
 - (o) Northern New South Wales?
 - (p) Southern New South Wales?
 - (q) Western New South Wales?
- (2)
- (a) Has NSW Health done modelling on the percentage of people in each local health district who are expected to have private health insurance in the future?
 - (b) If so, what are the predictions of the percentage of people who will have health insurance in each of the local health districts listed in (1) in the next:
 - (i) 5 years?
 - (ii) 10 years?
 - (iii) 20 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter more appropriately answered by my Federal counterpart, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for Health, who has responsibility for Private Health Insurance and should be referred accordingly.

*143 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M1 MOTORWAY EXTENSION—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1)
- (a) When will the Government commit funding to the extension of the M1 Motorway from south Beresfield to the A1 Pacific Highway at Raymond Terrace?
 - (b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The NSW Government recently announced \$200 million towards the extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to Raymond Terrace project through the Rebuilding NSW fund to get the project shovel ready.
 - (b) Technical investigations into traffic, environmental and Aboriginal heritage impacts are currently underway to refine the concept design and inform the environmental impact assessment. A refined concept design for community comment is expected to be displayed later this year. The environmental impact assessment is expected to be completed in 2016 with the timing of construction dependent on planning approval.

*144 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—NELSON BAY ROAD STAGE FOUR—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1)
- (a) When will the Government commit funding to the planning and construction of stage four of Nelson Bay Road, a full duplication from Stockton to Anna Bay?
 - (b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Stage 3 upgrade of Nelson Bay Road from Bobs Farm to Anna Bay has been completed. A corridor strategy for Nelson Bay Road will be prepared to identify areas which may need action, including congestion and traffic flow. The corridor strategy is expected to start later this year. The start date for construction is dependent on the planning phase of the project.

- *145 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—FINGAL BAY LINK ROAD—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)

- (a) When will the Government commit funding to the planning of a Fingal Bay link road?
- (b) When will Government commence work on this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government will provide \$3 million through Rebuilding NSW to assist Port Stephens Council in developing the Fingal Bay Link Road project. The start date for construction is dependent on the planning phase of the project.

- *146 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—SERVICE NSW ONE STOP SHOPS—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1)

- (a) When will the Government commit funding to building Service NSW one-stop shops at Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay?
- (b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

Answer—

Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay have been identified as suitable locations for a Service NSW presence. The motor registries in those locations will continue to operate until such time as we expand the Service NSW network.

- *147 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PRIORITY BOATING PROJECTS IN PORT STEPHENS—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Noting that, prior to the 2015 election, the Government committed \$2.5 million into priority boating projects in Port Stephens, including the upgrade to the public wharf at Tea Gardens:

- (a) What projects are to be funded under this commitment?
- (b) When will the funding be committed for each of these projects?
- (c) When will work commence on each of the projects?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) This information is publicly available in the March 2015 NSW Boating Statement.
- (b) Funding for the projects will be formally committed when funding deeds are finalised with the relevant councils.
- (c) Project commencement details will be contained in the funding deeds.

- *148 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SEWERAGE UPGRADES FOR NORTH ARM COVE AND SURROUNDS—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) When will the Government commit funding to clearing a backlog of sewerage problems at Bundabah, Nerong, North Arm Cove and Pindimar?

(b) When will the Government commence work on each of these projects?

Answer—

In March 2015 the NSW Government announced the reservation of \$110 million under Restart NSW to fund 71 backlog water and sewerage projects in communities across regional NSW. The new program is entitled the Regional Towns Water and Sewerage Backlog Program.

The Regional Towns Water and Sewerage Backlog Program includes the unsewered villages of Bundabah, Nerong, North Arm Cove and Pindimar.

Details on how the funds are to be managed are being finalised. Each local water utility will be individually advised of the process for applying for funds in due course.

If the projects meet the funding criteria, the timing of commencement of work on each project will be a matter for the local water utility, Mid Coast Water.

*149 MENTAL HEALTH—RAYMOND TERRACE MEN'S SHED FUNDING—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) When will the Government deliver the committed funding of \$5,000 for the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed to provide equipment and tools while the members prepare to move to a new location?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has delivered on its commitment for the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed.

*150 EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNSELLING BUDGET INCREASE—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1) Which schools in the electorate of Port Stephens will benefit from the Government's committed \$167 million towards increasing the budget for public school counselling services?

(2) How long will schools in Port Stephens need to wait to see this funding delivered?

Answer—

(1) and 2. The Department of Education is developing a resource allocation methodology. Resources will be rolled out over five years for the Supported Students, Successful Students initiative.

*151 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—FUNDING FOR THE YACABBA CENTRE—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) Noting that the Government, prior to the 2015 election, committed \$240,000 for the Yacaaba Centre, when will the Government:

(a) Provide funding certainty to the Yacaaba Centre from 1 July 2015 and beyond?

(b) Restore to the Yacaaba Centre, the funding and assets they had prior to the awarding of a contract under the Government's 'going home, staying home' policy?

(c) Provide adequate funding in the Port Stephens electorate to ensure that there is adequate preventative measures and emergency housing to curb the scourge of domestic violence?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, who administers the Going Home Staying Home program.

*152 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—UPGRADE TO RAYMOND TERRACE TO DUNGOG ROAD—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)

- (a) When will the Government commit funding to upgrade the road from Raymond Terrace to Dungog?
- (b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has already committed funding for this project through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund. Funding of \$20 million is allocated to upgrade Main Road 301 between Raymond Terrace and Dungog. Work started in February 2012.

*153 HEALTH—HEALTH ONE STOP SHOP—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) Noting that the Government, prior to the 2015 election, committed to the delivery of an integrated health 'one-stop shop' at Salamander Bay:

- (a) What services will be delivered from this one-stop shop?
- (b) Where will the 'one stop shop' be located?
- (c) Will the Government commit to consulting with the community prior to proceeding with the project to ensure that the services being offered are those most needed in the community?
- (d) When will the Government commit funding to this project?
- (e) When will the Government commence work on this project?
- (f) Will the one-stop shop be operated by the Government or a private entity?
- (g) Will the one-stop shop provide bulk billing services?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

Planning of the Primary and Integrated Care Strategy is progressing.

*154 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TOURLE STREET BRIDGE—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)

- (a) When will the Government commit funding to the upgrade of roads on and around the Tourle Street Bridge?
- (b) When will the Government commence work on the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my answer to LA 326.

*155 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MYALL RIVER DREDGING—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)

- (a) When will the Government commit funding to the dredging of the Myall River?
- (b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

(2) Will the Government review the chain of responsibility involved with the dredging of the Myall River?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Primary Industries.

*156 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MYALL RIVER DREDGING—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

(a) When will the Government commit funding to the dredging of the Myall River?

(b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

(2) Will the Government review the chain of responsibility involved with the dredging of the Myall River?

Answer—

(1)

(a) The NSW State Government has committed funding to the dredging of the Myall River (eastern channel) project.

(b) Great Lakes Council is responsible for delivery of the Myall River (eastern channel) dredging project in accordance with the formal funding agreement.

(2) No - Great Lakes Council is responsible for dredging of the Myall River. The Hon

*157 ENVIRONMENT—KOALA HABITATS—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

(a) When will the Government commit funding to koala habitat trees in Port Stephens?

(b) When will the Government commence work on this project?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

(a) The NSW Government, through the Environmental Trust, has committed \$100,000 over three years, commencing in 2015/16, to the Tomaree Peninsula urban koala corridor enhancement planting project. Port Stephens Council is the recipient of the funding and is responsible for delivering the project.

(b) Council has advised the Office of Environment and Heritage that the project is expected to commence in July 2015.

*158 JUSTICE AND POLICE—POLICING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many instances of racial abuse on public transport were recorded:

(a) in 2014?

(b) from 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015?

(2) How many convictions for racial abuse on public transport were recorded:

(a) in 2014?

(b) from 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015?

(3) How many police hours was spent patrolling public transport:

(a) in 2014?

(b) from 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015?

Answer—

Detail surrounding NSW crime can be found at: <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/>

The NSW Government take all offences, including bias motivated incidences, very seriously as do the NSW Police Force who investigate and prosecute when possible. Police officers of the NSW Public Transport Command spend 100% of their time on duty policing the NSW public transport system, unless exigent circumstances arise due to an emergency or disaster.

The NSW Government established the Police Transport Command to improve safety and security as well as driving down crime on the public transport network.

The Government is committed to ensuring a high profile police presence on our public transport network.

*159 JUSTICE AND POLICE—SINGLE UNIT POLICING—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many single unit patrols were conducted from 1 January 2015 to 31 of May 2015?
- (2) Which 10 Local Area Commands have the highest number of single unit patrols in list form?
- (3) How many incidents of harm to police occurred on single unit patrols from 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2015?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me specific breakdown of information in the terms you have request is not available.

*160 JUSTICE AND POLICE—BAIL—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many breaches of bail conditions occurred between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- (2) How many convictions for breaching bail conditions were made between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- (3) How many individuals accused of murder were granted bail between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- (4) How many individuals accused of manslaughter were granted bail between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- (5) How many individuals accused of Grievous Bodily Harm were granted bail between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- (6) How many individuals accused of assault were granted bail between 1 January 2015 and 31 May 2015?
- (7) How many individuals accused of sexual assault were granted bail between 1 January '2015 and 31 May 2015?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Attorney General.

*161 JUSTICE AND POLICE—PRISONER TRANSPORT—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What was the net operating budget of the Court Escort Security Unit of Corrective Services NSW in the financial year:
 - (a) 2013-14?
 - (b) 2014-2015?
- (2) How many police hours were used in the transport of prisoners in the financial year:
 - (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2014-2015?

- (3) How many prisoner transports were made by NSW Police in the financial year:
- (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2014-2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police do not break down available statistics as per your question.

Notably, local operations and resourcing is the responsibility of the LAC.

Questions relating to the Court Escort Security Unit should be addressed to the Minister for Corrections.

*162 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—ABORIGINAL HOUSING—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Regarding the Aboriginal Housing Office's change to the process for Confirmation of Aboriginality to remove the provision of a statutory declaration, as reported in the Fairfax media on 8 April 2015:
- (a)
 - (i) Has the Minister for Family and Community Services taken up the change of process to determine "whether the process is a just process"?
 - (ii) If so, what were the outcomes of this consideration of the change of process?
 - (b) What consultation was carried out with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations regarding the change of process?
 - (c) What consideration has been given to the consistency between processes to establish Aboriginal identity within the Department of Family and Community Services and Aboriginal Housing Office and processes in other government departments and agencies?
 - (d) What work that has been carried out or commissioned by NSW Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal identification and confirmation processes?

Answer—

In early 2015, the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) undertook a review of the Confirmation of Aboriginality to ensure the most streamlined pathways to confirming Aboriginality.

As part of this review the AHO considered the practices of other Australian jurisdictions and consulted with stakeholders.

The AHO also met with the NSW Ombudsman and Aboriginal Affairs NSW to discuss this issue.

Changes to the Aboriginal Housing Office's Confirmation of Aboriginality requirements will be referred to the new AHO Board.

*163 EDUCATION—MATH COURSES FOR THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) A recent article in the Australian Journal of Education and mentioned in the Sydney Morning Herald on 19 May 2015, points out that students who try to do the more advanced maths course for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) are likely to get a lower Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score and thus are less likely to get into university than students taking the easier General Maths course:
- (a) Is this an incentive for students to take a lower standard of maths at HSC level?
 - (b) Will it lead to a reduction in the standard of maths for university entrance?
 - (c) Does the Minister for Education intend to take action in this regard?
 - (i) If so, what?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) to c The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is the responsibility of the universities through the New South Wales Vice-Chancellors' Committee. The ATAR is calculated by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) on behalf of the universities.

*164 TRADE, TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—HOLIDAY RENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Noting that the Government, in its response to the report on the GPSC3 Inquiry into Tourism in Local Communities has supported in principle Recommendation 15 "That the Government publish the results of the trial of the Holiday Rental Code of Conduct":
- (a) Has the Government made representations to the industry organisations involved in the trial to request that the results of the two-year trial be made public?
- (b) If not, will the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events make representations to request that the results of the two-year trial be made public?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning.

*165 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ARNCLIFFE PEDESTRIAN LINK—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many companies submitted tender proposals for the construction of the Arncliffe Pedestrian Link?
- (2) Was the award of the tender a result of an unsolicited proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Arncliffe Pedestrian Link is being delivered through an existing commercial arrangement and invitations to tender were not required.
- (2) No.

*166 JUSTICE AND POLICE, RACING—SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What resources have been allocated to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in New South Wales, including but not limited to:
- (a) Number of staff and employment type?
- (b) Legal resources?
- (c) Administrative support?
- (d) Business analysis?
- (2) What is the funding breakdown for the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry, including but not limited to each of the categories in (1)?

Answer—

Adequate resourcing has been provided to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in New South Wales. The details of funding for the Commission can be found in the 2015-16 State Budget.

*167 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SOUTH COAST APIARY RANGES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Regarding the auction of 24 South Coast apiary ranges by the Forestry Corporation on 27 May 2015, what was the total cost to the Government of undertaking the auction carried out by AuctionPlus?

- (2) What were the total proceeds of the auction?
- (3) What were the net proceeds of the auction?
- (4) Which agency was any revenue gained by this auction directed to?
- (5) What will this revenue be utilised for?

Answer—

- (1) AuctionsPlus charged a fee of \$4,200. Forestry Corporation of NSW carried out associated administration using existing staff and resources.
- (2) \$157,360
- (3) \$153,160
- (4) Forestry Corporation of NSW
- (5) Business activities carried out in State forests, such as timber harvesting, apiary and operation of commercial tourism facilities are revenue streams for the Forestry Corporation of NSW. Forestry Corporation runs a business that manages the two million hectare State forest estate on behalf of the State of NSW, produces a sustainable supply of timber and other natural resources from Crown land, provides community access for recreation and maintains the environmental values of State forests, while contributing revenue to the State in the form of dividend payments and tax equivalents.

*168 PLANNING—CANTERBURY LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2012—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What steps did the Department of Planning take to ensure that all affected property owners, both those subject to the rezonings and those that were adjacent to proposed rezoned sites, were notified of the proposed rezonings as outlined in the Canterbury Local Environmental Plan (CLEP) 2012 gazetted on 1 January 2013?
- (2) Was the Department of Planning made aware of the Town Centre expansion rezonings which took place at the Canterbury Council Ordinary Closed Meeting held on 14 April 2011?
- (3) What steps did the Department of Planning take once they were notified on 26 February 2015 that the CLEP 2012 was not notified to adjoining affected property owners by Canterbury Council?
- (4) Is the Minister for Planning aware of any former Australian Labor Party (ALP) State and Federal Members of Parliament and former ALP Mayors acting as lobbyists and or consultants for rezonings in the Canterbury Council Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It is the responsibility of Canterbury Council to comply with public exhibition requirements under section 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Department considered the issues raised by a correspondent in a letter dated 26 February 2015 and responded to that letter on 8 April 2015.
- (4) A register of third party lobbyists is available on Electoral Commission of NSW website.

*169 HEALTH—RENAL SERVICES AT YOUNG—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) With regard to the renal service at Young please advise:
 - (a)
 - (i) was any detailed budget prepared for a fully staffed renal service to be located at Young Health Service?
 - (ii) If so, what was the nature of this expenditure, broken down into category and financial year?
 - (b)

- (i) Did the Murrumbidgee Local Health District advise the Minister for Health of any board decision to support locating a fully staffed renal service at Young?
- (ii) If so, when?
- (c) Has the Minister for Health received any correspondence from Young Shire Council regarding a fully staffed renal service at Young Health Service?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

Western NSW and Murrumbidgee Local Health Districts are working together on the planning for the new regional renal dialysis unit, and have invited community representative from Young to join the planning team.

*170 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ANNUAL BUDGETED ALLOCATION EXPENDITURE ON DROUGHT ASSISTANCE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What was the annual budgeted allocation projected for expenditure on drought assistance measures in New South Wales, broken down into the total amount for each separate program, for the years:
 - (a) 2010-11?
 - (b) 2011-12?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2013-14?
 - (e) 2014-15?

Answer—

Information relating to departmental expenditure and allocations is available in the NSW Budget Papers and annual reports.

*171 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CANTERBURY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1)
 - (a) Was Roads and Maritime Services consulted for its input by Canterbury City Council in relation to traffic issues in relation to all rezonings which took place as a result of the Canterbury Local Environment Plan 2012?
 - (b) If so, were traffic implications of the proposed rezonings for Canterbury Road, for the suburbs of Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, Lakemba, Roselands and Punchbowl, New Canterbury Road, Hurlstone Park, Beamish Street, Campsie, Homer Street, Earlwood, Georges River Road, Croydon Park, Burwood Road, Belmore, Haldan Street, Lakemba and The Boulevard, Punchbowl considered at the time of exhibition of the Draft Canterbury Local Environment Plan 2012 between March 2012 and May 2012?
- (2) Has the Roads and Maritime Services factored into its response to the current proposed amendments to Canterbury Local Environment Plan 2012 the cumulative traffic effects of all proposed rezonings for the following properties:
 - (a) Block bounded by Canterbury Road, Stanley Street, Perry Street, Una Street and 403-411 Canterbury Road, Campsie?
 - (b) Part of 677-687 Canterbury Road and 48 Drummond Street, Belmore?
 - (c) 642-658 Canterbury Road and 2, 2B and part 2C-2D Liberty Street, Belmore?
 - (d) 1112-1186 Canterbury Road, Roselands?
 - (e) 1375 Canterbury Road, Punchbowl?
 - (f) 548-568 Canterbury Road, Belmore?
 - (g) 844-854 Canterbury Road, Roselands?
 - (h) Land bounded by Canterbury Road, Thompson Lane, Wilson Lane and Chapel Road, Belmore?
 - (i) 576-580 Canterbury Road, 538-546 Canterbury Road, Belmore, 2 Chelmsford Avenue, Belmore?

and 570-572 Canterbury Road, Campsie?

- (3) Will Roads and Maritime Services provide a detailed response to the traffic implications for the proposed Development Application for the site known as 717-727 Canterbury Road, Belmore, known as Tradelinks Belmore and registered with Joint Regional Planning Panel on 1 December 2014, in conjunction with the response for the sites named in question 2?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has an ongoing role providing advice to councils on land use proposals and development applications, and any potential road safety and traffic management impacts. Roads and Maritime was consulted during the exhibition period of the Draft Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 and on Amendment 2 of the Local Environmental Plan.

Roads and Maritime recommended Canterbury City Council undertake a traffic study to consider the traffic impacts of the proposed changes to the Local Environmental Plan.

The sites listed in Question (2)(i) did not form part of the planning proposal to amend the Local Environmental Plan, and therefore have not yet been considered or assessed by Roads and Maritime.

Roads and Maritime has provided a response to Canterbury City Council on a development application for the site known as 717-727 Canterbury Road, Belmore.

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- *172 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL MONETARY LOSSES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

The Minister for Local Government has frequently been quoted saying that 'Councils are losing over \$1 million a day.'

- (1) How was this amount calculated?
- (2)
 - (a) What data was used?
 - (b) From where was it sourced?
- (3) Does the Minister for Local Government stand by the accuracy of this assertion?

Answer—

In a letter to the Office of Local Government in September 2014, NSW Treasury Corporation stated that the total operating results for councils in deficit in 2012/13 was an aggregated deficit in excess of \$400million. The 2013/14 audited financial statements of councils show total operating income for all councils in 2013/14 was \$9.715 billion and total expenditure was \$10.075 billion, translating into a net operating deficit for the sector of \$359.442 million: or approximately \$1 million a day. This information is available in the Your Council report on the office of Local Government web site.

- *173 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FARMER DAVE'S DOG CENTRE AT BOX HILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
 - (a) Has the office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water received correspondence regarding the management practices at Farmer Dave's Dog Centre at Box Hill New South Wales?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) On what dates did the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water receive correspondence?
 - (ii) On what dates did the Minister respond to the correspondence?
 - (iii) If the Minister's office responded on the Minister's behalf, on what dates did the office

respond to the correspondence?

- (2) Have the matters raised been investigated?
- (a) If so:
- (i) Who conducted the investigation?
 - (ii) What was the cost of the investigation?
 - (iii) Was there a special investigation into the death of a dog known as "Wags"?
 - (iv) What was the outcome of that investigation?
- (3)
- (a) Have any breaches of the New South Wales Animal Welfare Code of Practice been made against the owners of Farmer Dave's Dog Centre at Box Hill?
 - (b) If so, what are the dates and types of breaches?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes, the Minister was cced into email correspondence to the Department of Primary Industries.
 - (b)
 - (i) 2 March 2015.
 - (ii) The Minister did not respond to the correspondence. The Minister's office forwarded the correspondence to the Department of Primary Industries. The Department forwarded the correspondence to RSPCA NSW on 6 March 2015 for investigation as is appropriate for complaints made in regard to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.
 - (iii) As above.
- (2)
- (a)
 - (i) RSPCA NSW.
 - (ii) The investigation is ongoing.
 - (iii) The investigation includes the matter of Wags the dog. RSPCA NSW received a complaint about Wags the dog on 5 June 2015.
 - (iv) The investigation is ongoing.
- (3)
- (a) The investigation is ongoing. The facility received written directions from RSPCA NSW subsequent to an inspection on 30 April 2015. These directions were in relation to compliance with the Boarding Code regarding providing sheltered sleeping areas, appropriate enclosure flooring and maintenance of outdoor grassed runs and keeping animal records. On 30 May 2015 compliance with these directions was confirmed by RSPCA NSW.
 - (b) The investigation is ongoing.

*174 HEALTH—NEW NURSING HOMES AND AGED CARE FACILITIES—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many nursing homes are currently in operation within New South Wales?
- (2) How many new nursing homes have commenced operation within New South Wales between 1 July 2014 and 23 June 2015?
- (3) How many aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care, other than nursing homes, are currently in operation within New South Wales?
- (4) How many new aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care, other than nursing homes, have commenced operation within New South Wales between 1 July 2014 and 23 June 2015?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (4) Aged care is the funding and policy responsibility of the Commonwealth Government and the Honourable member should re-direct the question accordingly.

*175 HEALTH—WEBSTER-PAK STYLE MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) In New South Wales, are Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak, used for the administration of medications to patients:
- In any public hospitals?
 - In any nursing homes?
 - Any other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
- (2) In New South Wales, are Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak, allowed to be used for the administration of:
- Schedule 2 medications?
 - Schedule 3 medications?
 - Schedule 4 medications?
 - Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - Schedule 8 medications?
- (3) Are Registered Nurses allowed to administer Schedule 8 medications from a Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak:
- In any public hospitals?
 - In any nursing homes?
 - Any other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
- (4) Are Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsement allowed to administer Schedule 8 medications from a Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak:
- In any public hospitals?
 - In any nursing homes?
 - Any other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
- (5) Are Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsement allowed to administer Schedule 8 medications from a Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak:
- In any public hospitals?
 - In any nursing homes?
 - Any other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
- (6) Are Student Nurses allowed to administer Schedule 8 medications from a Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak:
- In any public hospitals?
 - In any nursing homes?
 - Any other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
- (7) Are Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsement allowed to administer Schedule 8 medications from a Webster-paks, or devices similar to a Webster-pak:
- In any public hospitals?
 - In any nursing homes?
 - Any other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

Dose Administration Aids are occasionally used in hospitals for residential aged care patients in accordance with local protocols approved by the hospital's Drug and Therapeutics Committee, or to train patients who are soon to be discharged to home or a residential facility or assess a patient's ability to self-

medicate. (Refer Policy Directive Medication Handling in NSW Public Health Facilities PD2013_043, sec.7.11, and NSW Transitional Aged Care Program Guidelines GL2013_004, sec.2.2.)

*176 HEALTH—NURSING MEDICATION ERRORS 2014—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) In 2014 how many medication errors by Registered Nurses were there:

- (a) In hospitals?
- (b) In hospitals involving:
 - (i) Schedule 4 medications?
 - (ii) Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - (iii) Schedule 8 medications?
 - (iv) Intravenous medications?
 - (v) Medications administered orally?
 - (vi) Medications administered by intramuscular injection?
 - (vii) Medications administered by subcutaneous injection?
 - (viii) Medications administered intravenously?
 - (ix) Medications administered sublingually?
 - (x) Medications administered topically?
 - (xi) A Webster-pak, or similar device?
- (c) In nursing homes?
- (d) In nursing homes involving:
 - (i) Schedule 4 medications?
 - (ii) Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - (iii) Schedule 8 medications?
 - (iv) Intravenous medications?
 - (v) Medications administered orally?
 - (vi) Medications administered by intramuscular injection?
 - (vii) Medications administered by subcutaneous injection?
 - (viii) Medications administered intravenously?
 - (ix) Medications administered sublingually?
 - (x) Medications administered topically?
 - (xi) A Webster-pak, or similar device?
- (e) In high care nursing homes?
- (f) In low care nursing homes?

(2) In 2014 how many medication errors by Enrolled Nurses were there:

- (a) In hospitals?
- (b) In hospitals involving:
 - (i) Schedule 4 medications?
 - (ii) Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - (iii) Schedule 8 medications?
 - (iv) Intravenous medications?
 - (v) Medications administered orally?
 - (vi) Medications administered by intramuscular injection?
 - (vii) Medications administered by subcutaneous injection?
 - (viii) Medications administered intravenously?
 - (ix) Medications administered sublingually?
 - (x) Medications administered topically?
 - (xi) A Webster-pak, or similar device?
- (c) c. In nursing homes?
- (d) d. In nursing homes involving:
 - (i) Schedule 4 medications?
 - (ii) Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - (iii) Schedule 8 medications?
 - (iv) Intravenous medications?

