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1 TREASURER—PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Dr Faruqi 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)

- (a) Is compensation payable to the Port Botany leaseholder if container movements exceed an annual threshold at the Port of Newcastle?
- (b) If so, what is the annual threshold?
- (c) What is the amount of compensation per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU)?

(2)

- (a) Is the Port of Newcastle leaseholder required to pay the Government a fee for container movements through the Port of Newcastle on the same or similar terms as the Government is required to compensate the Port Botany leaseholder?
- (b) If so, when did the Government undertake to pay compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder and to impose a fee on the Port of Newcastle leaseholder?

(3) How many containers must be moved through Port Botany and Port Kembla before an extension is allowed in the number of container movements at the Port of Newcastle that do not attract the compensation payment and fee respectively?

(4)

- (a) Is the purpose of the fee charged of the Port of Newcastle leaseholder to constrain the number of containers passing through the Port of Newcastle?
- (b) If not, what is the purpose of the fee?

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- (a) Is the purpose of the fee charged of the Port of Newcastle leaseholder to prevent development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
- (b) If not, what is the purpose of the fee?

(6) Did the Government abolish the cap on container movements at Port Botany to increase the value of the lease to potential purchasers?

(7) Did the Government agree to compensate the Port Botany leaseholder in respect of container movements at the Port of Newcastle to preserve the commercial value of the Port Botany lease?

(8)

- (a) Was a cost-benefit study of the proposal to compensate the Port Botany leaseholder if container movements exceed an annual threshold at the Port of Newcastle undertaken?
- (b) If so, will the Government release it?

(9) What will be the impact on the New South Wales economy of preventing competition between New South Wales ports for handling containers?

(10) What are the estimated additional costs to the Northern New South Wales economy to require goods to be transported to Port Botany by truck for export as opposed to the Port of Newcastle?

(11) What are the estimated additional costs to the Northern New South Wales economy to require imported goods to be transported between Port Botany and western Sydney before being transported by truck to northern New South Wales?

(12) What will be the impact on the New South Wales economy of predicating future growth in Port Botany container movements on transportation by truck?

(13) What is the container-carrying capacity of the rail line serving Port Botany?

(14)

- (a) Will the Government fund the Western Sydney Freight Line?
- (b) If not, who will fund this line?

(15) When will the Commonwealth Government respond to the Government's request for funds to build

stages 2 and 3 of the Northern Sydney Freight Corridor?

- (16) Are there state or Commonwealth Government funds available for building the Western Sydney Freight Line and stages 2 and 3 of the Northern Sydney Freight Corridor?
- 2 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SHARK MESHING—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1) How much did the Government spend on the NSW Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program in the 2013/2014 financial year?
 - (2) How much is the Government expecting to expend on the NSW Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program in the 2014/2015 financial year?
- 3 ENVIRONMENT—KOALA INFORMATION DISSEMINATION FIELD DAY—Dr Faruqi to ask 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 much did the Office of Environment and Heritage spend on the 'Koala Information Dissemination Field Day' held at Gunnedah Research Centre on 17 April 2015?
 - (2)
 - (a) Was Whitehaven Coal or Idemitsu involved in the planning of the 'Koala Information Dissemination Field Day' held at Gunnedah Research Centre on 17 April 2015?
 - (b) If so, what was the nature of this involvement?
 - (3) Did Whitehaven Coal or Idemitsu make any financial or in-kind contribution to the Koala Information Dissemination Field Day?
- 4 HEALTH—JEHOVAHS WITNESS AND BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
- (1)
 - (a) Since 1 April 2011, how many people in New South Wales hospitals declined or refused blood transfusions on the grounds of religion such as being Jehovah's Witnesses?
 - (b) Of these people how many were:
 - (i) women?
 - (ii) men?
 - (iii) under the age of 18?
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- 5 HEALTH—SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
 How much did the Sydney Local Health District spend on the advertisement on page 21 of the Inner West Courier Inner City edition published on 21 April 2015?
- 6 HEALTH—CYBER ATTACKS AND HACKING—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Between 1 April 2011 and 5 May 2015, how many cyber attacks or hacking attempts have been made against NSW Health's computer network?
 - (2)
 - (a) Of those, how many resulted in breaches of security?
 - (b) When did those breaches occur?
 - (c) What divisions were infiltrated?
- 7 HEALTH—RAW MILK—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
 - (1) Between 1 April 2011 and 5 May 2015, how many people were hospitalised or received treatment for drinking raw milk?
 - (2) How many were treated in:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
- 8 HEALTH—FAULTY HEART STENTS—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1)
 - (a) Since 1 April 2011, how many people in New South Wales hospitals received a faulty heart stent such as Atrium Advanta v12 stent?
 - (b)
 - (i) Of these people, how many were women?
 - (ii) In which hospitals did this occur?
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- 9 HEALTH—LYME DISEASE—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
- (1) Does NSW Health recognise Lyme Disease as a medical illness or affliction?
 - (2) If so, how many people have been diagnosed, registered or identified as having the illness?
 - (3) If not, why not?
- 10 HEALTH—STEVIA—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
- (1) Since 1 April 2011, has NSW Health or related government agencies conducted any research into the health impacts of the alternative sweetener Stevia which is currently being promoted as a key ingredient of "Coke Life"?
 - (2) If so, when?
 - (3) If so, what was the result of those studies?
 - (4) If not, why not?
- 11 HEALTH—CORONIAL INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF MICHELLE MCILQUHAM—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many of the 11 recommendations issued in November 2012 by the Coronial Inquest into the death of Michelle Mcilquham in 2009 at Bankstown Hospital has the New South Wales Government implemented?
 - (2)
 - (a) Which recommendation(s) have not been implemented?
 - (b) Why not?

- 12 HEALTH—COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

In light of the recent death of seven year-old diabetic Aidan Fenton who attended alternative 'slapping therapy' in Hurstville, what steps is the New South Wales Government taking to advise doctors, nurses, other medical staff and patients about complementary or alternative therapies which are not part of evidence-based conventional medicine?

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