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7 November 2012

The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC  
Chair - General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms McLaren-Jones

Please find attached copies of answers to questions asked of me both on and without notice by General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3, as part of its inquiry into the Budget Estimates 2012-2013, on Thursday 12 October 2012.

The questions cover proposed expenditure for the Roads and Maritime portfolio areas.

Yours sincerely

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M12/5172

### Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 General Purpose Standing Committee 3

#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 1.** When does the Government expect to make an announcement about its decision on Transurban's unsolicited proposal to build the M2 to F3 link?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

In July 2012 it was announced that a cross agency committee would work with Transurban to complete Stage 2 of the unsolicited proposal assessment process in the next six months.

The NSW Government is working cooperatively with Transurban in developing and assessing its proposal.

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M12/5173

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 2.** Will the current M5 West widening project meet the Austroads standards in relation to breakdown lanes?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

The M5 West Widening project is about 20 kilometres in length. When the project is completed, the shoulder (breakdown lane) width will be in the range of 2.5 to 3 metres, which is within the range recommended in the Austroads guidelines.

In addition, breakdown bays 4.5 metres in width will be provided every kilometre in each direction.

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**Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13**  
**General Purpose Standing Committee 3**

**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 3.** What is the current number of FTE at the Centre for Road Safety, as at 30 September 2012?

**Sharpe 4.** What was the number of FTEs at the Centre for Road Safety on 30 September 2011?

**Sharpe 5.** What was the number of FTEs at the Centre for Road Safety on 30 September 2010?

**Sharpe 6.** What is the anticipated number of FTEs for the Centre for Road Safety in 2013-14?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

(3) 66. This excludes:

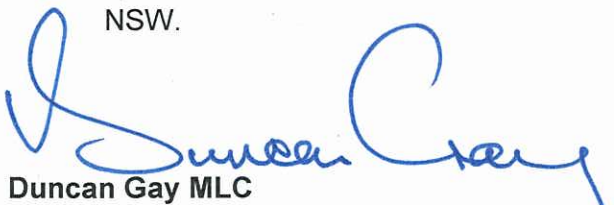
- Crashlab (26 staff) ; and
- 3 operational staff - who remained with Roads and Maritime Services when the Centre for Road Safety was transferred to Transport for NSW.

(4) 107. This includes approximately 10 limited duration positions.

(5) 97.

(6) 65. This excludes:

- Crashlab (26 staff);
- 7 operational staff – 3 operational staff who remained with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) when the Centre for Road Safety was transferred to Transport for NSW and 4 operational staff who are currently being transferred to RMS; and
- 2 staff who have been transferred to Customer Experience Division, Transport for NSW.



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PQ12/00622



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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 7.** What was the budget allocation for the Centre for Road Safety in 2011-12?

**Sharpe 8.** What is the budget allocation for the Centre for Road Safety in 2012-13?

**Sharpe 9.** What is the anticipated allocation for the Centre for Road Safety in 2013-14?

#### Answer:

7. This information is available in the Budget papers, which can be accessed on the NSW Treasury website.
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PQ12/00623



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M12/5174

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 10.** What consultation will the Government undertake in relation to the closure of motor registries and Maritime Offices?

**Sharpe 11.** How many motor registries and Maritime offices does the Government anticipate will be closed?

**Sharpe 12.** When will the Government be announcing which motor registries and which Maritime offices it will close down?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

10. The merger of Maritime customer service centres with the motor registry network will provide cost effective and efficient service delivery to Roads and Maritime Services' customers. In most locations the Maritime customer service centre will close and functions will move to a nearby motor registry.

Information regarding the integration is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

11. No motor registries will be closed as part of the integration, with 25 Maritime offices merging into local motor registries. Four Maritime offices will remain open to provide Maritime services only.
12. Information regarding the integration is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website. Details of the amalgamation of offices, which commenced on 17 September and will continue until 3 December, have also been published on the Roads and Maritime Services website and in local newspapers, with posters displayed in affected offices.