- (v) Medications administered orally?
 - (vi) Medications administered by intramuscular injection?
 - (vii) Medications administered by subcutaneous injection?
 - (viii) Medications administered intravenously?
 - (ix) Medications administered sublingually?
 - (x) Medications administered topically?
 - (xi) A Webster-pak, or similar device?
- (e) In high care nursing homes?
 - (f) In low care nursing homes?
- (3) In 2014 how many medication errors by medication endorsed Assistants in Nursing were there:
- (a) In hospitals?
 - (b) In hospitals involving:
 - (i) Schedule 4 medications?
 - (ii) Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - (iii) Schedule 8 medications?
 - (iv) Intravenous medications?
 - (v) Medications administered orally?
 - (vi) Medications administered by intramuscular injection?
 - (vii) Medications administered by subcutaneous injection?
 - (viii) Medications administered intravenously?
 - (ix) Medications administered sublingually?
 - (x) Medications administered topically?
 - (xi) A Webster-pak, or similar device?
 - (c) In nursing homes?
 - (d) In nursing homes involving:
 - (i) Schedule 4 medications?
 - (ii) Schedule 4 Appendix D medications?
 - (iii) Schedule 8 medications?
 - (iv) Intravenous medications?
 - (v) Medications administered orally?
 - (vi) Medications administered by intramuscular injection?
 - (vii) Medications administered by subcutaneous injection?
 - (viii) Medications administered intravenously?
 - (ix) Medications administered sublingually?
 - (x) Medications administered topically?
 - (xi) A Webster-pak, or similar device?
 - (e) In high care nursing homes?
 - (f) In low care nursing homes?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health that:

- (1) and (3) NSW Health policy PD 2014-004 Incident Management guides and directs NSW health staff to report incidents via the Incident Information Management System (IIMS). The Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) publishes a Clinical Incident Management report on the CEC website which includes medication related IIMS data, and can be found at <http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/clinical-incident-management> The IIMS is not utilised by privately managed nursing homes.

*177 HEALTH—REGISTERED NURSES IN NURSING HOMES—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What are the current requirements for persons who operate nursing homes or other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care to ensure that:
- (a) A registered nurse is on duty in the nursing home at all times?

- (b) A registered nurse is appointed as a director of nursing of the facility?
 - (c) Any vacancy in the position of director of nursing of the facility is filled within 7 days?
- (2) How does the Minister for Health ensure that persons who operate nursing homes or other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care are compliant with the provisions to ensure that:
- (a) A registered nurse is on duty in the facility at all times?
 - (b) A registered nurse is appointed as a director of nursing of the facility?
 - (c) Any vacancy in the position of director of nursing of the facility is filled within 7 days?
- (3)
- (a) Are persons who operate nursing homes or other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care able to only have a single registered nurse on duty across multiple wards or sections in the same facility?
 - (b) Is this practice compliant with current legislation and regulations?
 - (c) Are the current statutes and regulations for this practice uniformly applied across all or other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
 - (d)
 - (i) How many facilities are currently doing this?
 - (ii) What are the names of these facilities?
 - (e) If facilities were practising in this manner, how many facilities were doing this in:
 - (i) 2014?
 - (ii) 2013?
 - (iii) 2012?
 - (iv) 2011?
 - (v) 2010?
- (4)
- (a) Are persons who operate nursing homes or other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care able to have a single registered nurse on duty across multiple facilities with the same owner?
 - (b) Is this practice compliant with current legislation and regulations?
 - (c) Are the current statutes and regulations for this practice uniformly applied across all or other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care?
 - (d)
 - (i) How many facilities are currently doing this?
 - (ii) What are the names of these facilities?
 - (e) If facilities were practising in this manner, how many facilities were doing this in:
 - (i) 2014?
 - (ii) 2013?
 - (iii) 2012?
 - (iv) 2011?
 - (v) 2010?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

Aged care facilities are audited by the Commonwealth Aged Care Quality Agency Accreditation Agency to ensure they are meeting the requirement to maintain an adequate number of appropriately skilled staff to ensure that the care needs of care recipients are met. As part of their audit, assessment teams are required to ensure that facilities comply with state laws, including compliance with the Public Health Act 2010. Additionally the State legislation is enforced through responding to complaints.

*178 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Has Dolphin Marine Magic ever been granted a "permanent variation" to the NSW Dolphin Standards?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) When was that issued?
 - (ii) What are the terms of that variation?
 - (iii) Why was Dolphin Marine Magic granted such a variation?
 - (iv) Is the Department of Primary Industries concerned about the impacts on the well-being of the dolphins as a result of this variation?
- (2)
- (a) Has the Department of Primary Industries conducted an independent onsite dimensional survey of the pools at Dolphin Marine Magic?
 - (b) If so, what was the result?
 - (c) If not, on what basis is the Department of Primary Industries satisfied that the pools at Dolphin Marine Magic meet the size dimensions specified in the NSW Dolphin Standards?
- (3)
- (a) Is the Department of Primary Industries aware of the Pet Porpoise Pool Pty. Ltd. 2014 Annual Report that states that the show pool fails to meet exhibition standards?
 - (b) Is the show pool compliant with the NSW Dolphin Standards?
- (4)
- (a) Do the NSW Dolphin standards require that the pool space provided in the minimum standards be contiguous, or can multiple pools be combined to attain the standard?
 - (b) Is the Department of Primary Industries concerned about a fence erected halfway across the length of the primary pool at Dolphin Marine Magic?
 - (c)
 - (i) Would the existence of the fence constitute two pools under the standard, given the inability of the dolphins to cross the barrier?
 - (ii) If so, would this make the size of the primary pool at Dolphin Marine Magic non-compliant with the NSW Dolphin Standards?
- (5)
- (a) Does Dolphin Marine Magic comply with the NSW Dolphin Standards Clause 7(e), which requires a dedicated isolation pool?
 - (b) Is any isolation pool at Dolphin Marine Magic a separate facility, not used by other species?
- (6)
- (a) How many seals is Dolphin Marine Magic licensed to exhibit?
 - (b) Has any variation been issued to the Dolphin Marine Magic licence to exhibit seals?
 - (c) How many seals is the Department of Primary Industries aware of being exhibited at Dolphin Marine Magic?
- (7)
- (a) Is the Department of Primary Industries satisfied that Dolphin Marine Magic complies with Clause 29 of the General Standards for Exhibiting Animals in NSW, specifically "Visitors who are in contact with animals must be encouraged not to kiss the animals"?
 - (b) If so, is the ability for Dolphin Marine Magic to offer 'dolphin kisses' as a result of a special variation or exception from those standards?
- (8)
- (a) Is the Department of Primary Industries satisfied that Dolphin Marine Magic complies with Clause 55 of the General Standards for Exhibiting Animals in NSW, which calls for training regimes to be modified to take into account for older animals, such as 'Bucky', the 45 year old male dolphin?
 - (b) If so, how?

- (9) Is the Department of Primary Industries satisfied that Dolphin Marine Magic complies with NSW Dolphin Standards Section 2.1.3, specifically that the dolphins have access to a shaded area in the primary pool?
- (10)
- (a) How many animals has Pet Porpoise Pool rehabilitated under its license for fauna rehabilitation?
 - (b) Please provide a list of rehabilitated animals under this license over the last five financial years?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes
 - (b)
 - (i) 11 September 2014
 - (ii) The Department of Primary Industries Instrument of Decision in relation to this matter states:
 Clause 2.4.4 d) iii) of the Standards for Exhibiting Bottle-nosed Dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in New South Wales published in April 1994 is varied in its application to Pet Porpoise Pool Pty Ltd's use of the Discovery Stadium Show Pool as a second primary dolphin pool for the exhibition of Indo-Pacific Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus* at Dolphin Marine Magic (licensed animal display establishment L00002) as follows:
 - The second primary pool shall meet the minimum dimension requirements outlined in clause in 2.4.4.(d) (ii) for the number of animals held, except that the pool shall not be narrower than 12 metres, nor shallower than 1.5 metres and the average depth of the pool shall be at least 1.8 metres. The second primary pool shall have a minimum volume of 477 cubic metres.
 - (iii) • Dolphin Marine Magic was eligible to apply for a variation as the facility in question was in-situ prior to the commencement of licensing in 1989.
 - The pool has been used to hold Indo-Pacific Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus* since the 1970s and the dolphins kept in the pool have had long lifespans.
 - The dolphin species kept at Dolphin Marine Magic is on average 80% the size of a larger species *Tursiops truncatus* that the pool dimensional requirements in the Dolphin Standards were written to cater for.
 - The current depth and volume of the Show Pool are approximately 80% to 85% of the requirements for a second primary pool.
 - (iv) No.
- (2)
- (a) The Department of Primary Industries conducted an independent onsite survey of the depth of the Seal Shores pool (sometimes used as a dolphin isolation pool) at Dolphin Marine Magic on 17 December 2014.
 - (b) The depth of this pool complies with both seal exhibit standards and the dolphin isolation pool standard.
 - (c) The Department based its assessments on the following:

Main Primary Dolphin Pool: surveys of the pool volume and surface area conducted by a consultant surveyor.

Second Primary Dolphin Pool: historical plans and advice from Dolphin Marine Magic regarding a survey it caused to be conducted.

Dolphin Isolation Pool: approved construction plans and independent on-site survey by an inspector.
- (3)
- (a) The Department viewed the 2014 Pet Porpoise Pool Pty Ltd Annual Report for the first time on 30 June 2015. The report states that the company conducted a survey which indicated the show pool did not meet spatial requirements.
 - (b) Yes, due to a variation granted to the standard regarding the depth and volume of a second primary dolphin pool.

- (4)
- (a) The dolphin standards require that dolphins have access to appropriate total pool space. This can be achieved by linking pools so that the dolphins can move between them.
 - (b) No. The standards relating to holding pools allow for a holding pool to be a netted section of a primary pool.
 - (c)
 - (i) When the gate is shut it creates a temporary netted holding pool within the main primary pool, which the dolphin standards allow for. The dolphins have free access to the whole main primary pool volume when the gate is open.
 - (ii) No.
- (5)
- (a) Yes. Dolphin Marine Magic has a compliant dolphin isolation pool.
 - (b) Dolphin Marine Magic's dolphin isolation pool operates independently of other dolphin pools. It is normally used to exhibit seals.
- (6)
- (a) Dolphin Marine Magic's Permit to exhibit seals does not state how many seals may be kept at Dolphin Marine Magic. The number of seals that may be held depends on the size and number of compliant enclosures made available to them.
 - (b) No

*179 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GREYNURSE SHARKS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) Are fishers allowed to use soft lures and vegetable baits at any Grey Nurse Shark aggregation sites in New South Wales?
 - (b) If so, which sites?
- (2)
- (a) Has any risk assessment been undertaken for the use of soft lures and vegetable baits at Grey Nurse Shark aggregation sites?
 - (b) If so, what was the result of that assessment?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) Soft plastics, artificial baits and vegetable baits only are permitted at The Steps/Anemone Bay, North Solitary Island; Manta Arch, South Solitary Island; Green Island; Fish Rock; Mermaid Reef; Magic Point; and Montague Island (no fishing with bait permitted at Montague Island between 1 November and 30 April). Further information is available in the recently updated DPI publication 'Protecting the Greynurse Shark: A guide for recreational fishers and divers' (2015) available at: http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/539281/GNS-Protection-Guide.pdf
- (2)
- (a) A research-based assessment was undertaken for a variety of lures (see (b) below). An assessment for vegetable baits has not been done on the basis that Greynurse Sharks are carnivorous.
 - (b) Research undertaken as part of a major review of Greynurse Shark protection during 2011-12 confirmed that certain recreational fishing methods, such as use of artificial lures and fishing with vegetable baits rarely result in accidental interactions with Greynurse Sharks. See Robbins et al 'Hooked on fishing? Recreational angling interactions with the Critically Endangered greynurse shark *Carcharias taurus* in eastern Australia', ENDANGERED SPECIES RESEARCH, Vol. 21: 161–170, 2013. Further information is available at: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/research/areas/fisheries-and-ecosystems/wild-fisheries/outputs/2011/greynurse-update>

*180 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRACKWORK—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1)

- (a) Has there been any analysis of the feasibility of conducting track work on the Sydney Trains network at night instead of the weekend?
- (b) If so:
 - (i) when was that analysis undertaken?
 - (ii) what was the conclusion of that analysis?
 - (iii) was any cost estimate of the two options undertaken
 - (iv) if so, what was it?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains already conducts a significant amount of trackwork at night, utilising times on the network when limited trains operate.

Sydney Trains continues to seek to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of different types of trackwork operations. However, not all types of trackwork are suitable to be undertaken at night.

*181 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CENTRAL TABLELANDS LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*182 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1)

- (a) What are the Government's plans for consultation with citizens, commuters and community organisations concerning the Light Rail Project?
- (b) How will this consultation shape the Light Rail Project?

(2) What safety precautions will be undertaken to keep pedestrians and commuters safe whilst light rail is being developed?

(3) Will the Opal Card incorporate light rail use?

(4) How will light rail cater for passengers with a disability?

- (5) In what way is the incorporation of the existing inner-city infrastructure being considered?
- (6) What changes will there be to ensure minimal inconveniences for existing commuter parking and facilities?
- (7) How is the project planning allowing for future expansion?
- (8) How much will the Light Rail Project cost?
- (9) What are the benefits of the Light Rail Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to delivering light rail in the Sydney CBD, Newcastle and Parramatta.

Light Rail operates as part of a wider transport network providing a seamless interchange between all transport modes and supporting the growing needs of the community.

A key priority of this Government is to deliver light rail projects that are safe and accessible, with modern, clean, comfortable and efficient vehicles.

The new CBD and South East Light Rail project and those currently being planned for Parramatta Light Rail and Newcastle Light Rail will be fully compliant with all required accessibility standards including the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Platforms will be designed to be the same height as the floors of the light rail vehicles so that both prams and wheelchairs can move on and off services seamlessly and without the need to use on-board access ramps.

Community consultation continues to play an important role throughout the planning and delivery of all light rail projects.

*183 ENVIRONMENT—CENTRAL TABLELANDS LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) None
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

(2)

- (a) One notification.

- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for managing invasive native scrub on 86 hectares. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

*184 ENVIRONMENT—MURRAY LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged at the Murray Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Murray Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged at the Murray Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Murray Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) 21 notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for 1229 paddock trees with an associated 'set-aside' area of 306 hectares. The 'set-aside' areas are required to balance the removal of trees. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.Htm.

(2)

- (a) Four notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.

- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for managing invasive native scrub on 621 hectares. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

*185 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MURRAY LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged at the Murray Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Murray Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged at the Murray Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Murray Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*186 PREMIER—DEVELOPMENT OF ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are there plans for private development of Zone 8 of the Southern Campus at the Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (2) Has the Royal North Shore Hospital Medical Staff Council recommended further transparent discussions regarding the necessary infrastructure and services required for the area?
- (3) What action is the government taking to ensure the Royal North Shore Hospital's capability progresses to meet projected demands for health services?
- (4) Will the Government stop the current expressions of interest for private development immediately and respond to the concerns of the Royal North Shore Hospital Medical Staff Council?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Health.

*187 ENVIRONMENT—RIVERINA LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged at the Riverina Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Riverina Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged at the Riverina Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Riverina Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) 18 notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for 1668 paddock trees with an associated 'set-aside' area of 475 hectares. The 'set-aside' areas are required to balance the removal of trees. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

(2)

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

*188 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RIVERINA LOCAL LANDS SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged at the Riverina Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Riverina Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged at the Riverina Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Riverina Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*189 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ENFORCEMENT OF HUNTING CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS WITHIN STATE FORESTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) How many full time equivalent staff are employed by the Department of Primary Industries to monitor recreational hunting in State Forests?
 - (b) Where are these staff located?
- (2) How many full time equivalent staff are specifically responsible for checking enforcement of recreational hunting regulations?
- (3) How often do staff visit the State Forests that are open to hunting to monitor safety and ensure regulations are being adhered to?
- (4) How many hectares of State Forest are currently declared open for hunting in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) 11
 - (b) Tamworth, Port Macquarie, Maitland, Mudgee, Sydney, Orange, Batemans Bay, Bega, Tumbarumba, Albury.
- (2) 11
- (3) Game Licensing Unit Compliance Officers undertake a range of activities to assess compliance with game hunting laws. These activities include planned and reactive tasks that incorporate high visibility patrols, covert surveillance camera installations and forest audits.
- Between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015, Game Licensing Unit compliance officers completed a total of 2087 hours involved in monitoring and regulating hunting on public land in NSW. These compliance activities involved:
- 44 High visibility patrols, a number of these with other NSW Government entities including New South Wales Police Force, Forestry Corporation of NSW and National Parks and Wildlife Service, totalling 1,620 hours.
 - 14 surveillance Camera installations, totalling 174 hours.
 - 40 Forest audits, totalling 293 hours.
- (4) 2 087 528 Ha

*190 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—DEVIATION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST OF GRAFTON, EFFECT ON THE COASTAL EMU—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight aware that the deviation of the Pacific Highway east of Grafton proposed by Roads and Maritime Services will bisect the habitat of an endangered population of the Coastal Emu and as stated in the Agency's Fact Sheet have "the potential to create a barrier for emus accessing wetland and floodplain habitat"?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that ecologists who have reviewed the ameliorative measures proposed by Roads and Maritime Services consider that they are unproven and likely to fail to protect the endangered population?
- (3) Will the Minister intervene and withdraw approval of the Agency's preferred route and support the alternative route following the existing highway corridor on the Western boundary of the endangered Coastal Emu population?

Answer—

I am advised:

After 10 years of investigations and assessments of various route alignments for the new highway, including extensive community and stakeholder consultation, Roads and Maritime Services obtained approval from the NSW Minister for Planning and the Federal Minister for the Environment mid-2014, for a route east of Grafton between Glenugie and Tyndale.

Roads and Maritime is designing and building connectivity measures and exclusion fencing in areas of highest emu activity along the new alignment before major work starts to allow emus to become accustomed to using the gaps.

The location and design of emu connectivity structures were developed in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Roads and Maritime will continue to consult with the EPA in the design and location for emu connectivity structures as per the project Conditions of Approval.

Permanent connectivity structures and fencing are included in the overall design of the project.

*191 ENVIRONMENT—WESTERN LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged at the Western Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Western Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged at the Western Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Western Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) None
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

(2)

- (a) Five notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for managing invasive native scrub on 17,554 hectares. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

*192 PREMIER—POLICE INTEGRITY COMMISSION COMPLAINTS—Mr Shoebidge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many complaints were received by the Police Integrity Commission in each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?
- (c) 2014-15 to date?

(2) How many complaints were investigated to completion by the Police Integrity Commission in each

of the following financial years:

- (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (3) How many complaints were referred by the Police Integrity Commission to the NSW Police Professional Standards Command in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (4) How many complaints were referred by the Police Integrity Commission to the NSW Ombudsman in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (5) How many complaints are currently being investigated or are otherwise outstanding with the Police Integrity Commission?
- (6) What is the average time taken by the Police Integrity Commission to investigate and make a finding following a complaint they investigated in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Deputy Premier, who has responsibility for the Police Integrity Commission.

*193 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WESTERN LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged at the Western Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Western Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged at the Western Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Western Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*194 ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE—DEVIATION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST OF GRAFTON, EFFECT ON THE COASTAL EMU—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Is the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning aware that the deviation of the Pacific Highway east of Grafton proposed by Roads and Maritime Services will bisect the habitat of an endangered population of the Coastal Emu and as stated in the Agency's Fact Sheet have "the potential to create a barrier for emus accessing wetland and floodplain habitat"?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that ecologists who have reviewed the ameliorative measures proposed by Roads and Maritime Services consider that they are unproven and likely to fail to protect the endangered population?
- (3) Will the Minister intervene and withdraw approval of the Agency's preferred route and support the alternative route following the existing highway corridor on the Western boundary of the endangered Coastal Emu population?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) I am aware that the new road will affect the western margin of the Coastal Emu population's known habitat.
- (2) The Environment Protection Authority and Office of Environment and Heritage have provided expert advice to assist with the assessment of the upgrade project by the Department of Planning and Environment. A key focus of the assessment has been to mitigate impacts to the Emu population and its movements. Research and monitoring is ongoing and will be used to refine the ameliorative measures prior to construction of the highway upgrade.
- (3) The assessment and approval of the project is the responsibility of the Minister for Planning. The Minister for the Environment does not have an approval or concurrence role.

*195 PLANNING—DEVIATION OF THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY EAST OF GRAFTON, EFFECT ON THE COASTAL EMU—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Is the Minister for Planning aware that the deviation of the Pacific Highway east of Grafton proposed by Roads and Maritime Services will bisect the habitat of an endangered population of the Coastal Emu and as stated in the Agency's Fact Sheet have "the potential to create a barrier for emus accessing wetland and floodplain habitat"?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that ecologists who have reviewed the ameliorative measures proposed by Roads and Maritime Services consider that they are unproven and likely to fail to protect the endangered population?
- (3) Will the Minister intervene and withdraw approval of the Agency's preferred route and support the alternative route following the existing highway corridor on the Western boundary of the endangered Coastal Emu population?

Answer—

I am advised that: The Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade alignment to the east of Grafton traverses Coastal Emu habitat between Pillar Valley and Shark Creek. The upgrade approval requires potential impacts to the Coastal Emu to be addressed, including through (1) a Connectivity Strategy, (2) a Coastal Emu Management Plan, and (3) a Construction Flora and Fauna Management Plan

In determining to issue approval, the Department of Planning and Environment undertook a comprehensive assessment of the social, economic and environmental impacts of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade. The Department of Planning and Environment also engaged an independent expert to review the biodiversity assessment, including the Coastal Emu Management Plan, and relevant public submissions on this matter.

The independent expert concluded the alignment between Pillar Valley and Shark Creek could be constructed in a way that will ensure that Coastal Emu access to their habitat is maintained, subject to refinement of the design of crossings and fencing. A requirement for these refinements to be made has been included in the conditions of approval.

- *196 JUSTICE AND POLICE—POLICE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMPLAINTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How many complaints were received by the Police Professional Standards Command in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
 - (2) How many complaints were investigated to completion by the Police Professional Standards Command in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
 - (3) How many complaints were referred by the Police Professional Standards Command to the NSW Police Integrity Commission in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
 - (4) How many complaints were referred by the Police Professional Standards Command to the NSW Ombudsman in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
 - (5) How many complaints are currently being investigated or are otherwise outstanding with the Police Professional Standards Command?
 - (6) What is the average time taken by the Police Professional Standards Command to investigate and make a finding following a complaint they investigated in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force advises me:

The Professional Standards Command has various roles in the management of all complaints received by the NSW Police Force. This information is available in the NSW Police Force Annual Report.

The Police Integrity Commission and the Ombudsman are able to access all complaints registered on the NSW Police Force complaints system.

- *197 PREMIER—OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many complaints were received by the Ombudsman in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2014-15 to date?
 - (2) How many complaints were investigated to completion by the Ombudsman in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012-13?
 - (b) 2013-14?

- (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (3) How many complaints were referred by the Ombudsman to the NSW Police Integrity Commission in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
 (b) 2013-14?
 (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (4) How many complaints were referred by the Ombudsman to the NSW Police Professional Standards Command in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
 (b) 2013-14?
 (c) 2014-15 to date?
- (5) How many complaints are currently being investigated or are otherwise outstanding with the Ombudsman?
- (6) What is the average time taken by the Ombudsman to investigate and make a finding following a complaint they investigated in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2012-13?
 (b) 2013-14?
 (c) 2014-15 to date?

Answer—

- (1) The number of complaints received for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 are set out in the NSW Ombudsman's annual report, which is available from the Ombudsman's website. The figures for 2014-2015 are in the process of being finalised and will be tabled in Parliament in October 2015.
- (2) The NSW Ombudsman takes a range of different actions in response to complaints. The number of formal complaints finalised by the Ombudsman are included within the office's annual report each year.
- (3) The NSW Ombudsman has yet to report any matters to the PIC as required by the guidelines.
- (4) These complaints have been received directly and referred to the NSW Police Force under section 132 of the Police Act 1990. Many of these matters will also be overseen by the Ombudsman's office.
- (a) 2012-13- 732 complaints
 (b) 2013-14-951 complaints
 (c) 2014-15- 982 complaints-Interim figures only
- (5) As at 9am on 13 July 2015, the Ombudsman's office had 3,364 open matters. This includes both complaints and notifications under the policing, employment related child protection and disability reportable incident schemes.
- (6) The NSW Ombudsman's office endeavours to resolve all matters in a timely manner, and seeks to resolve as many matters as possible through informal inquiries. This helps to achieve the best possible outcome in the public interest.

In cases where the Ombudsman moves to conduct a formal investigation, the time taken to resolve the matter can vary.

In respect of the 2014-2015 period, as at 31 May, the average time taken to finalise new complaints under the Ombudsman Act 1974 and the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act 2002 was 36.7 days. For matters under the Ombudsman's traditional jurisdiction, this was 25.58 days. These statistics do not include matters overseen by the Ombudsman in relation to policing, employment related child protection and disability reportable incidents.

The Ombudsman's involvement does not end with the making of findings and recommendations. The office continues to monitor agency compliance with findings and recommendations until satisfied they have been dealt with appropriately.

*198 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GREATER SYDNEY LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the environment.

*199 ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE—FEMALE FACTORY AT PARRAMATTA AND ASSOCIATED AREAS – WORLD HERITAGE LISTING—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Will the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning prepare a proposal for the listing of the Female Factory and neighbouring buildings and areas in North Parramatta on the World Heritage List, called for by heritage advocates and concerned citizens?
- (2) What action has the Minister taken to initiate and facilitate this action?
- (3) As these historic areas are part of the North Parramatta Urban Growth area, what input is the Minister and his Department having in the development of the growth strategy?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The federal government is the State Party to UNESCO's World Heritage Convention, therefore nominations for World Heritage listing are the responsibility of the Federal Minister for the Environment.
- (2) As noted above, the federal government has responsibility for World Heritage listing.
- (3) UrbanGrowth NSW is responsible for the Parramatta North Urban Transformation rezoning proposal that will support the growth strategy for this area. The Department of Planning and Environment is undertaking the assessment of the rezoning proposal, which will be determined by the Minister for Planning. The Heritage Council of NSW is a key stakeholder and has provided comments to the Department of Planning and Environment on the rezoning proposal. The Heritage Council will be the approval body for the determination of future integrated development applications submitted to Parramatta City Council for the Parramatta North Historic Sites heritage area, which I had the pleasure of touring in June. The Heritage Council receives advice and administrative support from the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage.

*200 ENVIRONMENT—GREATER SYDNEY LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
 - (a) None
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Not applicable.
- (2)
 - (a) None
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Not applicable.

*201 ENVIRONMENT—CENTRAL WEST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1)
 - (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central West Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
 - (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central West Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
 - (a) 42 notifications.
 - (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained

clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.

- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for 5128 paddock trees with an associated 'set-aside' area of 1342 hectares. The 'set-aside' areas are required to balance the removal of trees. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

(2)

- (a) 30 notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for managing invasive native scrub on 12,579 hectares. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state-wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

*202 ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE—EPIDEMIC AMONGST THE BELLINGER RIVER SNAPPING TURTLES—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Could the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning provide an update as to the progress of the response team in the Office of Environment and Heritage in identifying the cause of the deaths of a large number of Bellinger River Snapping Turtles found dead and dying in the Bellinger River since late February?
- (2) What steps have been taken by the Office of Environment and Heritage to save the species?
- (3) Are the steps achieving any results?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) A diagnostic team, involving experts from across Australia and overseas, has undertaken extensive testing of a wide range of samples to try and determine the cause of death. While results suggest an acute infectious process, testing has not identified a causal agent and investigations are continuing. Biosecurity precautions continue to be implemented to minimise the risk of any potential infectious agent spreading. This includes the closure of recreational areas in the Bellinger River catchment upstream of the affected zone and hygiene advice to people who use the river.
- (2) Seventeen Bellinger River Snapping Turtles have been taken from the wild for a captive breeding program. A comprehensive species conservation plan is being developed in consultation with a range of experts, Bellinger Shire Council and the local community. The Office of Environment and Heritage has submitted a nomination to the NSW Scientific Committee to list the Bellinger River Snapping Turtle as endangered. If listed, the turtles will have additional legislative protection.
- (3) The captive population has survived the quarantine period and has been confirmed as disease free. The animals appear to be in good health, although it is too early to determine the likelihood of spring breeding success.

*203 ATTORNEY GENERAL—TRANSITION OF THE VICTIMS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

- (1) Regarding the recent announcement on the Victims Services website that changes are going to be made to the victims compensation scheme to address losses in compensation caused by retrospective application in the transition to the new scheme:
- (a) What changes will be made to the scheme?
 - (b)
 - (i) How many people will be impacted by these changes to the scheme?
 - (ii) How will these people be impacted?
 - (c) When will the changes to the scheme be implemented?
 - (d) What support will be offered to assist people in accessing any additional compensation they will be eligible to receive?

Answer—

The NSW Government made a commitment that those victims of crime whose claims were in the transition between the old Victims Compensation Scheme to the new Victims Support Scheme will be eligible to have their claims re-assessed.

An announcement regarding the delivery of the scheme will be made shortly.

*204 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CENTRAL WEST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central West Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Central West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Central West Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*205 ENVIRONMENT—HUNTER LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Hunter Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Hunter Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Hunter Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?

- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Hunter Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
 - (a) One notification.
 - (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
 - (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for 20 paddock trees with an associated 'set-aside' area of 2 hectares. The 'set-aside' areas are required to balance the removal of trees. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.
- (2)
 - (a) None.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Not applicable.

*206 JUSTICE AND POLICE—REPLICA OR IMITATION FIREARMS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many offences were committed using replica or imitation firearms in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11?
 - (b) 2011-12?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2013-14?
 - (e) 2014-15 to date?
- (2) How many incidents have police been alerted to that involved a suspected replica or imitation firearm in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11?
 - (b) 2011-12?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2013-14?
 - (e) 2014-15 to date?
- (3) How many replica or imitation firearms were seized by police in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11?
 - (b) 2011-12?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2013-14?
 - (e) 2014-15 to date?

Answer—

Information relating to crime statistics can be found at <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au>

*207 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—HUNTER LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Hunter Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Hunter Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Hunter Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Hunter Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*208 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FORESTRY CORPORATION WEED MANAGEMENT—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) How many contractors or full time equivalent staff are currently employed by Forestry Corporation NSW to undertake ground based weed management in the following State Forest regions:

- (a) Central Region?
- (b) Hume Region?
- (c) Macquarie Region?
- (d) Monaro Region?
- (e) North East Region?
- (f) Northern Region?
- (g) Southern Region?
- (h) Western Region?

(2) How many contractors or full time equivalent staff are currently employed by Forestry Corporation NSW to undertake aerial weed management in the following State Forest regions:

- (a) Central Region?
- (b) Hume Region?
- (c) Macquarie Region?
- (d) Monaro Region?
- (e) North East Region?
- (f) Northern Region?
- (g) Southern Region?
- (h) Western Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Forestry Corporation of NSW does not employ staff specifically to undertake weed management activities. Weed management is one of many activities carried out by staff employed in plantation establishment and forest stewardship roles. Aerial spraying is only carried out during plantation establishment. Contractors for weed management activities of any type are engaged on a project by project basis as needed.

*209 ENVIRONMENT—NORTH COAST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the North Coast Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North Coast Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the North Coast Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North Coast Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

(2)

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

*210 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NORTH COAST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the North Coast Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North Coast Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the North Coast Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North Coast Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*211 JUSTICE AND POLICE—FIREARMS LICENCE APPROVALS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1)

- (a) How many hunting clubs have been refused approval by the NSW Police Commissioner pursuant to regulation 91(2)(b) from 1 January 2005 to date?
- (b) What were the reasons for each refusal?

(2)

- (a) How many hunting clubs hold current approval by the Commissioner for Police pursuant to regulation 91?
- (b) What are their names?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force advises me:

No applications have been refused since 1 January 2005. However, some applications were withdrawn due to being unable to meet the threshold of the Regulations.

There are currently 230 hunting clubs that hold approvals by the Commissioner of Police under the Firearms Regulation 2006.

*212 ENVIRONMENT—NORTH WEST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the North West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North West Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the North West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North West Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) Seven notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for 1293 paddock trees with an associated 'set-aside' area of 1155 hectares. The 'set-aside' areas are required to balance the removal of trees. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

(2)

- (a) Three notifications.
- (b) None. Notification of intended use of a self-assessable code of practice does not lead to an automatic monitoring or compliance response. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) actively promotes compliance by assisting landholders and others in the community to understand and meet their legislative obligations, and by applying considered and appropriate regulatory action targeting those who choose not to comply. OEH actively monitors unexplained clearing via its state wide satellite monitoring program. OEH also encourages the public to report potentially illegal activities.
- (c) Not recorded. Notifications were received for managing invasive native scrub on 1408 hectares. OEH detects actual clearing via its annual state wide satellite monitoring program. Results of the satellite monitoring program are reported annually in the NSW Report on Native Vegetation, publicly available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm.

*213 PLANNING—NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR OWNERSHIP—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) Which government department and or agency is the current owner of the Newcastle Rail Corridor from Stewart Ave to Newcastle Station?
- (b) What is the current status of the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) for the Newcastle Rail Corridor from Stewart Ave to Newcastle Station?
- (c) Which government department and or agency holds the EPL?

Answer—

I am advised: This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

*214 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR OWNERSHIP—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1)

- (a) Which government department and or agency is the current owner of the Newcastle Rail Corridor from Stewart Ave to Newcastle Station?
- (b) What is the current status of the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) for the Newcastle Rail Corridor from Stewart Ave to Newcastle Station?
- (c) Which government department and or agency holds the EPL?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) RailCorp.
- (b) and (c) The Newcastle rail corridor from Stewart Avenue to Newcastle Station was previously part of Sydney Trains' network licence EPL 12208. However, this section of track was excised from the licence, through a licence variation, on 26 December 2014.

*215 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NORTH WEST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the North West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014

and 1 June 2015 in the North West Local Land Services Region?

- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the North West Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the North West Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*216 ENVIRONMENT—NORTHERN TABLELANDS LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region?
- (2)
- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 - (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 - (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
- (a) None.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Not applicable.
- (2)
- (a) None.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Not applicable.

*217 JUSTICE AND POLICE—FIREARMS LICENCES FOR HUNTING—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1)
- (a) How many firearms licences are currently held under section 12 of the Firearms Act 1996, subsection (4) with a table reason of 'recreational hunting or vermin control'?

- (b) Of firearm licences issued with a table reason of 'recreational hunting or vermin control', how many rely only on requirement (c) 'be a current member of a hunting club approved by the Commissioner in accordance with the regulations'?

(2) What hunting clubs are currently approved as a 'genuine reason' for a firearms licence?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

(1)

- (a) Records indicate there are currently 173,491 category A licences issued for the genuine reason of recreational hunting or vermin control, and 162,747 category B licences. It is noted that one person can hold more than one licence category.
- (b) Prior to 2010, the Integrated Licensing System (ILS) did not break down the genuine reason of 'recreational hunting or vermin control'. An accurate number of people who have used hunting club membership as a genuine reason for a firearms licence cannot therefore be provided.

(2) Of the 230 approved hunting clubs, 18 also hold a firearms licence for the genuine reason of hunting.

*218 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SYDNEY METRO PAMPHLETS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What were the costs of printing and distributing materials to commercial and residential addresses in New South Wales regarding the Sydney Metro rail project in April, May and June 2015?
- (2) How many pamphlets or brochures were produced in total?
- (3) In which Sydney suburbs were the pamphlets or brochures distributed?
- (4) How many New South Wales commercial and residential addresses were the pamphlets or brochures distributed to?

Answer—

I am advised:

Community consultation plays an important role in the delivery of all NSW Government projects. The publication and distribution of information pamphlets is an effective way to engage and inform residents about the Sydney Metro project.

(1) About \$80,000.

(2) 21 0,000.

(3) Chatswood, Artarmon, part of Willoughby, Naremburn, St Leonards, Crows Nest, North Sydney, Milsons Point, part of Neutral Bay, McMahons Point, CBD including The Rocks, part of Potts Point, part of Darlinghurst, part of Ultimo, part of Pyrmont, part of Glebe, Waterloo, Surry Hills, Redfern, Eveleigh, Alexandria, Chippendale, part of Newtown, Sydenham, Marrickville, St Peters, Dulwich Hill, Hurlstone Park, Campsie, Belmore, Wiley Park, Mount Lewis, part of Punchbowl, part of Roselands, Bankstown.

Pamphlets were also distributed at Chatswood, Martin Place, Town Hall, St Leonards and North Sydney railway stations.

(4) About 202,000.

*219 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NORTHERN TABLELANDS LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*220 ARTS, JUSTICE AND POLICE, RACING—NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY RUNNING COSTS—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What is the budgeted cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period:

- (a) 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016?
- (b) 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015?
- (c) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- (d) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
- (e) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
- (f) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
- (g) 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010?
- (h) 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009?

(2)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

(3)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

(4)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

(5)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

(6)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

(7)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

(8)

- (a) What was the actual cost for operating the NSW Firearms Registry for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009?
- (b) Was this above or below the forecast from the corresponding budget?
- (c) If so, why?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force advises me:

Service wide costs such as rents, workers compensation insurance, long service leave, death and disability insurance, and defined superannuation scheme contributions are excluded from calculations.

Annual running costs vary from year to year. Costs are affected by fees charged to process firearms licences with photo identification. This cost fluctuates annually depending on the demand for licences.

(1)

- (a) Data is not available at this time.
- (b) \$9,415,000
- (c) \$8,122,000
- (d) \$8,322,570
- (e) \$7,574,000
- (f) \$7,784,500
- (g) \$6,827,949
- (h) \$9,482,176

(2) \$9,222,819

(3) \$9,048,795

(4) \$8,634,324

(5) \$7,867,979

(6) \$7,627,709

(7) \$7,105,640

(8) \$8,967,060

*221 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SOUTH EAST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the South East Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the South East Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the South East Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
- (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
- (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the South East Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Notices of intention to clear in accordance with the self-assessable codes are lodged through an online notification system managed by the Office of Environment and Heritage. Accordingly, these questions are matters for the Minister for the Environment.

*222 ENVIRONMENT—SOUTH EAST LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

(1)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of paddock trees in a cultivation area' self-assessable code were lodged in the South East Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 (c) How many paddock trees have been removed under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the South East Local Land Services Region?

(2)

- (a) How many notices of intention to clear in accordance with the 'Clearing of Invasive Native Species' self-assessable code were lodged in the South East Local Land Services Region between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015?
 (b) How many of these were monitored to ensure compliance with the self-assessment tool?
 (c) How many hectares have been cleared under this process between 20 November 2014 and 1 June 2015 in the South East Local Land Services Region?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

(1)

- (a) None.
 (b) Not applicable.
 (c) Not applicable.

(2)

- (a) None.
 (b) Not applicable.
 (c) Not applicable.

*223 HEALTH—AMBULANCE CALLS IN NURSING HOMES 2012 TO 2013—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013:

- (a) What was the total number of nursing home facilities operating?
 (b) What was the overall bed capacity of all these facilities?

(2)

- (a) In New South Wales nursing homes for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made?
 (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:
 (i) 12:00am to 1:00am?
 (ii) 1:00am to 2:00am?
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(3)

- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, how many high care nursing homes were operating?
- (b) What was the overall bed capacity of these facilities?

(4)

- (a) In New South Wales high care nursing homes for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made in these facilities across this period?
- (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:

- (i) 12:00am to 1:00am?
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- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, how many low care nursing homes were operating?

- (b) What was the overall bed capacity of these facilities?
- (6)
- (a) In New South Wales low care nursing homes for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made in these facilities across this period?
- (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:
- (i) 12:00am to 1:00am?
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Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) Under the Aged Care Act of 1997, the Commonwealth Government is responsible for residential aged care in Australia. Changes to the Commonwealth Aged Care legislation mean that from 1 July 2014 there was no longer a distinction between "high" and "low" levels of care in residential aged care facilities.

*224 HEALTH—AMBULANCE CALLS IN NURSING HOMES 2013 TO 2014—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014:
- (a) What was the total number of nursing home facilities operating?
 - (b) What was the overall bed capacity of all these facilities?
- (2)
- (a) In New South Wales nursing homes for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made?
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(3)

- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, how many high care nursing homes were operating?
- (b) What was the overall bed capacity of these facilities?

(4)

- (a) In New South Wales high care nursing homes for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made in these facilities across this period?
- (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:

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- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, how many low care nursing

- homes were operating?
- (b) What was the overall bed capacity of these facilities?
- (6)
- (a) In New South Wales low care nursing homes for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made in these facilities across this period?
- (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:
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Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Honourable Member is referred to the response for Legislative Council Question on Notice LC 0223.

*225 HEALTH—2014 GRADUATE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTERED NURSES—Mr Green asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) Within the Registered Nurse Transition to Professional Practice applications process in 2014:
- (a) How many positions were available across New South Wales?
- (b) How many positions were available within the:
- (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (ii) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (iii) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (iv) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (v) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (vi) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (vii) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (viii) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (ix) Far West Local Health District?
 - (x) Hunter New England Local Health District?

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- (xi) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (xii) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (xiii) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (xiv) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (xv) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (xvi) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (xvii) St Vincent's Health Network?
 - (xviii) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
 - (xix) The Mater (Private) Hospital?
 - (xx) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?
- (c) How many applicants were accepted within the first round selection across New South Wales?
- (d) How many applicants were accepted within the first round selection within the:
- (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (ii) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (iii) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (iv) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
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 - (xvi) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (xvii) St Vincent's Health Network?
 - (xviii) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
 - (xix) The Mater (Private) Hospital?
 - (xx) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?
- (2) Within the Registered Nurse Transition to Professional Practice applications process in 2014:
- (a) How many positions were unfilled after the final round of selections across New South Wales?
- (b) How many positions were unfilled after the final round of selections within the:
- (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (ii) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (iii) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (iv) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
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 - (xv) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (xvi) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (xvii) St Vincent's Health Network?
 - (xviii) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
 - (xix) The Mater (Private) Hospital?

- (xx) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?
- (3) Within the Registered Nurse Transition to Professional Practice applications process in 2014:
- (a) How many unsuccessful applicants were there?
 - (b) Of these:
 - (i) how many applicants were then employed as Registered Nurses by other private hospitals?
 - (ii) how many applicants were then employed as Registered Nurses by aged care facilities?
 - (iii) how many applicants were then employed as Registered Nurses by disability care facilities?
 - (iv) how many applicants were then employed as Registered Nurses by disability care facilities?
 - (v) If these figures are not available, why?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (3) NSW Health continues to employ a large number of Transition to Professional Practice registered nurses and midwives across all local health district and specialty networks. There have been more than 1800 of these positions offered consistently over the last four years. Any positions remaining after first round offers are expeditiously matched with eligible candidates. Applicants are deemed unsuccessful for a variety of reasons including, withdrawals, incomplete applications and failure to reach the standards required during recruitment.

*226 HEALTH—AMBULANCE CALLS IN NURSING HOMES 2014 TO 2015—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015:
- (a) What is the total number of nursing home facilities operating?
 - (b) What is the overall bed capacity of all these facilities?
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- (a) In New South Wales nursing homes for the period 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015 how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made?
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- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015, how many high care nursing homes were operating?
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- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015, how many low care nursing homes were operating?
- (b) What is the overall bed capacity of these facilities?

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- (a) In New South Wales low care nursing homes for the period 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015 how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made in these facilities across this period?
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- (xxi) 8:00pm to 9:00 pm?
- (xxii) 9:00 pm to 10:00pm?
- (xxiii) 10:00pm to 11:00pm?
- (xxiv) 11:00pm to 12:00pm?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Honourable Member is referred to the response for Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0223.

*227 HEALTH—2013 GRADUATE REGISTERED NURSE RETENTION RATES—Mr Green asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) Within the Registered Nurse Transition to Professional Practice applications process in 2013, how many of the successful applicants from this year were offered fulltime Registered Nurse positions at the same facility on completion of their new-graduate placement in the:
- (a) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?
 - (b) The Mater (Private) Hospital?
 - (c) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
 - (d) St Vincent's Health Network?
 - (e) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (f) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (g) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (i) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (j) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (k) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (l) Far West Local Health District?
 - (m) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (n) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (o) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (p) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (q) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (r) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (s) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (t) Central Coast Local Health District?
- (2) How many of the successful applicants from this year were offered part-time Registered Nurse positions at the same facility on completion of their new-graduate placement in the:
- (a) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (b) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?

- (c) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (d) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (f) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (h) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Far West Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (k) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (l) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (m) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (n) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (p) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (q) St Vincent's Health Network?
 - (r) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
 - (s) The Mater (Private) Hospital?
 - (t) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?
- (3) How many of the successful applicants from this year were offered casual Registered Nurse positions at the same facility on completion of their new-graduate placement in the:
- (a) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?
 - (b) The Mater (Private) Hospital?
 - (c) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
 - (d) St Vincent's Health Network?
 - (e) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (f) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (g) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (i) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (j) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (k) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (l) Far West Local Health District?
 - (m) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (n) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (o) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (p) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (q) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (r) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (s) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (t) Central Coast Local Health District?
- (4) How many of the successful applicants from this year were not offered any Registered Nurse positions at the same facility on completion of their new-graduate placement in the:
- (a) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (b) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (c) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (d) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (f) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (h) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Far West Local Health District?

- (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
- (k) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
- (l) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
- (m) Northern NSW Local Health District?
- (n) Southern NSW Local Health District?
- (o) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (p) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
- (q) St Vincent's Health Network?
- (r) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network?
- (s) The Mater (Private) Hospital?
- (t) St Vincent's Private Hospital, Darlinghurst?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

This information is not held centrally.

*228 HEALTH—2014 GRADUATE REGISTERED NURSE APPLICANTS—Mr Green asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1)
 - (a) How many Registered Nurse Transition to Professional Practice applications were made in 2014?
 - (b) Of these, how many were graduates in a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (c) Of these, how many were graduates in a Masters of Nursing course?
- (2) How many Registered Nurse Transition to Professional Practice applicants were there in 2014 from:
 - (a)
 - (i) Australian Catholic University?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (b)
 - (i) Avondale College?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
 - (c)
 - (i) Canberra University?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
 - (d)
 - (i) Charles Sturt University?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
 - (e)
 - (i) Southern Cross University?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
 - (f)
 - (i) University of Sydney?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
 - (g)
 - (i) University of New England?

- (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
- (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (h)
 - (i) University of Newcastle?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (i)
 - (i) University of Notre Dame Australia?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (j)
 - (i) University of Tasmania?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (k)
 - (i) University of Technology Sydney?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (l)
 - (i) University of Western Sydney?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (m)
 - (i) University of Wollongong?
 - (ii) Of these, how many studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iii) Of these, how many studied a Masters of Nursing course?
- (n)
 - (i) Other institutions?
 - (ii) What were these other institutions?
 - (iii) How many from each of these other institutions studied a Bachelor of Nursing course?
 - (iv) How many from each of these other institutions studied a Masters of Nursing course?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health that:

- (1) and (2) Applicants apply to multiple states and territories and as such the number of applicants is not reflective of the number of graduates in total, nor the final employment outcome.

The numbers of students undertaking nursing and midwifery undergraduate programs is determined by the tertiary sector.

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*229 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—GRANT TO INTERNATIONAL EQUINE GROUP—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Has the Government contributed to a state and commonwealth funded grant worth \$666,000 to the International Equine Group under the now closed Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund (IRIIF) as announced in November 2012?

(2)

- (a) Is the Minister for Regional Development aware of any assessment done by the Government to ascertain how the funds were spent by the International Equine Group Pty Ltd?

- (b) If so, what was the outcome of that assessment?
 - (c) If not, why not?
- (3)
- (a) Does the Government have any mechanisms in place to ensure that taxpayer funds potentially misused by grant applicants under programs such as the Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund (IRIIF) can be recouped?
 - (b) If so, what are these?

Answer—

I am advised IRIIF is administered by the Commonwealth Department of Industry through its AusIndustry branch. The Fund was established in response to the BlueScope Steel restructure in 2011, the \$30 million IRIIF was developed in a partnership between the Commonwealth and NSW Governments and BlueScope Steel. The Commonwealth contributed \$20 million, while the NSW Government and BlueScope each contributed \$5 million.

The International Equine Group successfully applied for funding through IRIIF. The amount offered to International Equine Group is commercial in confidence.

The Commonwealth Department of Industry and Science is responsible for the management of funding provided to IRIIF projects including ensuring that the funds have been used in accordance with funding agreements.

*230 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COMPANION ANIMALS BRED IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) Does the Government have a count of how many companion animals are bred in New South Wales?
 - (b) If so, what is that count of cats and dogs for:
 - (i) 2013-2014?
 - (ii) 2012-2013?
 - (iii) 2011-2012?
 - (c) If not, does the Government have an estimate of how many companion animals were bred in New South Wales in:
 - (i) 2011-2012?
 - (ii) 2012-2013?
 - (iii) 2013-2014?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) No.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) No.

*231 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COMPANION ANIMALS EUTHANISED OR DESTROYED IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Does the Government have a count of how many companion animals were euthanized or destroyed across New South Wales in pounds and shelters in:
- (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2012-2013?
 - (c) 2011-2012?
- (2) Does the Government have an estimate of how many companion animals were euthanized or destroyed across New South Wales in local government pounds and shelters in:
- (a) 2013-2014?

(b) 2012-2013?

(c) 2011-2012?

Answer—

Statistics relating to companion animals are available at: <http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/content/animal-seizures-pound-data-reports>

*232 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY WATER WINMALEE CREEK STABILISATION PROJECT—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Regarding the Sydney Water Winmalee Creek stabilisation project:

(1) What has been expended on the project to date?

(2)

(a) Have the works begun?

(b) If so, when did the works begin?

(c) What works have been carried out to date?

(3)

(a) Will any remediation work be completed along the creek within the boundaries of the property owned by Stephen Lamer and Carol Hill?

(b) If so, what will be completed and when?

(4) Who prepared the Project Plan?

(5)

(a) Was an independent engineer engaged to review the project prior to commencement?

(b) If so:

(i) who?

(ii) what was the cost?

Answer—

(1) \$863,000

(2)

(a) Yes

(b) 10 June 2015

(c) Work so far has only been carried out on Sydney Water property and includes:

- Surveying set out of relevant features
- Ecological Survey
- Dilapidation Survey to record pre-construction condition
- Pre-Clearance Survey

(3)

(a) and (b) No work will be undertaken on private property owned by Stephen Lamer and Carol Hill until the findings of a recently awarded engineering peer review by Cardno have been shared with these property owners. Sydney Water expects this peer review to be available by mid-August 2015.

(4) An engineering consultant.

(5)

(a) Yes

(b)

(i) Cardno Ltd

(ii) The review is estimated to cost \$9,000.

*233 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WINMALEE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) On how many occasions was the Winmalee sewage treatment plant by-passed (discharges) for:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2011-12?
 - (e) 2010-11?
- (2) What was the cause of each by-pass event?
- (3) How many by-pass events (discharges) is the plant licensed for with the Environment Protection Authority?
- (4) What is being done to limit the number of by-pass events (discharges direct to the creek) in the future?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) to (e) In 2010-11, Winmalee Sewage Treatment Plant by-passed on 19 occasions. Over the last four years, the plant has only by-passed an average of four times per year.
 - (2) All of the bypass events at Winmalee Wastewater Treatment Plant were triggered by higher wastewater flows caused by wet weather in the catchment. All flows were screened and disinfected prior to discharge.
 - (3) There are no limitations on the number of bypass events within Winmalee Environmental Protection Licence.
 - (4) The frequency of bypasses is dictated by wet weather events in the catchment.

*234 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DIRECT DISCHARGES INTO WINMALEE CREEK—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
 - (a) Does Sydney Water pay a fee to the Environment Protection Authority for permitting direct discharges into Winmalee Creek?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) what is the fee?
 - (ii) how much has been paid in these fees over the past five financial years, broken down into the amount for each financial year?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) and (b)
 - (i) All holders of Environmental Protection Licences pay an annual fee to the Environmental Protection Authority. It includes an administration fee and a load based licence fee.
 - (ii) The following table includes the total annual fee paid to the Environmental Protection Authority for Winmalee, and how that is broken down into the two portions.