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PQ12/00625



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M12/5175

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 13.** On what basis is the Government refusing the community's request for a bypass at Windsor?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

The then Roads and Traffic Authority developed nine options for the replacement of Windsor Bridge which, following public consultation, were short listed to three.

The strategic cost of the bypass option (Option 6) was estimated at more than double the preferred option.

Subsequent to these original options, other longer bypass options have also been submitted to Roads and Maritime Services for consideration. The longer options have even higher cost implications, as well as significant land severance and property costs.

Roads and Maritime Services identified Option 1 as the option that provided the best value for money.

The Government accepted Roads and Maritime Services' advice and, on 4 August 2011, I announced Option 1 as the preferred option.

The preferred option is a high level bridge 35 metres downstream of the existing bridge, with two lanes which could be upgraded to three lanes in the future, if needed. The higher level bridge will also provide improved flood protection.

Roads and Maritime Services continues to engage with the community on the development of the Windsor Bridge replacement project.

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M12/5176

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 14.** When does the Government anticipate the EIS for RMS' preferred option for Windsor Bridge to be undertaken?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Windsor Bridge replacement project is nearing completion. It is anticipated that it will be placed on public exhibition in November 2012.

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**Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13**  
**General Purpose Standing Committee 3**

**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 15.** How much has been allocated to implement the Speed Camera Strategy in 2012-13?

**Sharpe 16.** How many new warning signs for have been installed under the Speed Camera Strategy?

**Sharpe 17.** When will all camera sites have their signs replaced?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

15. Speed camera programs are estimated to cost \$47 million in 2012-13.
16. New warning signs have now been installed at all 91 intersections enforced by red light speed cameras. Typically, one sign is installed on each approach to the intersection. The new signs state "Red light speed camera ahead" and include the speed limit.

The new warning signs for the six mobile speed camera vehicles currently operating in NSW have been in place since July. This includes an additional warning sign on the approach, taking the total number of signs to three per location.

17. All 91 intersections with red-light speed enforcement have enhanced warning signs and all mobile speed cameras are also operating with the enhanced signs.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 18.** How many sites do point-to-point cameras currently operate?

**Sharpe 19.** How many additional sites does the Government plan to install point-to-point cameras in 2012-13?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

18. There are now 19 point-to-point enforcement lengths operating across NSW, with the most recent length on Picton Road becoming operational on 17 October 2012.
19. The Government plans to install a further five point-to-point enforcement lengths in 2012-13.

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PQ12/00637



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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 20.** How many mobile cameras have been installed as a result of nominations from the community and where are these sites?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

20. At 19 October 2012 there have been over 320 community nominations for locations to be considered for a speed camera. While no new mobile speed camera locations have been added to date, the nominations are currently being assessed by the Centre for Road Safety against criteria in the NSW Speed Camera Strategy. As part of this assessment, it will be determined whether a speed camera is appropriate at the location and what type of camera should be used.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 21.** How many red light speed cameras are currently located in regional NSW?

**Sharpe 22.** Given the Speed Camera Strategy has identified regional NSW as a priority for action on red light speed cameras, how many additional sites in regional NSW will red light speed cameras are installed in 2012-13?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

21. There are 10 intersections outside of Sydney with red-light speed camera enforcement, five of which are located in Wollongong and five in Newcastle.
22. In June 2012, the NSW Government announced that the red-light speed camera program would be expanded to an additional 109 high risk intersections State-wide. These additional cameras will be installed progressively up to December 2014.

Site selection for the expanded program is currently underway and is being managed by the Centre for Road Safety. Sites are selected on the criteria in the NSW Speed Camera Strategy, including the frequency and severity of crashes and also a criterion identifying regional locations that would benefit from red-light speed camera enforcement. There is no set quota for regional NSW, with the number of sites to be determined following detailed assessments.

As new sites are announced, they will be published on the Centre for Road Safety website.

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 23.** How many school zone sites currently have fixed speed cameras? How many additional school zone sites will have fixed speed cameras installed in 2012-13?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

23. There are four types of speed cameras used in NSW, these are fixed speed cameras, mobile speed cameras, red-light speed (safety) cameras and point-to-point cameras. Each type of camera is used to address particular road safety issues, with information about these camera types and criteria for their installation detailed in the NSW Speed Camera Strategy.