Financial Year	Total Fee (\$)	Administration Fee (\$)	Load Fee (\$)
2010-11	66,522.90	17,820.00	48,702.90
2011-12	87,496.36	18,150.00	69,346.36
2012-13	102,317.31	18,645.00	83,672.31
2013-14	45,834.76	19,635.00	26,199.76

2014-15*	77,309.00	19,635.00	57,674.00
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* estimated from year to date data.

*235 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WEED MANAGEMENT AND BUSH REGENERATION PROGRAM FOR WINMALEE CREEK—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

(a) Has a weed management and bush regeneration program been developed for Winnalee Creek?

(b) If so:

(i) what was the cost of developing the program?

(ii) what is the budget allocation for the weed management and bush regeneration program?

(iii) when will it begin?

(iv) who prepared the program?

(v) who will implement the program?

Answer—

(1)

(a) Yes

(b)

(i) \$7,000

(ii) \$345,000 over 24 months

(iii) July 2015

(iv) and (v) Abergeldie, on behalf of Sydney Water

*236 RACING—GRANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL EQUINE GROUP—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Has the Government contributed to a state and commonwealth funded grant worth \$666,000 to the International Equine Group under the now closed Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund (IRIIF) as announced in November 2012?

(2)

(a) Has any assessment been conducted by the Government to ascertain how the funds were spent by the International Equine Group Pty Ltd?

(b) If so, what was the outcome of that assessment?

(c) If not, why not?

(3)

(a) Does the Government have any mechanisms in place to ensure that taxpayer funds potentially misused by grant applicants under programs such as the Illawarra Region Innovation and Investment Fund (IRIIF) can be recouped?

(b) If so, what are these?

Answer—

I am advised that the IRIIF was a joint initiative of the Federal and State Governments together with BlueScope Steel. On a State level, the initiative was coordinated by NSW Trade & Investment which is now the Department of Industry, and was administered from within the Commonwealth's Industry and Science portfolio.

Any questions relating to the initiative should be redirected to the Minister responsible.

*237 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GRAZING PLAN FOR BIMBI—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
- (a) Has a grazing plan been developed for Bimbi and the adjoining reserve south of the Bimbi village?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) how was the grazing plan developed?
 - (ii) what was the cost of the developing the grazing plan?
 - (iii) was community consultation undertaken in relation to the grazing plan?
 - (iv) if so, how and when was the community consulted?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes. A grazing plan has been developed for the fenced area at Bimbi.
 - (b)
 - (i) The grazing plan has been developed by Central West Local Land Services staff following the principles for Box Gum Grassy Woodland management outlined in 'A Guide to the Managing Box Gum Grassy Woodlands' by Kimberlie Rawlings, Canberra, Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts 2010. The plan allows beneficial grazing from March to August and supports natural regeneration through stock exclusion at other times. Consultation was also undertaken with Rural Fire Service staff to address fire management issues and further advice is currently being sort from the State Emergency Service to minimise flood issues raised by the community.
 - (ii) This plan was prepared by Central West Local Land Service staff as an internal working document. There were no additional costs preparing this plan.
 - (iii) No community consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this grazing plan, nor is it undertaken for any other grazing management strategies relating to Travelling Stock Reserves in the region.
 - (iv) Not applicable

*238 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CENTRAL WEST LOCAL LAND SERVICE FENCE AT BIMBI—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Regarding the Central West Local Land Service fence along the NSW Crown Land Travelling Stock Reserve running through Bimbi:

- (1) Who erected the fence?
- (2) What was the cost of the fence?
- (3)
 - (a) Was there community consultation?
 - (b) If so, how was the community consulted?
- (4)
 - (a) Was Weddin Shire Council consulted?
 - (b) If so, how was the Council consulted?
- (5)
 - (a) Have Local Land Service officers been on-site to view the fence and surrounding area, especially in close proximity to Bimbi?
 - (b) If not, when will Local Land Service officers inspect the site in person?
- (6)
 - (a) Have any Local Land Service board members been on-site to view the fence and surrounding area, especially in close proximity to Bimbi?
 - (b) If not, when will Local Land Service board members inspect the site in person?

Answer—

- (1) There are two fenced areas. Staff from Young Livestock Health and Pest Authority (one of the Local Land Services legacy organisations), erected the fence south of the Bimbi village. The eastern fence was erected by Central West Local Land Services staff in 2014.
- (2) The eastern fencing cost \$5633.03 for materials.
- (3)
 - (a) No, not prior to the erection of the fence.
- (4)
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) Central West LLS consulted Weddin Shire's Engineer regarding the fence construction and design via email on 19 May 2014.
- (5) Yes
- (6)
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) Not applicable

*239 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY WATER'S ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to reduce Sydney Water's environmental footprint in the Blue Mountains?
- (2)
 - (a) What action will the Government take in future to reduce Sydney Water's environmental footprint in the Blue Mountains?
 - (b) How much funding will be allocated to this in 2015-16?
 - (c) How much funding was allocated to this each year for the last five financial years, broken down into the total amount for each year?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water continually monitors its environmental performance across its entire area of operations, including the Blue Mountains. Sydney Water's Operating Licence sets environmental performance indicators to monitor its impact on the environment. Sydney Water's Environmental Management System manages environmental risks and impacts.
 Each month Sydney Water tests water quality at its wastewater treatment plants, water filtration plants and at the advanced water treatment plant. Summaries are published in Sydney Water's Pollution Monitoring Data Reports.
 Sydney Water has now sewered about 14,000 properties in the Blue Mountains at a cost of about \$300 million as part of the NSW Government's Priority Sewerage Program.
- (2)
 - (a) Sydney Water's Environment Plan sets out the objectives, targets and actions that manage environmental risk, compliance and improve environmental performance across its entire area of operations, including the Blue Mountains. The Environment Plan is a five year plan, reviewed every year. It is available on Sydney Water's website.
 - (b) In 2015-16 Sydney Water is investing \$705 million across its area of operations for water and wastewater infrastructure which will contribute to improved environmental outcomes in Sydney, the Blue Mountains and the Illawarra. Around \$10 million has been earmarked specifically for the Blue Mountains.
 - (c) Sydney Water has spent nearly \$40 million in the Blue Mountains electorate since April 2011. This includes around \$2 million between April and June 2011, almost \$9 million in 2011-12, around \$7 million in 2012-13 and over \$10 million each year in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

*240 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK THROUGH BIMBI—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What measures have been put in place to alleviate the need for any travelling stock to move through the village of Bimbi and remove the threat of damage to the shrubs and nature strips within the village?
- (2)
 - (a) Will these measures be reviewed?
 - (b) If so, how and when will these measures be reviewed?

Answer—

- (1) There is a designated stock route to the western side of the village. When applications are received to move stock in this region, drivers are instructed to use this route.
- (2)
 - (a) Yes.
 - (b) Rangers will review the effectiveness of these measures post stock movement. Issues for review are brought to the attention of the Team Leader or Manager Land Services by the Biosecurity Officer (Ranger).

*241 HEALTH—NURSE TO PATIENTS RATIOS—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What are the minimum staff to patient ratios for nurses or midwives in:
 - (a) Peer Group A1 facilities?
 - (b) Peer Group A2 facilities?
 - (c) Peer Group A3 facilities?
 - (d) Peer Group B1 facilities?
 - (e) Peer Group B2 facilities?
 - (f) Peer Group C1 facilities?
 - (g) Peer Group C2 facilities?
 - (h) Peer Group D1A and D1B facilities?
 - (i) Peer Group D2 facilities?
 - (j) Peer Group E facilities?
 - (k) Peer Group F1 facilities?
 - (l) Peer Group F2 facilities?
 - (m) Peer Group F3 facilities?
 - (n) Peer Group F3 facilities?
 - (o) Peer Group F5 facilities?
 - (p) Peer Group F6 facilities?
 - (q) Peer Group F7 facilities?
 - (r) Peer Group F8 facilities?
 - (s) Peer Group F9 facilities?
 - (t) Level 1 emergency departments?
 - (u) Level 2 emergency departments?
 - (v) Level 3 emergency departments?
 - (w) Level 4 emergency departments?
 - (x) Level 5 emergency departments?
 - (y) Level 6 emergency departments?
- (2) Which categories of staff are eligible to be considered in the head count for nurse to patient ratios in:
 - (a) Peer Group A1 facilities?
 - (b) Peer Group A2 facilities?
 - (c) Peer Group A3 facilities?
 - (d) Peer Group B1 facilities?
 - (e) Peer Group B2 facilities?
 - (f) Peer Group C1 facilities?

- (g) Peer Group C2 facilities?
 - (h) Peer Group D1A and D1B facilities?
 - (i) Peer Group D2 facilities?
 - (j) Peer Group E facilities?
 - (k) Peer Group F1 facilities?
 - (l) Peer Group F2 facilities?
 - (m) Peer Group F3 facilities?
 - (n) Peer Group F3 facilities?
 - (o) Peer Group F5 facilities?
 - (p) Peer Group F6 facilities?
 - (q) Peer Group F7 facilities?
 - (r) Peer Group F8 facilities?
 - (s) Peer Group F9 facilities?
 - (t) Level 1 emergency departments?
 - (u) Level 2 emergency departments?
 - (v) Level 3 emergency departments?
 - (w) Level 4 emergency departments?
 - (x) Level 5 emergency departments?
 - (y) Level 6 emergency departments?
- (3) Which facilities are classified as:
- (a) Peer Group A1 facilities?
 - (b) Peer Group A2 facilities?
 - (c) Peer Group A3 facilities?
 - (d) Peer Group B1 facilities?
 - (e) Peer Group B2 facilities?
 - (f) Peer Group C1 facilities?
 - (g) Peer Group C2 facilities?
 - (h) Peer Group D1A and D1B facilities?
 - (i) Peer Group D2 facilities?
 - (j) Peer Group E facilities?
 - (k) Peer Group F1 facilities?
 - (l) Peer Group F2 facilities?
 - (m) Peer Group F3 facilities?
 - (n) Peer Group F3 facilities?
 - (o) Peer Group F5 facilities?
 - (p) Peer Group F6 facilities?
 - (q) Peer Group F7 facilities?
 - (r) Peer Group F8 facilities?
 - (s) Peer Group F9 facilities?
- (4) Which hospitals have:
- (a) Level 1 emergency departments?
 - (b) Level 2 emergency departments?
 - (c) Level 3 emergency departments?
 - (d) Level 4 emergency departments?
 - (e) Level 5 emergency departments?
 - (f) Level 6 emergency departments?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (4) NSW does not use fixed nurse-to-patient ratios on a shift. Instead, for suitable wards, NSW public hospitals use a more flexible method, called Nursing Hours per Patient Day, which allocates an average number of nursing hours that should be provided in a ward over the course of a week. In every facility and service across NSW, nursing and hospital management make an assessment based on a range of factors including patient safety, clinical needs, professional judgment, previous experience and safe systems of work when deciding staffing requirements to provide appropriate patient care. The location of hospitals with emergency departments and their levels may be found at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Hospitals/Pages/role-delineation-levels.aspx>

*242 HEALTH—REGISTERED NURSE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to the training and employment of Registered Nurses within New South Wales:

- (1) What are the minimum education requirements for a person to be able to practice?
- (2) What are the security screening requirements, such as an Australian Police Records Check or NSW Working With Children Check, required for somebody to be employed or practice?
- (3) Under the Australian Qualifications Framework, what are the course categories a person could study to become a Registered Nurse?
 - (a) what is the longest duration of each of these course categories available?
 - (b) what is the shortest duration of each of these course categories available?
 - (c) what is the average duration of each of these course categories available?
 - (d) how many hours of study are required for each of these course categories?
 - (e) how many hours of clinical practicum or clinical placement are required for each course type?
- (4) Is a first aid qualification, such as completion of a first aid course or first responder course, required?
 - (a) does this qualification need to include a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) component?
 - (b) does this qualification need to include instruction on the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)?
 - (c) does this qualification need to include instruction on the administration of oxygen therapy?
- (5) How many Registered Nurses were there in New South Wales in the period:
 - (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - (f) if these details are not available, why?
- (6) How many Registered Nurses were trained in New South Wales in the period:
 - (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - (f) if these details are not available, why?
- (7)
 - (a) how many Registered Nurses are currently employed within New South Wales in hospitals?
 - (b) how many Registered Nurse positions are there within New South Wales hospitals, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
- (8)
 - (a) how many Registered Nurses are employed within New South Wales in nursing homes?
 - (b) how many of these are in high care facilities?

- (c) how many of these are in low care facilities?
- (9)
- (a) how many Registered Nurse positions are there in New South Wales nursing homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
- (b) how many of these are in high care facilities?
- (c) how many of these are in low care facilities?
- (10) In public hospitals:
- (a) what is the minimum hourly rate of pay for a Registered Nurse?
- (b) what is the minimum weekly full-time equivalent pay rate for a Registered Nurse?
- (c) what is the minimum annual full time equivalent pay rate for a Registered Nurse?
- (11) In nursing homes:
- (a) what is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Registered Nurses?
- (b) what is the minimum weekly full-time equivalent pay rate for Registered Nurses?
- (c) what is the minimum annual full time equivalent pay rate for Registered Nurses?
- (d) do these rates of pay differ between high care and low care facilities?
- (e) if these rates differ between high care and low care facilities, what are the rates for each?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (11) The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia governs the minimum education requirements of registered nurses.

A National Criminal Record Check is required for all new appointments to NSW Health. Workers in 'aged care work' must have a new check undertaken every three years. In addition to this at the time of appointment workers in 'child related' work must have a valid Working With Children Check (renewed every five years).

Rates of pay for registered nurses are as outlined in the relevant awards.

Questions relating to nursing homes should be directed to the Federal Minister for Health.

- *243 HEALTH—SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED NURSES—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to Registered Nurses:

- (1) What is the current scope of practice in:
- (a) high care nursing homes?
- (b) low care nursing homes?
- (c) acute care wards in hospitals?
- (d) critical care wards in hospitals?
- (e) perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
- (f) aged care wards in hospitals?
- (g) rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
- (h) general practice surgeries?
- (2)
- (a) Are there any settings other than those listed above where this scope of practice may change?
- (i) if so, what are they?
- (ii) if so, what is the scope of practice for each?
- (3) Can these nurses administer medications in:
- (a) high care nursing homes?
- (b) low care nursing homes?
- (c) acute care wards in hospitals?

- (d) critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) general practice surgeries?
- (4) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, limitations are placed on them in:
- (a) high care nursing homes?
 - (b) low care nursing homes?
 - (c) acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) general practice surgeries?
- (5) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, additional qualifications are required in:
- (a) high care nursing homes?
 - (b) low care nursing homes?
 - (c) acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) general practice surgeries?
- (6)
- (a) in clinical settings where Registered Nurses can administer medications, what forms of pain relief can they administer without supervision (i.e. non-Schedule 8 medications)?
 - (b) what are the clinical settings in which these can be administered?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) A registered nurse's scope of practice is determined by their education and training. The extent of a registered nurse's practice is then defined in the practice setting by the employer's organisational policies and requirements.

A registered nurse can administer medications in line with state or local policy, regardless of the practice setting, limited only by local employer policy.

*244 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—INSPECTIONS OF KANGAROO MEAT FACILITIES—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many full time equivalent food inspectors are employed by the NSW Food Authority as of 24 July 2015?
- (2) Of these inspectors; how many are engaged in the inspection of kangaroo meat facilities, including processing plants, chillers and vehicles, as of 24 June 2015?
- (3) What qualifications and or training is required for food authority staff to undertake inspections of kangaroo meat facilities?
- (4) When assessing candidates for food inspector positions, does the NSW Food Authority consider other forms of employment held by the candidate that may impact their capacity to undertake inspections in an objective fashion?
- (5)
 - (a) Are any inspectors currently employed by the NSW Food Authority to inspect kangaroo meat

facilities also employed by facility owners and or operators?

- (b) If not, how has the NSW Food Authority determined this to be the case?
 (c) If not, what mechanisms are in place to ensure that inspectors that may have such a conflict of interest are not given responsibility for inspecting kangaroo meat facilities?
- (6)
- (a) Are facilities that harvest and or process kangaroo meat intended for pet consumption required to be inspected by the NSW Food Authority?
 (b) If so, what is the required frequency of such inspections?

Answer—

- (1) 38.6 as at 24 June 2015.
 (2) 26.6 as at 24 June 2015.
 (3) Food safety auditors require the following qualifications:
- Tertiary qualification in Science or Food Technology or a related discipline,
 - Good knowledge of food production and processing, food safety principles, food technology and food microbiology, and
 - Thorough knowledge of HACCP and quality assurance principles.
- (4) Yes
 (5)
- (a) No.
 (b) Staff are not permitted to engage in secondary employment without written authorisation. This process ensures employees' duties are not adversely affected and there is no conflict of interest.
 (c) See 5(b)
- (6)
- (a) Yes.
 (b) Once every 3 years.

*245 SKILLS—PERMANENT FULL TIME TAFE POSITIONS REMOVED—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

For each TAFE Institute, college, campus, section or other organisational unit which has seen a reduction in the number of full time equivalent positions since 1 January 2013:

- (1)
- (a) what was the number of full time equivalent permanent positions at 1 January 2013?
 (b) what was the breakdown of those positions by role, teacher, head teacher, co-ordinator etc?
- (2)
- (a) what was the number of full time equivalent permanent positions which have been removed since 1 January 2013?
 (b) what was the breakdown of the positions removed by role, teacher, head teacher, co-ordinator etc?
- (3)
- (a) what was the number of full time equivalent casual positions at 1 January 2013?
 (b) what was the breakdown of the positions by role, teacher, head teacher, co-ordinator etc?
- (4)
- (a) what was the number of full time equivalent casual positions which have been removed since 1 January 2013?
 (b) what was the breakdown of the positions removed by role, teacher, head teacher, co-ordinator etc?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not available by location. TAFE NSW publishes data on staffing as part of the annual reporting process which is available at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>

*246 HEALTH—ASSISTANT IN NURSING TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to the training and employment of Assistants in Nursing within New South Wales:

- (1) What are the minimum education requirements for a person to be able to practise?
- (2) What are the security screening requirements, such as an Australian Police Records Check or NSW Working With Children Check, required for somebody to be employed to practise?
- (3) Under the Australian Qualifications Framework, what are the course categories a person could study to become a Registered Nurse?
 - (a) what is the longest duration of each of these course categories available?
 - (b) what is the shortest duration of each of these course categories available?
 - (c) what is the average duration of each of these course categories available?
 - (d) how many hours of study are required for each of these course categories?
 - (e) how many hours of clinical practicum or clinical placement are required for each course type?
- (4) Is a first aid qualification, such as completion of a first aid course or first responder course, required?
 - (a) does this qualification need to include a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) component?
 - (b) does this qualification need to include instruction on the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)?
 - (c) does this qualification need to include instruction on the administration of oxygen therapy?
- (5) How many Assistants in Nursing were there in New South Wales in the period:
 - (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - (f) if these details are not available, why?
- (6) How many Assistants in Nursing were there in New South Wales in the period:
 - (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - (f) if these details are not available, why?
- (7)
 - (a) how many Assistants in Nursing are currently employed within New South Wales in hospitals?
 - (b) how many Assistant in Nursing positions are there in New South Wales hospitals, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
- (8)
 - (a) how many Assistant in Nursing positions are there in New South Wales nursing homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
 - (b) how many of these are in high care facilities?
 - (c) how many of these are in low care facilities?
- (9)
 - (a) how many positions for Assistant in Nursing positions are there in New South Wales nursing

- homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
- (b) how many of these are in high care facilities?
- (c) how many of these are in low care facilities?
- (10) In public hospitals:
- (a) what is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Assistants in Nursing?
- (b) what is the minimum weekly full-time equivalent pay rate for Assistants in Nursing?
- (c) what is the minimum annual full time equivalent pay rate for Assistants in Nursing?
- (11) In nursing homes:
- (a) what is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Assistants in Nursing?
- (b) what is the minimum weekly full-time equivalent pay rate for Assistants in Nursing?
- (c) what is the minimum annual full time equivalent pay rate for Assistants in Nursing?
- (d) do these rates of pay differ between high care and low care facilities?
- (e) if these rates differ between high care and low care facilities, what are the rates for each?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (11) The minimum education requirements for a person to practise as an assistant in nursing in a NSW public health facility are variable and are dependent on the requirements of the employing facility.

In NSW Health, an assistant in nursing works under the supervision and direction of a registered nurse. The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia governs the minimum education requirements of a registered nurse and enrolled nurse.

A National Criminal Record Check is required for all new appointments to NSW Health. Workers in 'aged care work' must have a new check undertaken every three years. In addition to this at the time of appointment workers in 'child related' work must have a valid Working With Children Check (renewed every five years).

Rates of pay for assistants in nursing are as outlined in relevant awards.

Questions relating to nursing homes should be directed to the Federal Minister for Health.

- *247 HEALTH—ENROLLED NURSE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to the training and employment of Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements within New South Wales:

- (1) What are the minimum education requirements for a person to be able to practice?
- (2) What are the security screening requirements, such as an Australian Police Records Check or NSW Working With Children Check, required for somebody to be employed or practice?
- (3) Under the Australian Qualifications Framework, what are the course categories a person could study to become a Registered Nurse?
- (a) what is the longest duration of each of these course categories available?
- (b) what is the shortest duration of each of these course categories available?
- (c) what is the average duration of each of these course categories available?
- (d) how many hours of study are required for each of these course categories?
- (e) how many hours of clinical practicum or clinical placement are required for each course type?
- (4) Is a first aid qualification, such as completion of a first aid course or first responder course, required?
- (a) does this qualification need to include a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) component?
- (b) does this qualification need to include instruction on the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)?

- (c) does this qualification need to include instruction on the administration of oxygen therapy?
- (5) How many Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements were there in New South Wales in the period:
- (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - (f) if these details are not available, why?
- (6) How many Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements were trained in New South Wales in the period:
- (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - (f) if these details are not available, why?
- (7)
- (a) how many Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements are currently employed within New South Wales in hospitals?
 - (b) how many Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsement positions are there in New South Wales hospitals, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
- (8)
- (a) how many Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements are employed within New South Wales in nursing homes?
 - (b) how many of these are in high care facilities?
 - (c) how many of these are in low care facilities?
- (9)
- (a) how many for Enrolled Nurses without medication positions are there in New South Wales nursing homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value positions are there in New South Wales nursing homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
 - (b) how many of these are in high care facilities?
 - (c) how many of these are in low care facilities?
- (10) In public hospitals:
- (a) what is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements?
 - (b) what is the weekly minimum full-time equivalent pay rate Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements?
 - (c) what is the minimum annual full time pay rate for Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements?
- (11) In nursing homes:
- (a) what is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements?
 - (b) what is the minimum weekly full-time pay rate for Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements?
 - (c) what is the minimum annual full time pay rate for Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsements?
 - (d) do these rates of pay differ between high care and low care facilities?
 - (e) if these rates differ between high care and low care facilities, what are the rates for each?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (11) The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia governs the minimum education requirements of enrolled and registered nurses.

A National Criminal Record Check is required for all new appointments to NSW Health. Workers in 'aged care work' must have a new check undertaken every three years. In addition to this at the time of appointment workers in 'child related' work must have a valid Working With Children Check (renewed every five years).

Rates of pay for enrolled nurses are as outlined in the relevant awards.

Questions relating to nursing homes should be directed to the Federal Minister for Health.

- *248 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, WOMEN—RELOCATION OF WOMEN NSW—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1)

- (a) Why has the Government shifted Women NSW and its functions to the Ministry of Health instead of the Department of Premier and Cabinet as requested by Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service NSW?
- (b) Were domestic violence advocacy groups consulted on this shift?

Answer—

The administrative orders transferred Women NSW from the Department of Family and Community Services to the Ministry of Health to align with my ministerial portfolio responsibilities.

- *249 HEALTH—UNENDORSED ENROLLED NURSE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to the training and employment of Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements within New South Wales:

- (1) What are the minimum education requirements for a person to be able to practise?
- (2) What are the security screening requirements, such as an Australian Police Records Check or NSW Working With Children Check, required for somebody to be employed or practice?
- (3) Under the Australian Qualifications Framework, what are the course categories a person could study to become a Registered Nurse?
- (a) What is the longest duration of each of these course categories available?
- (b) What is the shortest duration of each of these course categories available?
- (c) What is the average duration of each of these course categories available?
- (d) How many hours of study are required for each of these course categories?
- (e) How many hours of clinical practicum or clinical placement are required for each course type?
- (4) Is a first aid qualification, such as completion of a first aid course or first responder course, required?
- (a) Does this qualification need to include a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) component?
- (b) Does this qualification need to include instruction on the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)?
- (c) Does this qualification need to include instruction on the administration of oxygen therapy?
- (5) How many Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements were there in New South Wales in the period:
- (a) 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
- (b) 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
- (c) 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
- (d) 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
- (e) 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?

- (f) If these details are not available, why?
- (6) How many Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements were trained in New South Wales in the period:
- 1 July 2014 to 22 June 2015?
 - 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014?
 - 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013?
 - 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
 - 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
 - If these details are not available, why?
- (7)
- How many Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements are currently employed within New South Wales in hospitals?
 - How many Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsement positions are there in New South Wales hospitals, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
- (8)
- How many Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements are employed within New South Wales in nursing homes?
 - How many of these are in high care facilities?
 - How many of these are in low care facilities?
- (9)
- How many for Enrolled Nurses without medication positions are there in New South Wales nursing homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value positions are there in New South Wales nursing homes, expressed as a full-time-equivalent value?
 - How many of these are in high care facilities?
 - How many of these are in low care facilities?
- (10) What is being done by the NSW Ministry of Health to ensure that Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements are furthering their training to include medication endorsements?
- (11) In public hospitals:
- What is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements?
 - What is the minimum weekly full-time equivalent pay rate Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements?
 - What is the minimum annual full time equivalent pay rate for Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements?
- (12) In nursing homes:
- What is the minimum hourly rate of pay for Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements?
 - What is the minimum weekly full-time pay rate for Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements?
 - What is the minimum annual full time pay rate for Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsements?
 - Do these rates of pay differ between high care and low care facilities?
 - If these rates differ between high care and low care facilities, what are the rates for each?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (12) The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia governs the minimum education requirements of enrolled nurses and registered nurses.

A National Criminal Record Check is required for all new appointments to NSW Health. Workers in 'aged care work' must have a new check undertaken every three years. In addition to this at the time of appointment workers in 'child related' work must have a valid Working With Children Check (renewed every five years).

NSW Health funds enrolled nurse employees without medication endorsement to undertake the EN

Medication Management course.

Rates of pay for enrolled nurses are as outlined in the relevant awards.

Questions relating to nursing homes should be directed to the Federal Minister for Health.

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*250 JUSTICE AND POLICE—TASER CAMERAS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many Tasers do NSW Police currently have available for use?
- (2) How many Tasers available for use are not fitted with cameras that are automatically activated upon use, 'Taser Cam'?
- (3) How many Tasers available for use are not fitted with cameras at all?
- (4) In which units are Tasers used that are not fitted with cameras that are automatically activated upon use?
- (5) In which units are Tasers used that are not fitted with cameras at all?

Answer—

Information on police Standard Operating Procedures for Tasers is available at <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au>.

*251 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—WORKPLACE INJURIES AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How many investigations have WorkCover NSW commenced as at 25 June 2015 date into workplace injuries and unsafe workplaces relating to the allegations of child sexual abuse at each the following workplaces:
 - (a) Knox Grammar School, Sydney?
 - (b) RG Dance, Sydney?
 - (c) Bethcar Children's Home, Brewarrina?
 - (d) Ben Venue Public School, Armidale?
 - (e) St Agnes Catholic Primary School, Matraville?
 - (f) Mangrove Yoga Ashram (Satyananda Yoga Ashram)?
 - (g) Swimming Australia Ltd, Sydney?
 - (h) Marcellin College, Randwick?
 - (i) Marcellin Junior School, Coogee?
 - (j) St Anne's Primary School, Bondi?
 - (k) St Joseph's School, Lismore?
 - (l) Marist College, Penshurst?
 - (m) Marist Brothers High School, Maitland?
 - (n) Marist Sacred Heart Primary School, Mosman?
 - (o) Marist Brothers Primary School, Eastwood?
 - (p) Marist College, Pagewood?
 - (q) St Thomas Moore School, Campbelltown?
 - (r) St Carthage's Primary School, Lismore?
 - (s) North Coast Children's Home, Lismore?
 - (t) YMCA NSW, Caringbah?
 - (u) Hamilton Marist Brothers?

- (v) St Patrick's College, Goulburn, now Trinity Catholic College Goulburn?
 - (w) St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst?
- (2) In relation to each investigation in question 1 above, when was it commenced?
 - (3) How many prosecutions relating to unsafe workplaces have WorkCover NSW commenced as a result of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse?
 - (4) If there have been either no investigations or no prosecutions, why has WorkCover not investigated or prosecuted for unsafe workplaces that allow the injury of people in them, namely children who are sexually assaulted?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*252 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—E-TOLL BUSINESS OPERATIONS CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regards to the E-Toll Business Operations Centre contactable on phone number 13 18 65:

- (1) What are the operating times of this call centre?
- (2) Where is this centre located?
- (3) How many full time equivalent staff positions are there for this centre?
- (4) On average, during the week Monday 1 June to Friday 5 June, between the hours of 8.00am 5.00pm, how many staff were available at any given time to handle calls?
- (5) What is the average length of time customers phoning this centre wait?
- (6) What is the target wait time for each call?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*253 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—HUNTER EXPRESSWAY—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regards to New South Wales funding for the Hunter Expressway:

- (1) What was the total cost of the project?
- (2) What was the total amount committed to this project from the Government?
- (3) How much of the Government's committed funds have been spent?
- (4) In an itemised list, what parts of this project were funded by Government funds and at what cost?
- (5) How much of the committed Government funds for the Hunter Expressway project remain unspent?
- (6)
 - (a) Do the unspent funds remain committed, in full, to the finalisation of the Hunter Expressway and its feeder roads?
 - (b) If not, have the unspent funds been absorbed back into the NSW Budget and re-allocated to other portfolios and or projects within this portfolio?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Hunter Expressway opened to traffic in March 2014. Funding information is available on the Roads and Maritime website.

Project funds are being used to finalise the Hunter Expressway project, including handover of roads and bridges to councils, finalisation of contracts and property acquisition costs.

*254 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M1 LINE MARKING—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to line marking on the M1 Pacific Motorway:

- (1) Which department is responsible for ensuring regular line marking is done?
- (2) What is the maximum schedule timeframe for line marking to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for line marking on the M1 Pacific Motorway.

Identified sections are included in an annual program and prioritised for completion.

*255 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE ON M1 PACIFIC MOTORWAY—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to roadside maintenance on the M1 Pacific Motorway:

- (1) Which department is responsible for ensuring regular maintenance is done?
- (2) What is the maximum schedule timeframe for maintenance to be done?
- (3)
 - (a) Is there a dedicated maintenance work team for this motorway?
 - (b) How many staff are currently on the maintenance work team?
 - (c) How many staff were on the maintenance work team as at 31 December 2010?
 - (d) How many staff were on the maintenance work team as at 31 December 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for roadside maintenance of the M1 Pacific Motorway.

Maintenance teams undertake routine daytime inspections to evaluate and record defects and the condition of assets.

Defects are addressed specific to the type of defect involved with consideration to road safety risks, traffic impact risks and the intervention guidelines applicable for that type of defect.

*256 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—ALBURY SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Albury Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Albury or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Albury Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Service NSW has created a one-stop shop experience for the citizens of NSW. Customers can access more than 800 transactions either online, through the 24/7 phone service or network of one-stop shops with extended trading hours. At 30 June 2015, Service NSW had 36 one-stop shops in operation with more to come. In addition, it is expanding its footprint in rural and remote NSW with the transition of at least 20 existing council agencies from Roads and Maritime Services to Service NSW.

A comparison of FTE numbers at Service NSW with the FTE at previous motor registries is attached.

Information about the number of Births, Deaths and Marriages and Fair Trading staff is a matter for the relevant Ministers for those agencies.

A table has been provided please contact the Table Office 9230 2431.

*257 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—ARMIDALE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Armidale Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Armidale or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Armidale Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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*258 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BANKSTOWN SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Bankstown Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Bankstown or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Bankstown Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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*259 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BATHURST SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Bathurst Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Bathurst or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Bathurst Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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*260 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BLACKTOWN SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Blacktown Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Blacktown or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Blacktown Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *261 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BONDI JUNCTION SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Bondi Junction Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Bondi Junction or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Bondi Junction Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *262 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BOTANY SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Botany Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Botany or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Botany Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *263 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BROKEN HILL SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Broken Hill Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Broken Hill or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Broken Hill Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *264 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BURWOOD SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Burwood Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Burwood or the immediate surrounds, closed their

shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?

- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Burwood Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *265 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—CASTLE HILL SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Castle Hill Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Castle Hill or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Castle Hill Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *266 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—CHATSWOOD SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Chatswood Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Chatswood or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Chatswood Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *267 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—COFFS HARBOUR SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Coffs Harbour Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Coffs Harbour or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Coffs Harbour Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *268 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—COWRA SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Cowra Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Cowra or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Cowra Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *269 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—DUBBO SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Dubbo Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Dubbo or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Dubbo Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *270 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—GOSFORD SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Gosford Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Gosford or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Gosford Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *271 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—GOULBURN SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Goulburn Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Goulburn or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Goulburn Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *272 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—GRAFTON SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Grafton Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Grafton or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Grafton Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *273 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—HAYMARKET SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Haymarket Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Haymarket or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Haymarket Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *274 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—HORSNBYS SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Hornsby Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Hornsby or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Hornsby Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *275 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—HURSTVILLE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Hurstville Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Hurstville or the immediate surrounds, closed their

shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?

- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Hurstville Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *276 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—KIAMA SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Kiama Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Kiama or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Kiama Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *277 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—LISMORE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Lismore Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Lismore or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Lismore Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *278 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—LITHGOW SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Lithgow Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Lithgow or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Lithgow Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *279 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—LIVERPOOL SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Liverpool Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Liverpool or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Liverpool Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *280 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—MAITLAND SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Maitland Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Maitland or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Maitland Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *281 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—MARRICKVILLE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Marrickville Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Marrickville or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Marrickville Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *282 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—NEWCASTLE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Newcastle Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Newcastle or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Newcastle Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *283 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—ORANGE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Orange Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Orange or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Orange Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *284 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—PARRAMATTA SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Parramatta Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Parramatta or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Parramatta Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *285 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—PENRITH SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Penrith Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Penrith or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Penrith Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *286 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—PORT MACQUARIE SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Port Macquarie Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Port Macquarie or the immediate surrounds, closed

their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?

- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Port Macquarie Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *287 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—QUEANBEYAN SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Queanbeyan Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Queanbeyan or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Queanbeyan Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *288 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—TAMWORTH SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Tamworth Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Tamworth or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Tamworth Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *289 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—TWEED HEADS SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Tweed Heads Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Tweed Heads or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Tweed Heads Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *290 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—WAGGA WAGGA SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Wagga Wagga Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Wagga Wagga or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Wagga Wagga Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *291 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—WARNERS BAY SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Warners Bay Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Warners Bay or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Warners Bay Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *292 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—WETHERILL PARK SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Wetherill Park Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Wetherill Park or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Wetherill Park Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *293 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—WOLLONGONG SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Wollongong Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Wollongong or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Wollongong Service NSW centre?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LC 0256.

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- *294 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—WYNARD SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

In establishing the Wynard Service NSW:

- (1) What Government agencies previously based in Wynard or the immediate surrounds, closed their shop-front, office, retail outlet, service centre or customer centre?
- (2) What was the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing for each of these Government agencies, respectively, prior to their closure?
- (3) What is the current FTE staffing of the Wynard Service NSW centre?

Answer—

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- *295 EDUCATION—DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are there in public primary schools in the electorate of Prospect?
- (2) How many demountable classrooms are there in public high schools in the electorate of Prospect?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Information regarding the Department of Education's demountables and permanent accommodation in schools is accessible on the Department's website.

- *296 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICES AT CAMPBELLTOWN—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1)

- (a) Is the Government intending to close the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) offices at Campbelltown and Ingleburn in favour of a Service NSW super-centre at Gregory Hills?
- (b) If so, will the Government guarantee that the residents of Campbelltown and Ingleburn will not lose access to any services?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

- *297 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES DRIVER TESTERS—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) As at 25 June 2015 how many Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Driver Testers have been made redundant as a result of the Government's closure of RMS offices across New South Wales?
- (2) After 25 June 2015 how many RMS Driver Testers are expected to be made redundant as a result of the Government's plan to close RMS offices across New South Wales?
- (3)
 - (a) Does the Government propose an assistance package to help redundant employees find employment?
 - (b) If so, what are the terms of the assistance package?

- (c) If not, why not?
- (4)
- (a) Will the Government offer redundant RMS Driver Testers a driving instructor's licence as a means of transitioning them to new and meaningful employment?
- (b) If so, what will be the procedure with respect to the issuing of the driving instructor's licence?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*298 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTCONNEX—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) In reference to the Government's has stated its plans to introduce tolls on the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel:
- (a) How many years will tolls be levied on this tunnel?
- (b) Which organisations and individuals have designed the tolling regime for the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (c) Which organisations and individuals have consulted on the design of the tolling regime for the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (d) What requirements were specified in the design of the tolling regime for the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (e) Which organisations and individuals have modelled the traffic volumes used in estimating the toll revenue for the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (2)
- (a) Which organisations and individuals have consulted on the modelling of the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (b) Is this modelling the same as used in the M4 East Widening EIS?
- (c) Does this modelling include the impact of induced traffic?
- (3)
- (a) Does the Government plan to sell or lease the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel and allow tolling?
- (b) If so:
- (i) does the Government plan to seek any upfront payment?
- (ii) will the state receive a share of the toll revenues if they are above the estimates?
- (iii) will the state cover any loss if the toll revenues are below the estimates?
- (iv) who will be liable if the revenues are below the estimates?
- (v) who will be liable if the traffic volume modelling is incorrect?
- (vi) what will happen if no organisation is willing to take the risk and invest?
- (4)
- (a) Does the Government plan to solely sell the rights to toll the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (b) If so:
- (i) does the Government plan to seek any upfront payment?
- (ii) will the state receive a share of the toll revenues if they are above the estimates?
- (iii) will the state cover any loss if the toll revenues are below the estimates?
- (iv) who will be liable if the revenues are below the estimates?
- (v) who will be liable if the traffic volume modelling is incorrect?
- (vi) what will happen if no organisation is willing to take the risk and invest?
- (5)
- (a) Does the Government plan to solely sell the rights to the toll revenue from the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (b) If so:

- (i) does the Government plan to seek any upfront payment?
- (ii) will the state receive a share of the toll revenues if they are above the estimates?
- (iii) will the state cover any loss if the toll revenues are below the estimates?
- (iv) who will be liable if the revenues are below the estimates?
- (v) who will be liable if the traffic volume modelling is incorrect?
- (vi) what will happen if no organisation is willing to take the risk and invest?

Answer—

I am advised:

The WestConnex tolling strategy was developed during the business case phase and its principles are outlined in the WestConnex Business Case Summary released in 2013.

This summary, along with the WestConnex financing plan and the M4 East Expression of Interest exhibition timeframe information is available on the WestConnex website.

*299 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TOLLING REGIME FOR STATE'S MOTORWAY NETWORK—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Government, a parliamentary committee, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) or any other Government body reviewed the tolling regime on the state's motorway network since March 2011?
- (2) Have any organisations or individuals been consulted on a review of the state's tolling regime?
- (3)
 - (a) Since March 2011 has the Government received any recommendations or developed any plan regarding a change in tolling on the state's motorways?
 - (b) If so, what were those recommendations or plans?
- (4)
 - (a) Has the Government or RMS opened any tenders, expressions of interest or undertaken any industry consultation for changes to the state's tolling?
 - (b) If so, when and in what form?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information on Parliamentary Committees is available from the NSW Parliament website.
- (2) and (3) Refer to my response to a Question Without Notice 25 May 2015 on the Cross City Tunnel. Information on future tolling arrangements are identified in the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan. As road projects develop, tolling strategies will continue to be reviewed.
- (4) No.

*300 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TOLLS ON THE M4 EAST MOTORWAY—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In reference to the Government's has stated it plans to reintroduce tolls on the M4 East:

- (1)
 - (a) Will the Government be introducing toll gates at all entrances like the M7 or at a single toll plaza like the M2?
 - (b) If a single toll plaza is introduced, where will its location be?
 - (c) If toll gates are introduced at all entrances, where will the tolling area begin and end?
- (2) Will the tolling on the M4 East be introduced before the WestConnex Stage 1 tunnel is built?
- (3) Will the M4 East between Homebush Bay Drive and Parramatta Road, Strathfield be tolled after the M4 is widened?
- (4) Will that section of the M4 East be tolled after the WestConnex Stage 1 tunnel is built?
- (5)
 - (a) Which organisations and individuals have designed the tolling regime for the M4 East?

- (b) Which organisations and individuals have consulted on the design of the tolling regime for the M4 East?
- (c) What requirements were specified in the design of the tolling regime for the M4 East?
- (6)
- (a) Was the tolling regime for the M4 East designed to maximise revenue?
- (b) Was the tolling regime for the M4 East designed to minimise impact on cost-of-living?
- (c) Was the tolling regime designed to improve levels-of-service on the M4 East?
- (7)
- (a) Which organisations and individuals have modelled the traffic volumes used in estimating the toll revenue for the M4 East?
- (b) Which organisations and individuals have consulted on the modelling of traffic volumes for the M4 East?
- (c) Is this traffic volume modelling the same as the traffic volume modelling used in the M4 East Widening EIS?
- (d) Does this traffic volume modelling include the impact of induced traffic?
- (e) Does this traffic volume modelling include a scenario for reduced levels of private vehicle traffic growth?
- (8) For how many years will tolls on the M4 East be levied?
- (9)
- (a) Does the Government plan to sell or lease the M4 East and allow tolling?
- (b) If so:
- (i) does the Government plan to seek any upfront payment?
- (ii) will the state receive a share of the toll revenues if they are above the estimates?
- (iii) will the state cover any loss if the toll revenues are below the estimates?
- (iv) who will be liable if the revenues are below the estimates?
- (v) who will be liable if the traffic volume modelling is incorrect?
- (vi) what will happen if no organisation is willing to take the risk and invest?
- (vii) will the sale or lease be done separately or as a package with the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (viii) how will the Government repay the Commonwealth's loan to build the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (ix) when will the state be planning to repay the Commonwealth?
- (10)
- (a) Does the Government plan to solely sell the rights to toll the M4 East?
- (b) If so:
- (i) does the Government plan to seek any upfront payment?
- (ii) will the state receive a share of the toll revenues if they are above the estimates?
- (iii) will the state cover any loss if the toll revenues are below the estimates?
- (iv) who will be liable if the revenues are below the estimates?
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- (viii) how will the Government repay the Commonwealth's loan to build the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (ix) when will the state be planning to repay the Commonwealth?
- (11)
- (a) Does the Government plan to solely sell the rights to the toll revenue from the M4 East?
- (b) If so:
- (i) does the Government plan to seek any upfront payment?
- (ii) will the state receive a share of the toll revenues if they are above the estimates?
- (iii) will the state cover any loss if the toll revenues are below the estimates?

- (iv) who will be liable if the revenues are below the estimates?
- (v) who will be liable if the traffic volume modelling is incorrect?
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- (vii) will the sale or lease be done separately or as a package with the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (viii) how will the Government repay the Commonwealth's loan to build the WestConnex Stage 1 Tunnel?
- (ix) when will the state be planning to repay the Commonwealth?

Answer—

I am advised:

The WestConnex tolling strategy was developed during the business case phase and its principles are outlined in the WestConnex Business Case Summary released in 2013.

This summary, along with the WestConnex financing plan and the M4 East Expression of Interest exhibition timeframe information is available on the WestConnex website.

*301 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CESSNOCK CROWN LANDS FENCE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Regarding the recently erected fence running north-east along the eastern side of Duffie Drive, Cessnock, from the intersection of Duffie Drive and Melbourne Street, and on a parcel of Crown land:

- (1) Who erected the fence?
- (2) Were private contractors employed to erect the fence?
- (3) What was the cost of the fence?
- (4)
 - (a) Was there community consultation?
 - (b) If so, how was the community consulted?

Answer—

- (1) Department of Primary Industries, Crown Lands
- (2) Yes
- (3) \$81,103. This was the total cost for access management works that included works east of Penniment Street and Comerford Close and along Duffie Drive.
- (4)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) N/A.

*302 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY WATER AND PRIVATE DEBT COLLECTORS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
 - (a) Does Sydney Water utilise the services of private debt collectors?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) Which private debt collectors does it use?
 - (ii) How are these debt collectors selected?
 - (iii) What was Sydney Water's expenditure on private debt collectors for each of the previous four financial years, broken down into the amount spent for each of these financial years?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Yes
 - (b)

- (i) AMBA Commercial Collections Pty Ltd
- (ii) By tender process
- (iii) The current contract started three years ago. The cost of debt recovery is 0.7% of the total collected debt.

*303 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY WATER AND UNPAID ACCOUNTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How much has Sydney Water spent for each of the previous four financial years pursuing unpaid accounts, broken down into:
 - (a) the amount spent for each financial year?
 - (b) residential and non-residential accounts?
- (2) What is the total amount owing for unpaid Sydney Water accounts each year for the previous four financial years, broken down into:
 - (a) the amount for each financial year?
 - (b) residential and non-residential accounts?

Answer—

- (1) The external costs relating to debt collection are outlined in QoN 302. All other functions are carried out in-house within the Customer Billing team with a labour cost of around \$1.26 million per year.
- (2) Total amount unpaid to Sydney Water at the end of each year; Sydney Water does not differentiate between residential and non-residential.

2011/12	\$6,037,236
2012/13	\$5,998,191
2013/14	\$6,146,692
2014/15	\$6,354,709

*304 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECRUITMENT OF LOCAL LAND SERVICE CHAIRS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Regarding the recruitment for a new Local Land Service Chair of Chairs:

- (1) When will a new Chair of Chairs be appointed?
- (2) Will the position be full time?
- (3) Who is conducting the recruitment?
- (4) What is the expected cost of the recruitment process?

Answer—

The new Chair of Chairs will be appointed following standard recruitment processes, which could take between 3-4 months to complete.

The Local Land Service Chair of Chairs position will be advertised as full time.

Boomerang Partners were engaged as the executive search firm on Friday, 10 July 2015.

Recruitment costs will adhere to the pre-qualified provider schedule as available on the NSW Government's ProcurePoint website.

*305 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RESIGNATION OF LOCAL LAND SERVICE CHAIR OF CHAIRS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

With regard to the recent resignation of the Local Land Service Chair of Chairs:

- (1)
 - (a) Was there a termination payment made upon the resignation?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) when was it paid?

(ii) what was the final amount?

- (2) Was there an exit interview conducted with the outgoing Chair of Chairs?
- (3) On how many occasions did the former Chair of Chairs meet with the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water?

Answer—

Local Land Services' Executive Support Unit confirmed no exit payment was processed for the outgoing Chair of Chairs. The (then) Department of Trade and Investment has similarly confirmed no SOORT payment was processed.

The outgoing Chair of Chairs and the then Secretary of Department of Trade and Investment, Mark Patterson, had a number of meetings prior to the outgoing Chair of Chairs' departure.

A search of the outgoing Chair of Chairs electronic diary records indicated that he met with the Minister twice prior to his resignation.

*306 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BLOWERING DAM—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

With regard to the review of the Blowering Dam outflow notification system:

- (1) When did the review commence?
- (2) When was the review completed?
- (3) Who conducted the review?
- (4) How much was spent by the Government to undertake the review?
- (5) Is a copy of the review available?

Answer—

- (1) August 2011. The review was later subsumed into a wider project by then State Water Corporation (now WaterNSW) to develop an improved and standardised Early Warning Network (EWN) for stakeholders downstream of all its dams including Blowering Dam. As part of the new notifications system, downstream river users, relevant government authorities and other stakeholders are able to register to receive automated notifications whenever there is a significant change in releases of water from nominated dams or if there is an emergency situation.
- (2) The trial of EWN was announced by the Minister on 11 January 2012. The EWN commenced in October 2012.
- (3) The EWN was developed by the former State Water Corporation.
- (4) There was no additional cost involved in the review, which was conducted internally.
- (5) No. There was no 'review report', rather a comprehensive consultation process over many months to ensure accurate, timely and useful information was communicated. The results of which are communicated under the EWN is on the State Water Website at <http://www.statewater.com.au/EWN>. As improvements to protocols or messages are identified, they are included in the program and documentation amended.

*307 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WATER NSW DATA TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) When was the most recent review between Water NSW and the ACTEW Corporation of data transfer arrangements?
- (2) On how many occasions has State Water Corporation met with ACTEW Corporation since 1 January 2011 to discuss data transfer arrangements?
- (3) Are there minutes of any meetings between State Water Corporation and ACTEW Corporation?
- (4) Can copies of these minutes be provided?

Answer—

- (1) There were no external reviews, WaterNSW continually undertakes internal reviews and requests for

additional information.

- (2) WaterNSW and ACTEW Corporation met on the 23 February 2012 to discuss hydrometric data transfer. WaterNSW and ACTEW Corporation communicated via email and telephone prior to and following this meeting in relation to improving hydrometric data transfer. The most recent communications occurred on the 16 February 2015.
- (3) An email exchange between the two agencies was undertaken following the meeting of 23 February 2012 to confirm discussion and actions arising from the meeting.
- (4) A copy of the email exchange can be provided.

*308 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY WATER CUSTOMERS DEFAULTED ACCOUNTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) For the following each financial years what was the number of individual Sydney Water customers who have defaulted on payment of their account:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
 - (d) 2011-12?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
- (2) For the following each financial years what was the number of Sydney Water accounts, as at 30 June for each financial year, that were unpaid beyond 30 days:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?
 - (d) 2011-12?
 - (i) Of these how many were for residential accounts?
 - (ii) Of these how many were for non-residential accounts?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water does not differentiate between residential and non-residential customers for the purposes of unpaid accounts. The average number of customers who have defaulted over each of the three years 2011-12 – 2013-14 is 105. For 2014-15, this figure was 108, based on those customers for whom the Court has published Judgement approval.
- (2) Sydney Water does not differentiate between residential and non-residential for the number of notices issued at day 28. Some customers received multiple reminder notices. The total accounts unpaid at day 28 are;

2011/12	1,140,599
2012/13	1,136,468
2013/14	1,117,228

2014/15 this information is not yet available.

*309 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M4 EAST EMERGENCY PROVISIONS—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How will the safety of motorists be guaranteed in the event of an incident in the new M4 East tunnel?
- (2) Where will the exits for motorists be located in the event of a fire in the new M4 East tunnel?
- (3) Will there be a midway entry point for emergency services vehicles and towing services in the new M4 East tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M4 East tunnel will be equipped with fire and life safety facilities including CCTV, traffic incident detection and response, fire detection, smoke control and suppression systems. The tunnel fire safety systems will be designed in accordance with Australian Standard AS4825 – Tunnel Fire Safety.

Cross passages and exit points will be provided every 120 metres, similar to other road tunnels in Australia.

Midway access for emergency vehicles and towing services will be provided via the ramps at Concord road and Wattle Street.

*310 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—NORTHCONNEX ENVIRONMENT ISSUES—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Will the NorthConnex tunnel project satisfy the relevant provisions in the National Clean Air Protection Agreement that is being negotiated with the Commonwealth Government?
- (2) With respect to the NorthConnex tunnel project, why has the Government not assessed tunnel options which include world-class filtration systems?
- (3) Why is the Government discounting the concerns raised by the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to wind data from weather stations located at Wahroonga and West Pennant Hills, that contradicts the NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement?
- (4) With respect to the NorthConnex tunnel project why has the Government set aside the research undertaken by independent experts hired by the Chief Scientists Office?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NorthConnex will operate in line with international best practice and comply with an in-tunnel NO2 standard, a first for NSW.
- (2) The NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement – Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report presented an analysis of alternative ventilation configurations, including tunnel filtration systems that demonstrated that the proposed ventilation system can meet world best practice air quality standards.
- (3) The comments made by the Environment Protection Authority were considered and addressed in the NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement – Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report.
- (4) Roads and Maritime Services directly consulted with the independent experts hired by the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer to ensure the issues raised were fully considered.