Fixed speed cameras are installed to address high risk locations and there are currently 39 school zones with fixed speed cameras. Two of these are in warning mode following the Auditor General's review.

Other types of speed cameras that may be used in school zones include red-light speed (safety) cameras, point-to-point cameras or mobile speed cameras.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 24.** When will be the dedicated website to provide speed camera enforcement information to the public be completed?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

24. The Safer Roads website was improved in June 2012 to enable the community to nominate locations to be considered for speed camera enforcement. A dedicated webpage has also been developed on the Centre for Road Safety website that includes all information on speed cameras in NSW. This includes a single point of reference for all speed camera locations and the full annual speed camera review publication. The State Debt Recovery Office also publishes monthly infringement data for camera sites.

Website traffic will continue to be monitored to determine the ongoing customer requirements.

From 1 June to 19 October 2012, there have been over 60,000 visits to the speed camera enforcement webpage and 328 speed camera nominations.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 25.** How were residents notified that a new point-to-point camera was to be installed on the Pacific Highway in Urunga (ABC – 20 Sept 2012)?

If they were not notified then why not as action 10 in the "summary of actions" in the NSW Speed Camera strategy states: "regularly inform the community about new speed camera enforcement in their local area and the reason for this enforcement occurring".

#### Answer:

I am advised:

25. Following the deactivation of the fixed speed camera in Urunga a community consultation meeting was held on 25 October 2011, at which alternative road safety works were discussed. Residents were concerned about speeding, in particular speeding heavy vehicles.

An announcement was made by the Premier and Minister for Roads and Ports on 20 March 2012 that a point to point enforcement length would be installed.

In October 2012 a media release was issued by the Member for Coffs Harbour and Deputy Premier, Andrew Fraser, informing residents that the point to point enforcement length was operational, and had commenced issuing warning letters. In addition, temporary Variable Message Signs were installed on 5 October 2012 at each end of the point to point enforcement length notifying drivers of the presence of enforcement.

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M12/5177

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 26.** \$9 million has been allocated to the upgrade of the Maitland roundabout but the government has said construction will not start until 2014. How will this \$9 million be spent and why won't the government commit to start building this project next year?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed \$45 million for upgrading the two roundabouts on the New England Highway at Maitland.

Roads and Maritime Services issued initial options for community input in February 2012. There is very strong community interest in the projects and Roads and Maritime Services is carefully considering community views, traffic needs and favoured options.

This project is large scale infrastructure that requires significant environmental, geotechnical, road design and bridge design work, prior to calling tenders for construction.

In the meantime, Roads and Maritime Services implemented a series of minor safety work in the vicinity of the roundabouts, including road side barriers, a median barrier, resurfacing, safety signs, and line marking.

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M12/5178

### Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 General Purpose Standing Committee 3

#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 27.** How many letters has the RMS issued warning that their names and addresses were being released to private car operators?

**Sharpe 28.** How many more letters does the RMS anticipate it will send in the future?

**Sharpe 29.** What is being done to protect the personal information held by RMS?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

27. To date Roads and Maritime Services has issued 69,919 letters to registered operators informing them that their names and addresses would be released to a private car park operator following an Order of the Local Court of NSW.
28. Roads and Maritime Services currently intends to send a further 5,787 letters to registered operators whose details will be released pursuant to two further court orders.
29. Roads and Maritime Services has been working with Transport for NSW on a draft Bill which, if passed, will mean that Roads and Maritime Services cannot be required by preliminary discovery to disclose any information about a registrable vehicle or the registered operator if the application for preliminary discovery is in relation to recovery of private car park fees.

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M12/5179

### Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 General Purpose Standing Committee 3

#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 30.** When will the Government act to close this loophole that is being taken advantage of by private car park operators who are demanding as much as \$173?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is introducing amendments to road transport legislation and, if passed, Roads and Maritime Services cannot be ordered, pursuant to an application to preliminary discovery, to disclose personal information contained in Roads and Maritime Services' registers to private car park operators who are seeking to claim car park fees.