*311 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—POTENTIAL POLLUTION LEVELS OF NORTHCONNEX TUNNEL—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Why is the Government discounting the advice from the NSW Department of Health which, in its submission to the NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement, has expressed concern about the high levels of pollution in the tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

The comments made by NSW Health in its submission were considered and addressed in the NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement – Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report.

NorthConnex will operate in line with international best practice and comply with an in-tunnel NO2 standard, a first in NSW.

*312 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN LAND STOCKTON SERVICE STATION SITE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Are there any unpaid lease or other monies outstanding on the Crown Land Stockton Service Station site?
- (2) If so, what is the total amount for:
 - (a) 2012-13 financial year?
 - (b) 2013-14 financial year?
 - (c) 2014-15 financial year to date?

Answer—

I will not publicly release the financial information of the Crown's tenants.

*313 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—STOCKTON SERVICE STATION SITE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Will the Minister revoke the lease on the Stockton Service Station site?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

This matter is currently under investigation by the Department of Primary Industries – Lands and I am unable to disclose the outcome of those investigations at this stage.

*314 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FARM ANIMAL MUTILATION ANALGESIA—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
 - (a) Will the Minister introduce an amendment to section 24 a(iv) and (v) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act NSW 1979 whereby mulesing or other mutilations of sheep such as castrations and tail-docking will require administration of analgesia or pain-relief such as Tri-Solfen and other pre-procedure analgesia such as Carprophen?
 - (b) If so, when?
 - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) to (c) The administration of topical anaesthetic for animal husbandry procedures within the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act NSW 1979 and associated regulations reflect the considerations of the national Australian Animal Welfare Sheep Standards and Guidelines Working Group and the regulatory impact statement relating to the standards. These considerations determined that pain relief is required for animals over 6 months of age.

*315 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—STOCKTON SERVICE STATION CONSULTATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Has the Minister for Lands and Water and Primary Industries consulted with Newcastle City Council on breaches of Council conditions regarding unauthorised development on the Crown Land Stockton Service Station site?

Answer—

My Department has been consulting with Newcastle City Council on a range of issues in relation to the lawful use of this site.

*316 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PROHIBITION OF GESTATIONAL SOW STALLS—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Given the considerable community concern about the confinement of pigs in gestation sow stalls, will the Government introduce legislation prohibiting the use of gestation sow stalls rather than rely upon industry self-regulation which cannot be enforced by compliance agencies such as the police, Animal Welfare League or the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) NSW has a robust system in place to address animal cruelty that reflects and is responsive to changing community attitudes and farming practices. Animal welfare is supported in NSW by the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA) and underpinning Codes and Standards. POCTA provides protection for all animals in NSW.

Any person concerned about an incident of animal welfare abuse should immediately lodge their complaint to the enforcement agencies – RSPCA NSW, Animal Welfare League NSW and NSW Police.

While there is a legislated nationally agreed commitment to restrict the use of sow stalls to the first six weeks of gestation from 1 July 2017, the Australian pork industry in November 2010 voluntarily committed to pursue a phase out by 2017, meaning sows are loose housed for a minimum of 90 per cent of their pregnancy. Close to 65% of the industry has completed the phase out of sow stalls.

*317 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—POLLUTED CROWN LAND ON STOCKTON SERVICE STATION SITE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Is the Minister for Lands and Water and Primary Industries aware of polluted Crown Land on the Stockton Service Station site?
- (b) If so, when did the Minister become aware?

(2) Will the Minister remediate the polluted Crown Land on the Stockton Service Station site?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries, Crown Lands has advised that there was a diesel fuel spill at Stockton Petrol Station site. I was advised thereafter.
- (2) Regulatory authorities have been working to assess the condition of the site.

*318 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—STOCKTON SERVICE STATION PETROL SALE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Is the Minister for Lands and Water and Primary Industries aware that the proprietor of the Stockton Service Station has not sold petrol since gaining the lease?
- (2) Given this, what are the requirements to enable a lease owner to reactivate the underground petrol tanks to a standard for petrol storage and sale?

Answer—

- (1) The Holder is not required to report fuel sales to the Department.
- (2) Regulatory authorities have been working to assess the condition of the site

*319 HEALTH—SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR ASSISTANTS IN NURSING—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to Assistants in Nursing (AINs) in New South Wales:

- (1) What is the current scope of practice in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (2)
 - (a) Are there any settings other than those listed above where this scope of practice may change?
 - (b) If so, what are they?
 - (c) If so, what is the scope of practice for each?
- (3) Can these nurses administer medications in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in New South Wales hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (4) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, imitations are placed on them in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (5) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, additional qualifications are required in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?

- (h) General practice surgeries in New South Wales?
- (6)
- (a) In clinical settings where Assistants in Nursing can administer medications, what forms of pain relief can they administer without supervision, i.e. non-Schedule 8 medications?
- (b) What are the clinical settings in which these can be administered?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) NSW Health's policy "Employment of Assistants in Nursing in NSW Health Acute Care" identifies the scope of practice for AINs working within NSW Health services.

*320 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—GROUNDWATER BASELINE PROJECT—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) The 2015-16 Budget states that the regional water monitoring framework is expected to be completed by 2020, when is the Groundwater Baseline Project expected to be concluded for each of the following basins:
- (a) Gunnedah?
- (b) Gloucester?
- (c) Clarence Moreton?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The project is complete in this area.
- (b) The project is complete in this area.
- (c) The project is complete in this area.

*321 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—COAL PRODUCTION FORECASTS—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) In the 2015-16 Budget, what is the increase in raw and saleable coal production in mega tonnes per annum forecast for each of the following years:
- (a) 2015-16?
- (b) 2016-17?
- (c) 2017-18?
- (d) 2018-19?
- (2) In the 2015-16 Budget, what is the increase in coal exports in mega tonnes per annum forecast for each of the following years:
- (a) 2015-16?
- (b) 2016-17?
- (c) 2017-18?
- (d) 2018-19?
- (3) In the 2015-16 Budget, what is the coal price forecast for each of the following years:
- (a) 2015-16?
- (b) 2016-17?
- (c) 2017-18?
- (d) 2018-19?

Answer—

The Division of Resources & Energy compiles coal production and coal price forecasts for its own internal use. The Division has not made any forecasts for input into the 2015-16 Budget. The questions should be directed to the Treasurer.

*322 HEALTH—SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR ENROLLED NURSES WITHOUT MEDICATION ENDORSEMENT—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsement:

- (1) What is the current scope of practice in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in New South Wales hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (2)
 - (a) Are there any settings other than those listed above where this scope of practice may change?
 - (b) If so what are they?
 - (c) If so what is the scope of practice for each?
- (3) Can these nurses administer medications in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in New South Wales hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (4) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, limitations are placed on them in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in New South Wales hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (5) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, additional qualifications are required in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?

- (6)
- (a) In clinical settings where Enrolled Nurses without medication endorsement can administer medications, what forms of pain relief can they administer without supervision, that is, non-Schedule 8 medications?
 - (b) What are the clinical settings in which these can be administered?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, regulates the practice of enrolled nurses in Australia. Enrolled nurses must undertake a Board-approved course leading to medication endorsement to administer medication.

*323 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—COAL MINING—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

- (1) How many new coal mines have been approved in New South Wales since March 2011?
- (2) How many coal mine extensions have been approved in New South Wales since March 2011?
- (3) How many mega tonnes of new raw coal production have been approved since March 2011?
- (4) How many mega tonnes per annum of new raw coal production have been approved since March 2011?
- (5) What is the maximum number of mega tonnes per annum of raw coal production which could be mined in New South Wales under current approvals?
- (6) What is the maximum amount of raw coal which could be mined in New South Wales under current approvals?
- (7) How many applications for new coal mines or extensions to existing coal mines have been rejected by the Government since March 2011?
- (8) How many applications for new coal mines are currently in the planning pipeline in New South Wales?
- (9) How many applications for extensions to existing coal mines are currently in the planning pipeline in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) to (9) As major projects are assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, these questions should be addressed to the Minister for Planning, as the responsible Minister

*324 HEALTH—SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR ENROLLED NURSES WITH MEDICATION ENDORSEMENT—Mr Brown asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In relation to Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsement:

- (1) What is the current scope of practice in:
 - (a) High care nursing homes?
 - (b) Low care nursing homes?
 - (c) Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - (d) Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - (e) Perioperative wards and theatres in New South Wales hospitals?
 - (f) Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - (g) Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - (h) General practice surgeries?
- (2)
 - (a) Are there any settings other than those listed above where this scope of practice may change?
 - (b) If so, what are they?

- (c) If so, what is the scope of practice for each?
- (3) Can these nurses administer medications in:
- High care nursing homes?
 - Low care nursing homes?
 - Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - Perioperative wards and theatres in New South Wales hospitals?
 - Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - General practice surgeries?
- (4) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, limitations are placed on them in:
- High care nursing homes?
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 - Critical care wards in hospitals?
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 - Aged care wards in hospitals? vii. Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - General practice surgeries?
- (5) If these nurses can administer medications in the following clinical settings, what, if any, additional qualifications are required in:
- High care nursing homes?
 - Low care nursing homes?
 - Acute care wards in hospitals?
 - Critical care wards in hospitals?
 - Perioperative wards and theatres in hospitals?
 - Aged care wards in hospitals?
 - Rehabilitation wards in hospitals?
 - General practice surgeries?
- (6)
- In clinical settings where Enrolled Nurses with medication endorsement can administer medications, what forms of pain relief can they administer without supervision, that is, non-Schedule 8 medications?
 - What are the clinical settings in which these can be administered?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Honourable Member is referred to the response for Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0322.

*325 EDUCATION—LINKS TO LEARNING—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- Which Links to Learning programs in New South Wales have had their Commonwealth funding partly or wholly cut?
- Which Links to Learning programs in New South Wales have ceased, or will cease after June 2015 due to the cuts to the Federal Department of Social Services funding?
- Which Links to Learning programs in New South Wales have had their funding partially or wholly restored by the Department of Education and Communities to enable them to continue their current operation?

- (4) Which Links to Learning programs have been subsumed into other programs that are currently funded by the Department of Education and Communities such as the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding?
- (5) What is the mechanism for prioritising schools for RAM funding and how much priority is given to funding alternative educational support for secondary school students who are unable to remain in the public school education program?
- (6) What has been the New South Wales Government's response to the Commonwealth Government for cutting funding to such an essential program as Links to Learning that had been delivered in some communities, such as South Grafton, for 20 years?
- (7)
 - (a) Does the Minister or the Department of Education have a plan to deliver or financially support educational programs for secondary school students who have dropped out of or are at risk of dropping out of the public school system?
 - (b) If so, what is that plan?
 - (c) If so, what is the budget for its implementation?
- (8)
 - (a) Are there special considerations for Aboriginal children who fit into this category?
 - (b) If so, what are they?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Links to Learning Program is funded through a NSW Government Community Grants Program. There is no Commonwealth funding component.
- (2) No NSW Links to Learning Program has a Commonwealth funding component.
- (3) There are 46 not for profit non-government community organisations and local government authorities being funded in the current 2015/2016 funding cycle for the NSW Links to Learning Program.
- (4) None.
- (5) The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) commenced in 2014 to deliver resources directly to all NSW government schools in a fairer and more transparent way. The RAM distributes funding based on the needs of students and schools.
- (6) Refer to question 1.
- (7)
 - (a) Yes.
 - (b) The NSW Links to Learning Program.
 - (c) The budget for the NSW Links to Learning Program is \$8.9 million.
- (8)
 - (a) and (b) The NSW Government's Plan for Aboriginal Affairs can be found on the Aboriginal Affairs' website.

*326 EDUCATION—VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACTIVITIES OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE IN SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

In relation to the changes made to the Religious Education Implementation Procedures (REIP) in March 2015 to the guidelines for "voluntary student activities of a religious nature in schools":

- (1) What steps has the Department of Education taken to ensure those new guidelines are being followed by school principals, with specific reference to how school principals are ensuring that "in their supervision of voluntary religious activities and prayer groups":
 - (a) parental permission is obtained?
 - (b) appropriate child protection checks and practices in relation to any volunteers coming from outside the school?
 - (c) the content of the activities undertaken are monitored?

- (d) students or members of religious persuasions do not engage in attempts to proselytise or convert non-adherents of their religion to their faith in the course of school authorised activities?
- (2) How are school principals ensuring that students or members of religious persuasions do not engage in attempts to proselytise or convert non-adherents of their religion to their faith in the course of school authorised activities?
- (3)
- (a) In the context of question 2 how do the Minister for Education and the Department of Education define the word "proselytise"?
- (b) If proselytising is not permitted during these sessions, can the Minister provide some examples of activities that would be allowed?
- (c) Does the Minister consider the Jesus Over Lunch Time (JOLT) program to contravene the ban on proselytising in the voluntary lunchtime activities outlined in the REIP, given comments made in their "leadership manual" for the JOLT program at St Ives High School including "The Scripture teacher is like a sprinkler, in that he 'sprays' the gospel message over every student he comes into contact with. Christian students on the other hand are like cups that 'pour' the gospel message directly into the lives of their friends"?
- (4) Are voluntary religious organisations permitted to provide food and beverages, free or otherwise, to students participating in the lunchtime groups?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Principals locally manage and supervise students and visitors ensuring they adhere to departmental policy.

*327 EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENT CAPACITY IN PARRAMATTA AREA—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1)
- (a) In list form, what New South Wales government-owned sites has the Department of Education investigated as potential sites to enable the expansion of public school enrolment capacity in the Parramatta area?
- (b) For each of the sites in question 1 (a) was the site looked at for high school or primary school purpose?
- (2) Are any of these sites listed in question 1 being looked at for sale or lease?
- (3) What is the future of North Parramatta Public School?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education investigated a number of potential sites to enable the expansion of public school enrolment capacity in the Parramatta area.
- (2) There are no plans to dispose of or lease sites considered as a potential site for expansion.
- (3) An upgrade of Parramatta North Public School may be considered to provide additional teaching spaces.

*328 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—ABORIGINAL PLACEMENT PRINCIPLES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With reference to the question asked on 6 May 2015, and the response received on 10 June 2015, confirming that in placing high needs children and young persons at risk that the Aboriginal Placement Principles are being applied to all out of home care placements, including those where a placement has not been possible within their region in accordance with section 13 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW) (Act).

- (1) Does the Department of Family and Community Services not take into account extraneous considerations, or apply a 'holistic approach', or consider matters that are not contained within section 8, 9 or 13 of the Act?

Answer—

In administering the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW), the Department of Family and Community Services considers, in line with Sections 8 and 9, the safety, welfare and wellbeing of the child or young person as paramount. Principles for administration of the Act include the circumstances, age, views, relationships, disability, cultural and religious ties of the child or young person.

In line with Section 13, the Aboriginal Placement Principles are also applied when an Aboriginal child or young person is placed in out-of-home care.

- *329 PLANNING—BLUE MOUNTAINS DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) In the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area 2009 Strategic Plan prepared by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the use of Local Government Planning instruments was described as being potentially inadequate to ensure the maintenance of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area world heritage values. Given the extended consultation between the Department of Planning and the Blue Mountains City Council to arrive at draft environmental zonings that would protect the world heritage values of the Blue Mountains, why has the Department of Planning changed its mind and is now insisting on the use of only the standard environmental zonings in the draft Blue Mountain Local Environment Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department is working with Blue Mountains City Council to determine how Council's current environmental protection planning provisions can be best accommodated in the draft Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan 2015.

- *330 ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE—BLUE MOUNTAINS DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) In the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area 2009 Strategic Plan prepared by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the use of Local Government Planning instruments was described as being potentially inadequate to ensure the maintenance of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area world heritage values. There has been extended consultation between the Department of Planning and the Blue Mountains City Council to arrive at draft environmental zonings that would protect the world heritage values of the Blue Mountains. What representations have you or the Office of Environment and Heritage made to the Department of Planning to ensure that environmental zonings for the Blue Mountain Local Environment Plan are able to protect the world heritage values of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

In March 2014, the Office of Environment and Heritage responded to a request for comment during the public exhibition of the draft Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013. This was in accordance with section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The submission to Blue Mountains City Council acknowledged and supported the inclusion of a number of local provisions in the draft LEP aimed at ensuring the long term protection and conservation of the natural and cultural values of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

In June 2013, the Office of Environment and Heritage forwarded to the Department of Planning a submission from the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Advisory Committee on the White Paper for a New Planning System for NSW. That submission supported the inclusion of specific provisions in

the Blue Mountains LEP for the protection and conservation of the world heritage values of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

*331 EDUCATION—TEMPORARY TEACHERS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many teachers in New South Wales public schools are currently employed as a temporary teacher?
- (2) What was the figure for the same in each of the past five years?
- (3) How many of the teachers employed on a temporary basis are in that position to replace a permanent teacher on some form of long term leave?
- (4)
 - (a) What is the justification for the remainder of those teachers employed on a temporary basis?
 - (b) Does the Department require schools to explain why a teacher is being employed on a temporary basis and not converted to permanent?
- (5) After how many weeks of service can a temporary teacher be converted to permanency?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2015, 18,314 temporary teachers were engaged in NSW public schools.

(2)

Date	30 June 2010	30 June 2011	30 June 2012	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2015
Number of temporary teachers	13,604	14,778	15,561	16,348	17,284	18,314

(3)

Date	30 June 2010	30 June 2011	30 June 2012	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2015
Number of temporary teachers engaged to relieve long term leave	6,604	7,179	7,542	7,971	7,318	8,427

(4)

(a) Temporary teachers may also be engaged to replace permanent teachers who have been temporarily assigned to other roles or special projects that are externally funded. Temporary teachers may also be engaged to undertake temporary externally funded programs, or to fulfil permanent roles pending recruitment action.

(b) Yes.

(5) There is generally no provision to convert a temporary teacher who occupies a full time teaching position. The only exception pertains to the Department's Rural and Remote initiative, where temporary teachers can be converted to permanent in some of the most remote or isolate schools.

*332 TREASURER—NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Why did the Government remove the \$400 million reserved for Newcastle Urban Renewal in the Restart NSW fund?
- (2) Who authorised its removal?
- (3) How will this Government guarantee that funding will be available for this project if no funds have been reserved?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) While the source of funding for the Newcastle Urban Renewal project has changed, the Government's financial commitment to the project is unchanged.

*333 LANDS AND WATER—SYDNEY WATER SEAFORTH SITE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Has any specific environmental value of the Seaforth site that has been declared a "surplus asset" been identified by Sydney Water?
- (2) Noting that the site appears to have recently been taken off the market, is it still Sydney Water's intention to sell this site?
- (3) What steps has the Minister for Lands and Water taken to investigate the possible transfer of the site to National Parks so that it can be absorbed into the Garigal National Park, instead of selling off the site?
- (4) If the site is sold, what environmental protections would this particular site retain under private ownership?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water has prepared a Property Environmental Management Plan which reported no threatened flora species or endangered ecological communities on the site.
- (2) and (3) Sydney Water is consulting with the community to consider the concerns of all stakeholders. No decision will be made regarding the future of this site until this consultation process has concluded.
- (4) The site would be subject to meeting the environmental requirements of the approval authority for the private owner's intended use.

*334 EDUCATION—CASUAL TEACHERS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many teachers in New South Wales public schools currently employed as a casual teacher are actively looking for permanent work?
- (2) What was the figure in question 1 for each of the past 5 years?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Casual teachers may not necessarily be actively seeking permanent work.

*335 EDUCATION—PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS “MISSION FIELDS”—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1)
 - (a) What steps has the Minister for Education or the Department of Education taken to respond to the publicly available comments made by the Deputy Principal at St Ives High School in a video by Christ Church St Ives that his school is a "great mission field"?
 - (b) Are those comments endorsed by the Minister and Department of Education?
 - (c) If not, what action has been taken against the staff member?
- (2)

- (a) Is the Minister aware that in a video available online Michael Plaege, Chairman of the "High School Scripture Board" describes the teaching of Special Religious Education at three public Central Coast high schools as a "huge and exciting mission field right on our doorstep"?
 - (b) Are those comments endorsed by the Minister and Department of Education?
 - (c) If not, what action has been taken against the High School Scripture Board
- (3) Will the Government take steps to issue a clarification for all NSW public school teachers and executive staff as well as to Special Religious Education providers and providers of voluntary religious activities to assert that New South Wales public schools are not "mission fields"?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The video was removed from the Christ Church website.
- (b) No.
- (c) This process is being managed by the Director, Public Schools NSW, Ku-ring-gai Network, in accordance with departmental policies and procedures.

(2)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No.
- (c) This process is being managed by the Director, Public Schools NSW, Wyong Network, in line with departmental policies and procedures.

- (3) On 25 March 2015 the Religious Education Implementation Procedures were updated which clarify and address the issues raised in this question.

*336 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PORT MACQUARIE MARINE RESCUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How much funding has the Government provided in support of the Port Macquarie Marine Rescue service and facilities for each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-15 to date?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2011-12?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services.

*337 EDUCATION—MACQUARIE BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1)

- (a) What cost benefit analysis was conducted regarding the future of the Macquarie Boys Technology High School prior to the decision to sell off the site?
- (b) What was the estimated cost of reopening the school and putting proper resources into upgrading its facilities and encouraging enrolments?

(2) What considerations were given to reopening the school and using money from the public schools capital budget to upgrade the facilities?

(3) What is the value of the land now?

(4) What will the money raised from the sale of the site be used for?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Government will invest over \$100 million to redevelop the Arthur Phillip High School and the Parramatta Primary School to increase the enrolment capacity to 2,000 and 1,000 students respectively. This increase, along with the \$40 million investment to construct a 1,000 student

primary school on the Old Kings School site, will significantly increase places available in the Parramatta Local Government Area.

The Macquarie Boys High School was closed by the previous Labor Government.

*338 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—KEEP THEM SAFE OUTCOMES EVALUATION—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

Given that the 2014 Evaluation Report states that it is too early to tell after five years if early intervention initiatives are contributing to a reduction of children being abused or neglected:

- (1) When will the Government carry out a second evaluation to see to what extent the early intervention programs are keeping the children of New South Wales safer and how they may be improved or expanded?
- (2) When will the Minister for Family and Community Services instigate evaluation of the individual programs identified in the Evaluation Report as being too soon to be able to be effectively evaluated, such as the early intervention programs, the support of Aboriginal families and communities, the changes to the multi-agency approach to intervention, the home visiting programs, and other individual programs that make up the total Keep Them Safe incentives?
- (3) Why does New South Wales, according to the evaluation, have such a comparatively high reporting of children suspected of being at risk of significant harm even after increasing the threshold from 'harm' to 'significant harm'?
- (4)
 - (a) Is the high incidence of child protection reports and child removal relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in New South Wales is as a result of underlying problems of intergenerational disadvantage?
 - (b) If so, what are the plans for addressing Aboriginal Child Protection within the context of widespread poverty, physical and mental ill health, substance abuse, low life expectancy, unemployment, lower educational achievement, homelessness and other indicators of disadvantage?
- (5) What steps have been taken in the past year, since the release of the evaluation report in June 2014, to increase the rate of face to face assessment of the most vulnerable children, aged 0 to 5 years, from almost one in two Aboriginal children and one in three non-Aboriginal children reported as being at Risk of Significant Harm?
- (6) In the light of the evaluation report stating that 'many service providers do not feel confident in supporting families with higher need', with issues such as domestic violence, mental ill health, substance abuse and intergenerational poverty, what steps are being taken to put more resources into building capacity for these service providers so that, even if the children are removed, the family is assisted to make the changes so that their future children will be safe?
- (7) What action has been taken in response to the criticism in the Evaluation Report that the interagency approach to intervention in serious cases of abuse and neglect requires a strategic framework for the co-ordination of all the agencies involved in the individual cases?
- (8) With the relatively limited attention to the plight of the abused and neglected adolescents in the KTS program, when will the evaluation be carried and reported on the FACS 'Better Lives for Vulnerable Teenagers' program introduced in response to the concerns for this group raised by the NSW Ombudsman in July 2012?
- (9) With the relatively limited attention to the safety of the children and young people whose reports of significant harm are discarded on the basis of 'competing priorities' in the KTS evaluation, when will the data and details be released on this group of children?
- (10) What extra budget allocations are being made to the Department of Family and Community Services to increase the resources so as to enable them to carry out their responsibilities in terms of assessing which children and young people who are the subject of reports are in need of care and protection, and in particular to increase the number of children reported at risk of significant harm who receive face-to-face assessment and or services?

Answer—

The Department of Family & Community Services (FACS) is continuing to invest in evaluations aimed at providing evidence to inform policy reforms and service improvements.

It is not possible to directly compare jurisdictional data across in Australia, due to the different ways in which risk of significant harm is defined and identified.

FACS is committed to working with Aboriginal people and other government agencies to reduce disadvantage in Aboriginal communities. FACS, through its Districts, is working with communities so that they are responsive and relevant to local needs.

FACS continues to progress a number of strategies and initiatives to increase the rate of face to face assessments. This includes recruitment initiatives to attract and retain caseworkers in hard-to-fill locations.

FACS is developing and implementing a number of strategies designed to enhance and improve interagency collaboration and strengthen the capacity of partner agencies to respond to high risk families, including high level inter-departmental collaboration through co-design, consultation and other planning mechanisms.

FACS data is publicly available.

The 2015/16 FACS budget will continue to support our goal of providing vulnerable children and young people with long-term, stable environments.

*339 HEALTH—AMBULANCE CALLS IN NURSING HOMES—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

- (a) What is the total number of nursing home facilities operating?
- (b) What is the overall bed capacity of all these facilities?