This will only apply where the information is sought pursuant to an application for preliminary discovery, and where the claim is based on alleged contractual terms and conditions relating to the use of the car park. It will not apply where the claim is made in relation to a written contract.

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### Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13 General Purpose Standing Committee 3

#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 31.** Have the standards that apply to motorcycle helmets recently changed?

**Sharpe 32.** What are the changes?

**Sharpe 33.** What prompted the changes?

**Sharpe 34.** Who was consulted about the changes?

**Sharpe 35.** Was the Motorcycle Council of NSW consulted about the changes?

**Sharpe 36.** Are the recent changes different to the ACCC standards?

**Sharpe 37.** Which organisations can now certify if a helmet meets the Australian standards?

**Sharpe 38.** Which organisations can no longer certify if a helmet meets Australian standards and why can they no longer undertake certification?

**Sharpe 39.** Was a regulatory impact statement done prior to the change in standards?

**Sharpe 40.** Is the change in standards applying to motorcycle helmets inconsistent with the principle of mutual recognition?

**Sharpe 41.** Will riders travelling from Queensland on their way to the Phillip Island Motorcycle Grand Prix be booked for not complying with the new NSW standards?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

31. This Government has not made any changes to the standards for motorcycle helmets.

Under the Road Rules 2008, an approved motor bike helmet is one that is approved by the Authority (Roads and Maritime Services). The definition of an Approved Motor Bike Helmet was last changed in November 2010.

32. Not applicable.

33. Not applicable.

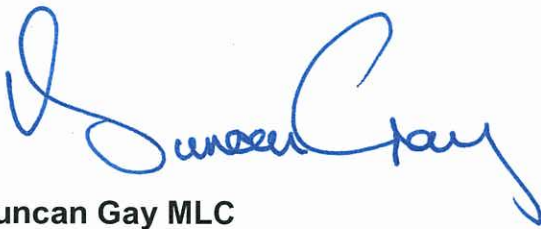
34. Not applicable.

35. Not applicable.

36. Not applicable.

37. Assessment bodies accredited or approved by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand can certify helmets for use on NSW roads. These include SAI Global, BSI, TUV RA and Global-Mark.
38. Not applicable.
39. Not applicable.
40. The Board of Austroads has agreed that the changes introduced in NSW will be adopted across all jurisdictions. Victoria has already introduced the requirement and other jurisdictions are progressing with their regulatory changes.
41. To date, the change has been implemented in New South Wales and Victoria. On-road enforcement is a matter for the NSW Police Force.

It should be noted the NSW law is not retrospective, so any helmet that complied with the Australian Standard applicable at the time it was certified continues to be legal to use on NSW roads, as long as it has an identifying mark certifying that compliance.



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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 42.** In relation to clearways on the Princes Highway Bulli, when will the RTA conduct a public meeting to discuss this proposal with concerned small business owners in the area?

**Sharpe 43.** What specific traffic modelling indicates that it is necessary to install these additional Clearways?

**Sharpe 44.** Has this modelling been discussed with local residents and small business owners?

**Sharpe 45.** When will a final decision be made about these Clearways by your agency?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

42. Roads and Maritime Services has been communicating with business owners since the issue of increasing traffic delays was raised.

Roads and Maritime Services held a meeting with the Bulli business community on 15 October 2012. Also present at the meeting were Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, John Ajaka; Member for Heathcote, Lee Evans; Member for Keira, Ryan Park; and representatives from Wollongong City Council.

43. No decision has been made on the implementation of any additional clearway restrictions. Traffic modelling is currently being carried out between Park Street and Malloy Street on the Princes Highway in Bulli and will form part of a report on traffic impacts in the Bulli CBD.

44. The report, including traffic modelling, will be available for community discussion once it is complete.

45. No decision has been made on the implementation of any additional clearway restrictions.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 46.** In relation to the rest stop on Mt Ousley Road, what if any more planning needs to be done?