(2)

- (a) In New South Wales nursing homes for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made?
- (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:

- (i) 12:00 am to 1:00 am?
- (ii) 1:00 am to 2:00 am?
- (iii) 2:00 am to 3:00 am?
- (iv) 3:00 am to 4:00 am?
- (v) 4:00 am to 5:00 am?
- (vi) 5:00 am to 6:00 am?
- (vii) 6:00 am to 7:00 am?
- (viii) 7:00 am to 8:00 am?
- (ix) 8:00 am to 9:00 am?
- (x) 9:00 am to 10:00 am?
- (xi) 10:00 am to 11:00 am?
- (xii) 11:00 am to 12:00 pm?
- (xiii) 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm?
- (xiv) 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm?
- (xv) 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm?
- (xvi) 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm?
- (xvii) 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm?
- (xviii) 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm?
- (xix) 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm?
- (xx) 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm?
- (xxi) 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm?
- (xxii) 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm?
- (xxiii) 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm?
- (xxiv) 11:00 pm to 12:00 pm?

(3)

- (a) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 how many high care nursing homes were operating?
- (b) What is the overall bed capacity of these facilities?
- (4)
- (a) In New South Wales high care nursing homes for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 how many incidents requiring a triple zero ("000") call to Ambulance New South Wales were made in these facilities across this period?
- (b) Of these, how many were occurring during the hours:
- (i) 12:00 am to 1:00 am?
 - (ii) 1:00 am to 2:00 am?
 - (iii) 2:00 am to 3:00 am?
 - (iv) 3:00 am to 4:00 am?
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 - (xv) 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm?
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Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Honourable Member is referred to the response for Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0223.

*340 EDUCATION—“TEEN SEX BY THE BOOK”—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister for Education aware that Youthworks is still advertising on its Authorised Curriculum page on its website (<http://www.youthworks.net/sre/authorised-curriculum>) the book "Teen Sex By the Book" as a resource for use in Special Religious Education lessons, under the headline "Click here to view teaching resources available from CEP"?
- (2) What steps will the Minister take to stop Youthworks from advertising this book that, in his words, "is not authorised by the Anglican Church for use in New South Wales government schools"?

Answer—

On the CEP website there is a specific note indicating that this is not an authorised text for NSW State School Special Religious Education (SRE). The resource is not included in the Anglican Church's SRE curriculum delivered in NSW Public Schools.

*341 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NON-OPERATIONAL RAIL LINES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How does the Government manage and maintain non-operational or disused railway lines in New South Wales?
- (2) Who carries out the management and maintenance of non-operational or disused railway lines in New South Wales?
- (3) How much has the Government spent on the management and maintenance of non-operational or disused railway lines in NSW, broken down by each rail line for each financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15 to date?
 - (b) 2013-14?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2011-12?
- (4) What is the total cost of managing and maintaining non-operational or disused railway lines in New South Wales since 1 July 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Country Regional Network includes rail lines totaling 3,127 kilometres located across NSW that have been made non-operational over a long period of time due to low rail traffic demand and condition of the lines.

John Holland Rail carries out the management and maintenance of non-operational or disused railway lines in NSW. The scope of work includes an annual inspection, management of noxious weeds, vermin control and identifying and addressing general safety risks to the public.

The total cost of managing and maintaining non-operational or disused railway lines in NSW for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2015 is about \$6.6 million.

*342 LANDS AND WATER—ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) The Auditor-General's report to Parliament Volume Fourteen 2014 focusing on Trade and Investment indicated that at 30 June 2014 the land title for 287 approved Aboriginal land claims had not been transferred to the claimants:
 - (a) How many of these transfers have now been completed?
- (2) The Auditor-General's report to Parliament Volume Fourteen 2014 focusing on Trade and Investment indicated that at 30 June 2014 504 Aboriginal land claims that were more than ten years old remained unprocessed:
 - (a) How many of these claims have now been determined?
 - (b) How many of these claims were approved?
 - (c) Of the approved claims, how many have had the land title transferred to the claimants?
- (3) How many Aboriginal land claims are currently awaiting determination?
- (4) How many claims have been made since 30 June 2014?
- (5)
 - (a) How many claims have been determined since 30 June 2014?
 - (b) How many of these claims were approved?
 - (c) Of the approved claims, how many have had the land title transferred to the claimants?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 the land title for 54 Aboriginal Land Claims covering an area of approximately 900 hectares have been surveyed and transferred.
- (2)
 - (a) Two of these claims have been determined.
 - (b) Both of these claims have been granted in the majority.
 - (c) The transfer of part of these lands has been completed and it is anticipated the balance will be completed before the end of this year.
- (3) As at July 2015 there are currently 28,021 Aboriginal Land Claims awaiting determination.
- (4) Since 1 July 2014 there have been 2,408 new Aboriginal Land Claims lodged.
- (5)
 - (a) Since 1 July 2014 there have been 208 Aboriginal Land Claims determined or finalised.
 - (b) 15 of these claims were granted or partly granted.
 - (c) Of these granted claims 10 have had title transferred to the claimant land council.

*343 EDUCATION—PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many non-executive permanent teaching appointments were made in New South Wales public schools in each of the past five years?
- (2) For each of the past 5 years:
 - (a) how many of those identified in question 1 were appointments made through the statewide transfer system?
 - (b) how many of those identified in question 1 were appointments made through a merit selection

process?

(3) For each of the past 5 years:

- (a) on how many occasions of those identified in question 1 that were appointments made by merit selection process was the successful applicant a teacher from outside the school in question?
 (b) on how many occasions was the successful applicant a temporary teacher at the time of the application in the school in question?

Answer—

(1)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of non-executive teaching appointments	3,974	3,867	3,961	3,145	3,272

(2)

(a)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of non-executive teacher statewide transfers	1,872 (47%)	1,444 (37%)	1,475 (37%)	789 (25%)	744 (23%)

(b)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of non-executive teacher appointments through merit selection*	1,349 (34%)	1,553 (40%)	1,655 (42%)	1,207 (38%)	1,457 (45%)

* Merit is defined as those positions that have been filled by local choice, either through open advertisement or closed expressions of interest, with comparative assessment of candidates undertaken by a panel.

(3)

(a)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014

Merit selection: number of successful applicants who were a teacher from outside the school in question	670 (50%)	760 (49%)	793 (48%)	474 (39%)	516 (35%)
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(b)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Merit selection: number of successful applicants who were a temporary teacher at the time of the application in the school in question	652 (48%)	771 (50%)	822 (50%)	711 (59%)	922 (63%)

*344 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—STANDARDS OF EQUIPMENT WHEN PROVIDING A REFURBISHED OR REPLACED ITEM—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) When a company replaces a product with a refurbished or like-for-like product, what steps has the Government taken to ensure that "refurbished" or "like-for-like" are defined to a standard that the average customer would consider acceptable?
- (2) Has the general standard of products used as replacement items or like-for-like models ever been investigated by the Government?

Answer—

All consumer products in Australia, including those used as refurbished or like-for-like replacement items, continue to be subject to consumer guarantees, product safety requirements and standards under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) and fair trading laws of each state and territory.

Consumer guarantees under the ACL include ensuring products are of an acceptable quality, are fit for purpose, have been accurately described and match any sample or demonstration model.

Consumer products must also be safe, comply with any relevant mandatory standards and not be subject to any bans before they are supplied. Severe penalties apply to traders or manufacturers who do not comply with product safety requirements.

If a repairer uses refurbished parts or products as replacement items, they must give the consumer a written repair notice before accepting goods for repair. This notice must include specific wording required by the ACL that states, "Goods presented for repair may be replaced by refurbished goods of the same type rather than being repaired."

*345 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MACLEAY RIVER SHELLFISH—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1)
 - (a) How many times, including dates and duration of each instance, has the Macleay River been closed to shellfish or oyster harvesting in the past five years?
 - (b) For each instance of closure, what was the reason for the closure?
- (2) Is it within the authority of the local shellfish committee to close the Macleay River to shellfish or oyster harvesting for any reason other than environmental or health reasons, for example by agreement of committee members?
- (3) What auditing measures are in place to ensure that required oyster grower contributions to funding for shellfish quality assurance sampling are received and expended accordingly?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Various parts of the Macleay River shellfish program harvest areas have been closed on 39 occasions in the five year period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015. Note that on three occasions an environmental closure ran into a seasonal closure and hence the two events are reported as a single closure. On another two occasions an area was closed for environmental reasons but the local shellfish program did not recommence sampling to re-open the area until spring and so these closures effectively include a seasonal closure.
 - (b) Details are summarised in Table 1. A table has been provided, please contact the Table office 9230 2431.
- (2) The 29 currently active shellfish estuaries in NSW are covered by 27 local shellfish programs and each program is managed by a local shellfish committee. Members of each local shellfish committee can determine periods during which the program ceases to undertake the environmental monitoring and shellfish testing that is required to assure the safety of harvested product and keep the harvest area open. When this occurs the committee advises the NSW Food Authority and the NSW Food Authority closes the harvest area during this period. The shellfish industry refers to these closures as seasonal closures.
- (3) Each local shellfish program must hold an annual general meeting (AGM) where expenditure for the previous year and budget for the coming year are tabled. Members use these figures to set the local levy payable by each member to fund the program for the coming year. The NSW Food Authority collects the local levy on behalf of the local shellfish program and remits these funds in full to the local shellfish program.

After the AGM, each local shellfish program provides the NSW Food Authority with Minutes of the AGM, reconciliation of expenditure for the previous year and full accounts for the previous year, and the budget agreed by the committee for the coming year.

The NSW Food Authority verifies all figures provided by local shellfish programs. Payments to local shellfish programs are contingent upon this information being provided and passing the required checks. Financial information provided by each local shellfish program is also available for review by the Audit Office of NSW as part of its annual audit of the NSW Food Authority accounts.

*346 HEALTH—AMBULANCE CALLS IN NURSING HOMES—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) In New South Wales for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010:
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Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Honourable Member is referred to the response for Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0223.

*347 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—PHONE SERVICE WAITING TIMES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What was the average phone wait time for the Link2Home referral service each month between March 2014 and May 2015?
 (2) What was the average phone wait time for the Domestic Violence Line service each month between March 2014 and May 2015?

Answer—

- (1) The Link2home service did not go live until July 2014. The average waiting time from July 2014 to May 2015 was around four minutes.
 (2) Waiting times vary for each month. The average waiting time for calls to the NSW Domestic Violence Line was around one minute.

*348 EDUCATION—SITE FOR NEW INNER CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1)
 - (a) Has any consideration been given by the Government or the Department of Education to the re-use as the site of a new public primary school of the state government-owned former C R Kennedy site located at 108 Miller Street in Pymont, proposed to be sold according to a Government Property NSW media release dated 7 May 2015?
 - (b) If no investigation has taken place into the potential for this site, why has this option not been explored?
 - (c) If consideration was given, what were the reasons for rejecting the location as a site for a new public primary school?

Answer—

At 1,846sqm, this site is a third of the size of the existing Ultimo Public School site and as such, is not suitable for redevelopment as a public primary school.

*349 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BARYULGIL ASBESTOS ISSUES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What the current state of the Baryulgil community and the impacts the asbestos mine has had on residents and mine workers?
- (2)
 - (a) How many people are estimated to have been exposed to asbestos at Baryulgil?
 - (b) How many people have died of asbestos-related causes?
 - (c) How many asbestos victims are still alive?
 - (d) What continued care and support is being provided?
- (3) What compensation and or medical provision has been provided?
- (4)
 - (a) What has happened to the original mine site?
 - (b) What form of rehabilitation has occurred?
- (5) What audit or assessment has been done of asbestos in Baryulgil and surrounding community?
- (6) What medical tests of current community members have been undertaken in the last 12 months?
- (7) Do Clarence Valley Council or other councils, Roads and Maritime Services or state government contractors use any asbestos bearing rock, such as blue serpentine, or silaceous gravel in any of their civil engineering works such as roads and construction?
- (8)
 - (a) Do the roads around the Baryulgil community contain asbestos?
 - (b) Has the Government undertaken an audit to determine this?
- (9) What is the average timeframe for the Dust Diseases Board assessing compensation claims of asbestos related diseases?
- (10) What is the 'success' rate of compensation claims with the Dust Diseases Board?
- (11)
 - (a) Is there ongoing monitoring of asbestos levels in the soil and air at Baryulgil and surrounds?
 - (b) What is the frequency of this monitoring and who undertakes it?
- (12) In response to the NSW Ombudsman's report of November 2011, what additional funding has the Government provided to help prevent exposure to asbestos throughout New South Wales?
- (13) What is the status of the Commonwealth Government's original \$160 million loan to New South Wales to ensure that asbestos victims will receive their full entitlement to compensation?
- (14) In 2008, it was predicted that approximately 20 per cent of Baryulgil residents would die from asbestos related diseases:

- (a) What percentage of residents have died from asbestos related disease?
 - (b) What is the total percentage expected to be?
- (15)
- (a) Where is the closest respiratory specialist to Baryulgil capable of making an assessment of potential asbestos related disease?
 - (b) How do Baryulgil residents access this specialist?

Answer—

- (1) This question would be more appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide a response.
- (2) This question would be more appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide a response
- (3) The Workers Compensation Dust Diseases Board (DDB) in Safety, Return to Work and Support has digital searchable records back to January 2000. In the period January 2000 to date, the DDB has provided dust diseases compensation to seven workers who were employed at the Baryulgil asbestos mine. However, there is no way of knowing which occupational exposure in each worker's work history was responsible for their dust disease. For any individual, their exposure at Baryulgil may have been more significant or less significant than other occupational exposures. These seven workers were provided with fortnightly workers' compensation benefits at the statutory rate plus compensation for all hospital and medical expenses which were reasonably necessary as a result of their dust disease.
- (4) See answer (1).
- (5) See answer (1).
- (6) This question would be more appropriate for the Minister for Health to provide a response.
- (7) This question would be more appropriate for the Minister for Environment and Minister for Heritage to provide a response.
- (8) This question would be more appropriate for the Minister for Environment and Minister for Heritage to provide a response.
- (9) In the 2013/2014 financial year, the DDB determined 44 per cent of compensation applications within 60 days.
- (10) In the financial year 2013/2014 the DDB received 516 applications for compensation. In that year the DDB made 422 new awards for compensation. By this crude measure the 'success' rate was 87.6 per cent. However, a proportion of those new awards for compensation were to workers who had applied to the DDB before 1 July 2013.
- (11) See answer (1).
- (12) The Government's 2011 response to the NSW Ombudsman's 2010 report Responding to the asbestos problem: The need for significant reform in NSW outlined its actions. These included the establishment of the HACA. The HACA's coordinated prevention programs include a State-wide Plan for asbestos, an asbestos blueprint, a model asbestos policy for local councils and a comprehensive public awareness campaign to promote the safe handling of asbestos and help prevent the risk of exposure to asbestos related diseases in the New South Wales community. The State-wide Asbestos Plan targets four priority areas: research, risk, communication, prevention and co-ordination. Funding of \$7.78 million was provided specifically for prevention initiatives under the plan. The HACA also provides funding to the annual asbestos awareness campaign.
- (13) This question would be more appropriate for the Treasurer to provide a response.
- (14) This question would be more appropriate for the Minister for Health to provide a response.
- (15) See answer (14).

*350 ATTORNEY GENERAL—VICTIMS COMPENSATION CHANGES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

- (1) What changes is the Government making to the victims compensation scheme to address identified unfairness in the retrospective changes made to it in 2013?

- (2) When will further information about these changes be placed on the Victims Services website?
- (3) What relief is proposed for victims of crime who had their compensation entitlements affected by the changes?
- (4) How many victims of crime lost their rights due to the retrospective changes in 2013?
- (5) How many of the victims of crime identified in question (4) are expected to have their rights restored as a result of fresh changes to the law?

Answer—

The NSW Government made a commitment that those victims of crime whose claims were in the transition between the old Victims Compensation Scheme to the new Victims Support Scheme will be eligible to have their claims re-assessed.

An announcement regarding the delivery of the scheme will be made shortly.

*351 HEALTH—AMBULANCE CALLS IN NURSING HOMES—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

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 - (ii) 1:00 am to 2:00 am?
 - (iii) 2:00 am to 3:00 am?
 - (iv) 3:00 am to 4:00 am?
 - (v) 4:00 am to 5:00 am?
 - (vi) 5:00am to 6:00 am?
 - (vii) 6:00 am to 7:00 am?
 - (viii) 7:00 am to 8:00 am?
 - (ix) 8:00 am to 9:00 am?
 - (x) 9:00 am to 10:00 am?
 - (xi) 10:00 am to 11:00 am?
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- (xxiii) 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm?
- (xxiv) 11:00 pm to 12:00 pm?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (6) The Honourable Member is referred to the response for Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0223.

*352 HEALTH—BARYULGIL ASBESTOS ISSUES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current state of the Baryulgil community and the impacts the asbestos mine has had on residents and mine workers?
- (2)
 - (a) How many people are estimated to have been exposed to asbestos at Baryulgil?
 - (b) How many people have died of asbestos-related causes?
 - (c) How many asbestos victims are still alive?
 - (d) What continued care and support is being provided?
- (3) What compensation and or medical provision has been provided?
- (4)
 - (a) What has happened to the original mine site?
 - (b) What form of rehabilitation has occurred?
- (5) What audit or assessment has been done of asbestos in Baryulgil and surrounding community?
- (6) What medical tests of current community members have been undertaken in the last 12 months?
- (7) Does Clarence Valley Council or other councils, Roads and Maritime Services or state government contractors use any asbestos bearing rock, such as blue serpentine, or silaceous gravel in any of its civil engineering works such as roads and construction?
- (8)
 - (a) Do the roads around the Baryulgil community contain asbestos?
 - (b) Has the Government undertaken an audit to determine this?
- (9) What is the average timeframe for the Dust Diseases Board assessing compensation claims of asbestos related diseases?
- (10) What is the 'success' rate of compensation claims with the Dust Diseases Board?
- (11)
 - (a) Is there ongoing monitoring of asbestos levels in the soil and air at Baryulgil and surrounds?
 - (b) What is the frequency of this monitoring and who undertakes it?
- (12) In response to the NSW Ombudsman's report of November 2011, what additional funding has the Government provided to help prevent exposure to asbestos throughout New South Wales?
- (13) What is the status of the Commonwealth Government's original \$160 million loan to New South Wales to ensure that asbestos victims will receive their full entitlement to compensation?
- (14) In 2008, it was predicted that approximately 20 per cent of Baryulgil residents would die from asbestos related diseases:
 - (a) What percentage of residents have died from asbestos related disease?
 - (b) What is the total percentage expected to be?
- (15)

- (a) Where is the closest respiratory specialist to Baryulgil capable of making an assessment of potential asbestos related disease?
- (b) How do Baryulgil residents access this specialist?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

- (1) to (15) The Honourable Member is referred to the response to her 2014 question, LC0226.

*353 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—BARYULGIL ASBESTOS ISSUES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What the current state of the Baryulgil community and the impacts the asbestos mine has had on residents and mine workers?
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 - (a) How many people are estimated to have been exposed to asbestos at Baryulgil?
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- (7) Do Clarence Valley Council or other councils, Roads and Maritime Services or state government contractors use any asbestos bearing rock, such as blue serpentine, or silaceous gravel in any of its civil engineering works such as roads and construction?
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 - (b) How do Baryulgil residents access this specialist?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

*354 ATTORNEY GENERAL—NSW CORRECTIVE SERVICES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the average length of time that an inmate spends in custody?
- (2) What is the expected length of time that an inmate spends in custody?
- (3) What proportion of this time in question (1) and question (2) is spent on remand?
- (4) What proportion of the inmate population spends enough time in sentenced, as opposed to remand, custody to complete literacy programs that would bring them up to School Certificate standard?
- (5)
 - (a) Has this information already been assembled prior to January 2015?
 - (b) If so, for what purpose was it used?
- (6) Is School Certificate standard still considered by Corrective Services to be sufficient for survival in contemporary Australian society?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Corrections.

*355 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—BARYULGIL ASBESTOS ISSUES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What the current state of the Baryulgil community and the impacts the asbestos mine has had on residents and mine workers?
- (2)
 - (a) How many people are estimated to have been exposed to asbestos at Baryulgil?
 - (b) How many people have died of asbestos-related causes?
 - (c) How many asbestos victims are still alive?
 - (d) What continued care and support is being provided?
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- (a) Where is the closest respiratory specialist to Baryulgil capable of making an assessment of potential asbestos related disease?
 - (b) How do Baryulgil residents access this specialist?

Answer—

I am advised:

Matters related to the Dust Diseases Board should be referred to the Attorney General.

Roads and Maritime Services does not use any asbestos bearing rock, such as blue serpentine or siliceous gravel in any of its works.

The roads leading to and through the Baryulgil community are under the care, control and ownership of the local Council.

*356 PREMIER—RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) The Ombudsman's December 2012 report entitled 'Responding to child sexual assault in Aboriginal communities' has not received a formal Government response. For each of the report's 93 recommendations, please indicate:
- (a) whether the Government supports the recommendation?
 - (b) whether any action that has been taken to implement the recommendation?

Answer—

The NSW Government welcomed the report 'Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities' released by the NSW Ombudsman in December 2012. The Government's comprehensive progress report responding to the key themes of the Ombudsman's report has been published and is publicly available at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/publications> .

*357 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) The Ombudsman's December 2012 report entitled 'Responding to child sexual assault in Aboriginal communities' has not received a formal Government response. For each of the report's 93 recommendations, please indicate:
- (a) whether the Government supports the recommendation?
 - (b) whether any action that has been taken to implement the recommendation?

Answer—

The NSW Government's comprehensive progress report responding to the key themes of the Ombudsman's report is publicly available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website: www.facs.nsw.gov.au

*358 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—RESPONDING TO CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) The Ombudsman's December 2012 report entitled 'Responding to child sexual assault in Aboriginal communities' has not received a formal Government response. For each of the report's 93 recommendations, please indicate:
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*359 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NORTH COAST PULP LOGS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many pulp logs were produced the Upper North East, and Lower North East Regional Forest Agreement regions respectively in 2014 -15?
- (2) What are pulp logs in the Upper North East, and Lower North East Regional Forest Agreement regions used for?
- (3) How many customers are there for pulp logs in these Regions?
- (4) What is the royalty for:
 - (a) pulp logs in the Upper North East, and Lower North East Regional Forest Agreement regions?
 - (b) salvage logs in the Upper North East, and Lower North East Regional Forest Agreement regions?

Answer—

- (1) Forestry Corporation of NSW does not count the number of logs sold. Pulp logs are sold by the tonne and the corporation sold 18,037 tonnes.
- (2) Forestry Corporation of NSW sells logs. The use these are put to is determined by the customers who purchase them.
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- (4)
 - (a) Average royalty for 2014-15 sales is \$7.67 per tonne
 - (b) Average royalty for 2014-15 sales is \$17.45 per tonne

*360 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BIOMASS ROYALTIES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What is the current rate of royalty for native forest wood in the Southern Regional Forest Agreement region and the Eden Regional Forest Agreement region for Biomass for electricity production?
- (2) Does this differ according to whether the wood is a whole log or post logging debris such as branches?
- (3) On what basis is the royalty rate determined?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Forestry Corporation of NSW does not have any contracts in place for the sale of timber for Biomass and as such, there is no royalty rate in place.

*361 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FIREWOOD FOR SALE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Under what circumstances are logging contractors permitted to collect firewood from logging operations in State Forests for private sale?
- (2) Have any logging contractors in the South Coast Region been permitted to fell, process or salvage timber for private sale as firewood?
 - (a) If so, please provide details.

Answer—

- (1) A logging contractor is able to become a customer of Forestry Corporation of NSW (Forestry Corporation) and purchase firewood as a delivered sale product. The product is supplied by Forestry Corporation to the customer from a suitable harvesting operation.
- (2) In the 2015 financial year the following contractors were set up as customers and purchased the volumes of miscellaneous grade timber outlined below:

L W & C K COCKS	62.0 tonnes
MCKINNELLS PTY	66.5 tonnes
WILTON LOGGING	419.1 tonnes

*362 DISABILITY SERVICES—DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION EXPENDITURE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) The 2014-15 Budget allocated \$1,630,570,000 to provide supported accommodation for people with a disability, however only \$1,607,124,000 was spent, what is the reason for this?
- (2) The 2014-15 Budget allocated \$182,960,000 for capital expenditure to provide supported accommodation for people with a disability, however only \$171,096,000 was spent, what is the reason for this?

Answer—

I am advised:

Due to construction delays, the majority of underspend has been made available in 2015- 2016.

*363 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS-MULGOA—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?
- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*364 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS-HEATHCOTE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15?

- (b) 2015-16?
- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-15?
- (b) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*365 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS-DUBBO—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-15?
- (b) 2015-16?
- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-15?
- (b) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*366 HEALTH—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES - ORANGE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised by Minister for Health:

Health resources are not allocated by electorate. The Treasurer's Budget Speech of 23 June 2015 announced a record 21 billion budget for health in 2015-16. The 2015-16 budget includes investment of a record \$1.4 billion on health infrastructure for NSW.

*367 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS-BATHURST—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-15?
- (b) 2015-16?

- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*368 DISABILITY SERVICES—NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME CONSULTATIONS—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) What consultation is the Government undertaking with people with a disability in relation to the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in the next six months?
- (2) What consultation is the Government undertaking with carers of people with a disability in relation to the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in the next six months?
- (3) What consultation is the Government undertaking with disability service providers in relation to the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in the next six months?
- (4) Will public consultations be held in regional areas across NSW to provide opportunities for people affected by the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme to receive information and communicate their views to the Government in the next six months?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The NSW and Commonwealth Governments are in the process of finalising the bilateral agreement for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that details how the NDIS will roll out across NSW. Once the final agreement has been reached, information about how and when people will be able to access the NDIS will be available to assist people with disability and their families, service providers and the broader market to prepare for the transition to the NDIS.

The NSW Government is working with local government, disability peak groups, the disability sector, and people with disability, their families and carers to ensure everyone in the community has access to the right information at the right time about the NDIS rollout across NSW and readiness activities, including regional areas across the state.

*369 HEALTH—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES - MULGOA—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

The Honourable Member is referred to the response to Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0366.

*370 HEALTH—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES - DUBBO—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the

electorate of Dubbo in 2014-15?

- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

The Honourable Member is referred to the response to Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0366.

*371 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ROAD PROJECTS-ORANGE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?
- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*372 HEALTH—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES - BATHURST—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

The Honourable Member is referred to the response to Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0366.

*373 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ROAD PROJECTS-MULGOA—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?

- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in the following financial years:
- 2014-15?
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Answer—

I am advised:

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*374 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ROAD PROJECTS-HEATHCOTE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in the following financial years:
- 2014-15?
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- (2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in the following financial years:
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Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*375 ATTORNEY GENERAL—INMATES HELD IN POLICE CELLS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

- (1) In 2014 how many inmates were held in police cells, in table form, for the following time periods :
- minimum?
 - first quartile?
 - median?
 - third quartile?
 - maximum?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Corrections.

*376 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ROAD PROJECTS-DUBBO—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in the following financial years:
- 2014-15?
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 - 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*377 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ROAD PROJECTS-BATHURST—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in the following financial years:

- (a) 2014-15?
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(2) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for roads projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in the following financial years:

- (a) 2014-15?
- (b) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

*378 AGEING—GRANDPARENTS DAY FUNDING—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

(1)

- (a) Will the Government commit to continue allocating funding for Grandparents Day?
- (b) If so, how much funding will be committed?

Answer—

(1) Grandparents Day celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society, and recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.

I am advised Grandparents Day will be evaluated at the conclusion of the 2015 event.

*379 EDUCATION—EDUCATION PROJECTS FUNDING IN ORANGE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

(1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2014-15?

(2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2015-16?

(3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2014-15?

(4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2015-16?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Data relating to funding is contained in the NSW Budget papers and on the Department of Education's website.

*380 HEALTH—CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES - HEATHCOTE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

(1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2014-15?

(2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the

electorate of Heathcote in 2015-16?

- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for health projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health:

The Honourable Member is referred to the response to Legislative Council Question on Notice LC0366.

*381 PLANNING—PLANS TO REDEVELOP MOONEY MOONEY AND PEAT ISLAND—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the current status of plans to redevelop Mooney Mooney and Peat Island?
- (2) Will the Government consider returning these lands for community and environmental purposes and for the benefit of people with a disability?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Gosford City Council has requested a Gateway determination for a planning proposal for land at Mooney Mooney and Peat Island.
- (2) As the relevant lands are owned by Government Property NSW and NSW Roads and Maritime Services this question falls within the administration of the Minister for Finance, Services and Property and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*382 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE OFFICERS—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What procedures and practices are in place relating to the engagement and selection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officers?
- (2) Is there a schedule of fees for the services provided by Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural heritage consultation and investigation, including payments, is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*383 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—NON-GOVERNMENT PROVIDER FOR HOME CARE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) On 13 November 2014 the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism informed the House that the Government would "move to select a non-government provider for home care by the middle to end of 2015":
 - (a) Will the Government meet this objective in the timeframe given on 13 November 2014?
 - (b) Which non-government organisations submitted an expression of interest in acquiring Home Care through the expression of interest process which closed on 24 February 2015?

Answer—

- (1) In January this year, the NSW Government invited interested parties to lodge an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Home Care Service as a whole. The EOI closed on 24 February 2015.

The NSW Government will not comment on the transfer process due to strict confidentiality and probity arrangements.

*384 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—EXAMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY LANGUAGE ALLOWANCE SCHEME—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) As of 25 June 2015, the website of Multicultural NSW says that examinations for the Community Language Allowance Scheme are "currently on hold":
 - (a) How long have examinations been on hold?
 - (b) Why are examinations on hold?
 - (c) When will examinations resume?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) to (c) The New South Wales Government's Community Language Allowance Scheme (CLAS) is a fundamental tool in the provision of high quality customer service in a culturally diverse society. The restructure of Multicultural NSW is on track for completion.

*385 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—NSW ELDER ABUSE HELPLINE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) How many calls have been received by the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline since it was established?
- (2) How many calls were received by the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline during 2014?
- (3) What assistance has been provided in response to calls received by the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) The NSW Elder Abuse Helpline forms part of the NSW Ageing Strategy, a whole-of-government approach, to help seniors live healthy, active and socially connected lives.

The NSW Helpline & Resource Unit offers the following services:

- A helpline offering information, support and referrals for people who experience, witness or suspect the abuse of older people living in community in NSW.
- Resources and training for service providers.
- Awareness raising and information sessions for community groups to promote preventative strategies to reduce the abuse of older people in NSW.

I am advised as at 30 June 2015, the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline has received over 3,000 calls since it commenced in March 2013.

Details about the services provided by the Elder Abuse Helpline are available through the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*386 LANDS AND WATER—BELONGIL BEACH ROCKWALL—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Is the construction of a seawall at Belongil consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine, which requires the Crown to manage the foreshore for public use in perpetuity?
- (2) How much of the construction is located on Crown Land?
- (3) Has the Minister for Lands and Water provided approval for the construction of the rockwall?
- (4)
 - (a) Has the Minister sought departmental advice on the nature and potential impact of the works?
 - (b) Is the Minister relying on the information provided by Byron Shire Council in the Review of Environmental Factors?
- (5) Is the Minister satisfied that the information provided by Byron Shire Council in relation to the Interim Beach Access Stabilisation (IBAS) works is sufficient for the Minister's granting of approval for the construction of a rockwall on Belongil Beach that has implications for Crown land?
- (6) Does the Minister accept the advice of the Coastal Panel that the IBAS will increase the erosion at Belongil Beach and not halt it?

- (7)
- (a) Did the Minister consider the advice of the NSW Coastal Panel in response to the rockwall construction proposal by Byron Shire Council?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (8) Has the Minister sought legal advice on the Government's future liability in relation to the Byron Shire rockwall construction?
 - (9) Does the Minister accept the use of the Infrastructure SEPP as a planning process to allow the progression of the rockwall?
 - (10) Has the Minister sought additional advice from the Minister for Planning or the Coastal Panel in response to the Coastal Panel's advice that the works will cut off beach access and produce additional erosion and create dangerous conditions to swimmers and members of public?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The proposed rockwall construction at Manfred Street is not on Crown Land.
- (3) to (10) As the proponent and determining authority under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 the onus rests with Council to examine and take into account to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment.

- *387 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—REPORTING OF OLDER WORKERS EMPLOYED BY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

The Annual Report of the Department of Family and Community Services for 2013-14 contains information on the Department's workforce, including the information on women employees, Indigenous employment, multicultural employment, employment of people with a disability: given a 2015 report by the Australian Human Rights Commission one-in-four older Australians have experienced discrimination at work, will the Government also include information on the number of older people employed by the Department?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the age profile of the NSW Public Sector workforce can be found in the NSW Public Service Commission Workforce Profile Report 2014, which is available on the Public Service Commission website at: www.psc.nsw.gov.au .

- *388 EDUCATION—EDUCATION PROJECTS FUNDING IN MULGOA—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Mulgoa in 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Data relating to funding is contained in the NSW Budget papers and on the Department of Education's website.

- *389 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—ERNST AND YOUNG REPORT FOR AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE PROGRAM—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) During 2013-14 the Government paid \$148,500 to Ernst & Young for "Ageing, Disability and Home Care Program Management Advice":

- (a) Has this advice been made publicly available?
- (b) If the advice has been made publicly available, where can it be accessed?
- (c) If the advice has not been made publicly available, why has it not been made publicly available?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:

The NSW Government paid \$148,500 in 2013-14 to Ernst & Young to undertake the initial planning to establish structures and processes that support the Department of Family and Community Services to work towards the transition of Government services to the non-Government sector.

The NSW Government will not comment on the transfer process due to strict confidentiality and probity arrangements.

*390 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—REPORTING OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND ADVISORY STRUCTURES—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) On page 44 of the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report for 2013-14 the Government committed to re-establish cultural diversity governance and advisory structures within the Department of Family and Community Services during 2014-15:
 - (a) Has the Government done this?
 - (b) If the Government has done this, where is further information about this initiative publicly available?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has two agency level multicultural advisory bodies as well as District based Multicultural Advisory Groups which help to support responsiveness to client needs at a local level.

These groups provide:

- a consultative forum for FACS on policy and operations in relation to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) clients and communities
- advice on the quality and effectiveness of FACS services for migrant, refugee and other CALD clients
- feedback on the implementation of Multicultural Policy and Services Program (MPSP) and the FACS Cultural Diversity Framework.

*391 EDUCATION—EDUCATION PROJECTS FUNDING IN HEATHCOTE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Heathcote in 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Data relating to funding is contained in the NSW Budget papers and on the Department of Education's website.

*392 EDUCATION—EDUCATION PROJECTS FUNDING IN DUBBO—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Dubbo in 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Data relating to funding is contained in the NSW Budget papers and on the Department of Education's website.

*393 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—REPORTING OF GOING HOME STAYING HOME REFORMS—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) Page 42 of the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report for 2013-14 states that the Government's Going Home Staying Home reforms "integrated the needs of local CALD communities."
 - (a) How many places in specialist homelessness services funded by Going Home Staying Home are targeted to the needs of local CALD communities?
 - (b) Which communities are targeted to receive places under this initiative?
 - (c) Has there has been a reduction in the number of places in specialist homelessness services dedicated to people from CALD communities since the introduction of Going Home Staying Home?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing as the Minister responsible for the Specialist Homelessness Services Program.

*394 EDUCATION—EDUCATION PROJECTS FUNDING IN BATHURST—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for education projects and initiatives in the electorate of Bathurst in 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Data relating to funding is contained in the NSW Budget papers and on the Department of Education's website.

*395 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—REPORTING OF CALD CUSTOMER SERVICE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) Page 42 of the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report for 2013-14 states that the Department has introduced a "CALD Customer Service Benchmarking assessment framework was developed to ... improve levels of customer service to CALD clients." In relation to this:
 - (a) How satisfied are CALD clients with the customer service provided by the Department of Family and Community Services?

- (b) What actions is the Government taking to improve levels of customer services in accordance with this benchmarking assessment framework?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Customer Service Benchmarking program utilises mystery shoppers to undertake independent assessments of the level of service provided by Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) Housing services staff.

Through the Customer Service Benchmarking program, FACS is able to analyse mystery shopper findings, and target training when areas for improvement are identified. Results are made available to all staff and reported to senior Housing services staff to promote a culture of continuous improvement in customer service.

- *396 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRANSPORT PROJECT FUNDING IN ORANGE—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2014-15?
- (2) What amount of capital funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2015-16?
- (3) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2014-15?
- (4) What amount of recurrent funding did the Government allocate for transport projects and initiatives in the electorate of Orange in 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

A detailed breakdown of capital investment is contained in the Budget Papers.

- *397 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—SAVINGS TO AVERAGE SENIOR'S ENERGY BILL—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

- (1) On 26 May 2015 the Government issued a media release saying that it would deliver savings for seniors with respect to their energy bills. In relation to this:
 - (a) What will be the effect on an average senior's energy bill if the Government's challenge to the most recent Australian Energy Regulator determination is successful?
 - (b) Will the increase in energy Bills proposed by the Government in its challenge to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination exceed the savings that are promised to seniors in the media release of 26 May 2015?

Answer—

Following the recent partnership with AGL, NSW Seniors Card holders can receive a 20 per cent discount off electricity usage charges and 18 per cent discount off gas usage charges.

Matters relating to the Australian Energy regulator should be referred to the Treasurer.

- *398 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—REMOTE AREA LOADING REMOVAL FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION APPLICATIONS—Ms Cotsis asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Which local government areas had remote area loading removed from the early childhood education applications in March 2014?
- (2) Which local government areas retain remote area loading for early childhood education funding applications?

- (3) What assistance is available from the New South Wales Government to support local government areas which lost the remote area loading in March 2014?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The NSW Government funds community preschools based on geographic location not on local government areas. The PFM remoteness loading is based on an ABS measure known as the Accessibility Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA+), as recommended by Professor Deborah Brennan in her independent review of NSW Government funding for early childhood education.
- (3) The NSW Government has established an Operational Support Program to assist identified services adjust to the Preschool Funding Model. This service helps develop the business and management skills necessary to operate an efficient and effective service, and to ensure sustainability of the service over the longer term.

*399 PLANNING—BELONGIL BEACH ROCKWALL—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Is the construction of a seawall at Belongil consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine, which requires the Crown to manage the foreshore for public use in perpetuity?
- (2)
- (a) Has the Minister for Planning provided approval for the construction of the rockwall?
- (b) If so, when?
- (3)
- (a) Has the Minister considered the Review of Environmental Factors (REF)?
- (b) If so, does the Minister accept that the REF is sufficient to consider the effects and impacts of the Interim Beach Access Stabilisation (IBAS)?
- (4) How much of the construction is located on Crown Land?
- (5) Does the Minister accept the advice of the Coastal Panel that the IBAS will increase the erosion at Belongil Beach and not halt it?
- (6)
- (a) Did the Minister consider the advice of the NSW Coastal Panel in response to the rockwall construction proposal by Byron Shire Council?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (c) If so, did it inform the Minister's decision?
- (7)
- (a) Is the Government providing funding to the IBAS?
- (b) If so, why?
- (c) How much funding has been made available?
- (d) If not, why not?
- (8)
- (a) Is the IBAS works appropriate for the location?
- (b) If so, why?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (9)
- (a) Has the Minister taken legal advice regarding the construction of the IBAS rockwall?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (10)
- (a) Has the Minister taken legal advice in relation to any precedent that may be set by the construction of the rockwall IBAS in relation to the history of opposition to the use of rocks in Byron Shire and the Government's history of concurrence for works on the Byron Shire coastline?

- (b) If so, when?
(c) If not, why not?
- (11)
(a) Has the Minister sought legal advice on future liability in relation to the Byron Shire rockwall construction?
(b) If so, when?
(c) If not, why not?
- (12)
(a) Is the use of the Infrastructure SEPP for the approval of the rockwall IBAS appropriate?
(b) If so, why?
(c) If not, why not?
- (13) What is the definition of the term 'interim'?
- (14)
(a) Is there a requirement for works described as 'interim' to be conditioned for removal?
(b) If so, what are they?
- (15)
(a) Is the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) an appropriate level of assessment for the rockwall IBAS?
(b) If so, why?
(c) If not, why not?
- (16) Does the approval of 'ad-hoc' works, without an adequate impact assessment and in the absence of a Coastal Zone Management Plan for Byron Shire, undermine the integrity of the Coastal Protection Act 1979 and the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979?
- (17) Will the 100m rockwall provide protection to private properties?
- (18) Will the rockwall protect lawful structures, particularly in regard to the history of concurrence by the State Government for approval of applications since 1979?
- (19) Has any additional advice be sought from the Coastal Panel in response to their advice that the works will cut off beach access and produce additional erosion and create dangerous conditions to swimmers and members of public?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

As the relevant local government authority, Byron Shire Council assumes care, control and management of the beachfront Crown land along Belongil Spit.

Byron Shire Council is also the determining authority for the proposed works.

The government, through the Coastal Management Program, signed a funding agreement to provide financial assistance for the installation of interim coastal protection works at Manfred Street, Belongil. A maximum of \$300,000 is available in the funding agreement on a 1:1 basis, subject to Byron Shire Council's submission of an acceptable design.

\$16,250 was provided for Stage 1 (investigation and design) of the interim protection works. Based on Byron Shire Council's adopted works design, and the Review of Environmental Factors, the activities proposed for Stage 2 of the project are not considered eligible for funding under the Coastal Management Program.

Should Council agree to a modified design, the balance of the funding will be made available.

*400 ATTORNEY GENERAL—TIME ON SENTENCE AND TIME ON REMAND—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

- (1) For all inmates who received a custodial sentence between 1 January 2014 and 31 January 2014 for the following time periods:

- (a) Zero to six months?
- (b) Seven to 12 months?
- (c) 13 to 18 months?
- (d) 19 to 24 months?
- (e) 25 months to 60 months?
- (f) More than 5 years?, how many were held on remand for the following amounts of time:
 - (i) Zero to one month?
 - (ii) Two to six months?
 - (iii) Seven to nine months?
 - (iv) 10 to 12 months?
 - (v) 13 to 18 months?
 - (vi) 19 to 24 months?
 - (vii) More than 2 years?
 - (viii) Entire time on remand?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Corrections.

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- 401 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—STREET LIGHTING SERVICE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

As local councils are legally responsible for funding a street lighting service to their local communities:

- (1) What service and costing arrangements relating to street lighting will be put in place prior to the leasing of Ausgrid and Endeavour Energy?
- (2) What provisions will be put in place to ensure that there will not be an inappropriately high valuation on the lights owned by these organisations?

- 402 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—WARRANTY REPAIRS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

In relation to warranty repairs in the computer industry in New South Wales:

- (1) How widespread is the use of second hand or refurbished parts in warranty repairs within the computer industry in New South Wales?
- (2) Are New South Wales consumers being notified with a Repair Notice of the intent to use second hand or refurbished parts in their warranty claim repairs?
- (3) Are New South Wales consumers being given an option to refuse the use of second hand or refurbished parts in their repair or to have their purchase price refunded instead?
- (4) How does the use of second hand or refurbished parts affect the warranty and expected working lifespan of a product?
- (5) Is Dell Australia Pty Limited currently being investigated by NSW Fair Trading for its compliance with the consumer guarantee provisions of the Australian Consumer Law?
- (6) How many complaints has NSW Fair Trading received from New South Wales consumers regarding Dell Australia Pty Limited?
- (7) Is the Government confident that New South Wales consumers are receiving the full benefit of the Australian Consumer Law when disputes arise with Dell Australia Pty Limited?

- 403 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—HOLROYD—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Under the Transport for NSW School Zone Flashing Lights Rollout 2014-2015 by Local Government Area program:

- (1) Which schools in the Holroyd City Council area are, as of 11 August 2015, without flashing safety lights in 40km/h school zones?
- (2) Which schools in the Holroyd City Council area are scheduled to have flashing safety lights installed in 40km/h school zones by the end of 2015?
- (3) What is the expected date of completion of the construction of flashing safety lights in 40km/h school zones for all schools in the Holroyd City Council Area?

- 404 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—BLACKTOWN—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Under the Transport for NSW School Zone Flashing Lights Rollout 2014-2015 by Local Government Area program:

- (1) Which schools in the Blacktown City Council area are, as of 11 August 2015, without flashing safety lights in 40km/h school zones?
- (2) Which schools in the Blacktown City Council area are scheduled to have flashing safety lights installed in 40km/h school zones by the end of 2015?
- (3) What is the expected date of completion of the construction of flashing safety lights in 40km/h school zones for all schools in the Blacktown City Council Area?

- 405 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—PARRAMATTA—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Under the Transport for NSW School Zone Flashing Lights Rollout 2014-2015 by Local Government Area program:

- (1) Which schools in the Parramatta City Council area are, as of 11 August 2015, without flashing safety lights in 40km/h school zones?
- (2) Which schools in the Parramatta City Council area are scheduled to have flashing safety lights installed in 40km/h school zones by the end of 2015?
- (3) What is the expected date of completion of the construction of flashing safety lights in 40km/h school zones for all schools in the Parramatta City Council Area?

- 406 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FORESTRY CORPORATION COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATION—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What are the details of all items funded under the Community Service Obligation for the Forestry Corporation, including a description of the item, location and amount of funding, in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2011/12?
 - (b) 2012/13?
 - (c) 2013/14?
 - (d) 2014/15?
 - (e) 2015 to date?

- 407 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—FORESTRY CORPORATION RATES—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Which entities set up under the State Owned Corporations Act 1989 pay local government rates on property they own?
 - (2) Which local government areas did the Forestry Corporation pay rates to in the last financial year?
 - (3) What is the total amount of rates Forestry Corporation paid to each local government area in question (2)?
- 408 JUSTICE AND POLICE—NSW POLICE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What amount of money did the NSW Police Force pay in settlements to avoid civil litigation involving police misconduct, for example illegal arrest, false imprisonment, trespass, assault, and other civil liberties infringements, in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012/13?
 - (b) 2013/14?
 - (c) 2014/15?
 - (2) What amount of money did the NSW Police Force pay in compensation for police misconduct, for example illegal arrest, false imprisonment, trespass, assault, and other civil liberties infringements, in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2012/13?
 - (b) 2013/14?
 - (c) 2014/15?
- 409 JUSTICE AND POLICE—COURT SECURITY INCIDENTS RECORDED BY NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How many security incidents occurring in New South Wales courts were recorded by the NSW Police Force in each of the following financial years?
 - (a) 2010/11?
 - (b) 2011/12?
 - (c) 2012/13?
 - (d) 2013/14?
 - (e) 2014/15?
 - (2) How many New South Wales court security incidents, from 2010 to date, resulted in injury of a person other than an accused person or prisoner?
 - (3) How many court security incidents, from 2010 to date, resulted in a person being charged with an offence of violence?
 - (4) How many court security incidents, from 2010 to date, involved an imminent threat to the life of any person?
- 410 JUSTICE AND POLICE—COURT SECURITY INCIDENTS RECORDED BY NSW SHERIFF'S OFFICE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) How many security incidents in New South Wales courts were recorded by the NSW Sheriff's Office in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010/11?
 - (b) 2011/12?
 - (c) 2012/13?
 - (d) 2013/14?
 - (e) 2014/15?

- (2) How many New South Wales court security incidents, from 2010 to date, resulted in injury of a person other than an accused person or prisoner?
 - (3) How many court security incidents, from 2010 to date, resulted in a person being charged with an offence of violence?
 - (4) How many court security incidents, from 2010 to date, involved an imminent threat to the life of any person?
 - (5) What weapons or other appointments, for example handcuffs, are officers of the Office of the Sheriff equipped with?
- 411 TREASURER—COAL PRODUCTION FORECASTS—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) In the 2015/16 Budget, what is the increase in raw and saleable coal production, in mega tonnes per annum, forecast for each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2015/16?
 - (b) 2016/17?
 - (c) 2017/18?
 - (d) 2018/19?
 - (2) In the 2015/16 Budget, what is the increase in coal exports, in mega tonnes per annum, forecast for each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2015/16?
 - (b) 2016/17?
 - (c) 2017/18?
 - (d) 2018/19?
- 412 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—COAL PRODUCTION—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—
- (1) What is the increase in raw and saleable coal production, in mega tonnes per annum, forecast by the Division of Resources & Energy for each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2015/16?
 - (b) 2016/17?
 - (c) 2017/18?
 - (d) 2018/19?
 - (2) What is the increase in coal exports, in mega tonnes per annum, forecast by the Division of Resources & Energy for each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2015/16?
 - (b) 2016/17?
 - (c) 2017/18?
 - (d) 2018/19?
- 413 PLANNING—OFFENCES UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—
- (1) How many offences under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 occurred between 1 November 2014 and 31 July 2015?
 - (2) How many ongoing investigations are there into offences under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which occurred between 1 November 2014 and 31 July 2015?
 - (3)

- (a) How many times has section 283 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 relating to false or misleading statements been found to have been breached since 1 November 2014 to date?
- (b) What was the penalty imposed in each of these cases?
- (4) How many ongoing investigations into breaches of section 283 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 relating to false or misleading statements which have occurred since 1 November 2014 to date?
- (5) Why has it taken until 31 July 2015 for Schedules 1 [1] [12] and 2 to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Act 2014 to commence?
- (6) Why are Schedules 1 [13], 4 [6] and 6 to that the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Act 2014 only commencing on 30 September 2015?
- 414 PLANNING—COAL MINING—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—
- (1) How many new coal mines have been approved in New South Wales since March 2011?
- (2) How many coal mine extensions have been approved in New South Wales since March 2011?
- (3) How many mega tonnes of new raw coal production have been approved since March 2011?
- (4) How many mega tonnes per annum of new raw coal production have been approved since March 2011?
- (5) What is the maximum number of mega tonnes per annum of raw coal production which could be mined in New South Wales under current approvals?
- (6) What is the maximum amount of raw coal which could be mined in New South Wales under current approvals?
- (7) How many applications for new coal mines or extensions to existing coal mines have been rejected since March 2011?
- (8) How many applications for new coal mines are currently in the planning pipeline in New South Wales?
- (9) How many applications for extensions to existing coal mines are currently in the planning pipeline in New South Wales?
- 415 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—GREATER SYDNEY—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Greater Sydney Local Land Services?
- (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
- (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
- (b) If so, for how long?
- 416 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—WESTERN—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Western Local Land Services?
- (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
- (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?

- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
 - (b) If so, for how long?
- 417 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—SOUTH EAST—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by South East Local Land Services?
 - (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
 - (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
 - (b) If so, for how long?
- 418 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—RIVERINA—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Riverina Local Land Services?
 - (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
 - (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
 - (b) If so, for how long?
- 419 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services?
 - (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
 - (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
 - (b) If so, for how long?
- 420 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—NORTH WEST—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by North West Local Land Services?
 - (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
 - (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)

- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
(b) If so, for how long?
- 421 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—NORTH COAST—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by North Coast Local Land Services?
(b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
(c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
(b) If so, for how long?
- 422 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—MURRAY—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Murray Local Land Services?
(b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
(c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
(b) If so, for how long?
- 423 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—HUNTER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Hunter Local Land Services?
(b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
(c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
(b) If so, for how long?
- 424 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—CENTRAL WEST—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1)
- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Central West Local Land Services?
(b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
(c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?
- (2)
- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?

(b) If so, for how long?

425 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—CENTRAL TABLELANDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1)

- (a) Have any grazing management strategies for travelling stock reserves been developed by Central Tablelands Local Land Services?
- (b) If so, what are the strategies? Please provide a list.
- (c) If so, what community consultation was undertaken during the development of these grazing management strategies?

(2)

- (a) Were any grazing management strategies exhibited for public comment?
- (b) If so, for how long?

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