**Sharpe 47.** What is the estimated budget for this project?

**Sharpe 48.** Where does it sit in terms of an overall priority list for Rest Stop upgrades?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

46. Planning for the Mt Ousley rest area project combined a heavy vehicle rest area, a checking station and driver reviver facilities. The current project is for a heavy vehicle rest area only. The concept design needs to be revised, environmental studies updated to reflect the change in scope, and environmental approvals sought.
47. \$8 million.
48. It is one of a number of priorities for rest stop upgrades.

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PQ12/00660



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M12/5181

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 49.** In relation to the extension of Memorial Drive in the Illawarra, what is the level of planning that RMS has undertaken in relation to the next stage of this project?

**Sharpe 50.** How many properties have been acquired along the corridor?

**Sharpe 51.** Do you have estimation on when works are likely to start on this project?

**Sharpe 52.** Have there been any estimates carried out on the cost of this project?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

49. Land has been reserved in Wollongong City Council Local Environment Plan for the proposed extension to Memorial Drive. Planning to date has been at a strategic level only.

50. Roads and Maritime Services has purchased 36 properties.

51. No start date has been set.

52. No.

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PQ12/00663



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M12/5182

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 53.** In relation to the upgrade of the intersection of the Princes Highway, Bellevue Drive and The Avenue in Figtree, when will the upgrade be completed?

**Sharpe 54.** What is the estimated final budget for this project?

#### Answer:

53. The upgrade of the Princes Highway at Figtree will be completed by December 2012, weather permitting.

54. The anticipated final budget for the project is \$15 million.

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PQ12/00664





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M12/5183

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 55.** Why did the \$2 million RMS North Richmond Bridge traffic study – examining the road infrastructure needs of the local area - not take into account the traffic movements from the 2000 new dwellings proposed in the North Richmond Joint Venture and Glossodia Projects?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

The purpose of the North Richmond Bridge traffic study was to investigate traffic congestion on Richmond Bridge and approaches for the short term and to reserve a road corridor to meet the long term traffic needs.

Roads and Maritime Services' traffic forecasts used standard land use assumptions and travel demand derived by the Bureau of Transport Statistics (BTS). The BTS data is based on land releases included in the Metropolitan Development Program. Land use assumptions for the short term investigations were based on the BTS data.

In the normal course of events, investigations for such infrastructure studies are periodically re-examined and refined if there is any significant change in the underlying assumptions.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 56.** In relation to speed camera on the Pacific Highway in Urunga, how many warning letters have been issued since the camera was switched to "warning mode" and how many fines have been issued? Is the camera still there? Is the camera still on "warning mode"? Has alternative safety measures been installed? What are the alternative safety measures?

**Sharpe 57.** In relation to the other 37 cameras that were switched off or removed as announced by the Government in July 2011 – at how many of these sites have alternative safety measures been completed? How much has been spent on the safety works? How much has been allocated for 2012-13 for the safety works at these sites? When will the safety works be completed?

**Sharpe 58.** In future will alternate safety treatments be done prior to the removal of a camera? If not then how long after the removal of the camera will alternate treatments be completed?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

56. A total of 2526 warning letters have been issued at the Urunga speed camera site. A total of 13 court attendance notices have been issued for exceeding the speed limit by more than 30 km/h. A further four incidents are currently being processed.

Court attendance notices are issued for exceeding the speed limit by more than 30 km/h or for three separate incidents of speeding up to 30 km/h over the speed limit. No fines are issued at this site.

The speed camera at Pacific Highway, Urunga is currently operating in warning mode.

Alternative safety measures completed include:

- Re-activation of speed camera in warning mode.
- Reduction of speed limit to 50 km/h through Urunga.
- Upgrading of line marking.
- Point-to-point camera enforcement of heavy vehicle speeding along the Pacific Highway from Urunga to Valla.

Gateway improvements at Urunga are being installed and are expected to be completed in November 2012.

57. Of the 38 fixed speed cameras that were switched off, six had already been deactivated in line with highway development over the last few years. No alternative safety measures were required for these.

For the remaining 32 decommissioned fixed speed camera locations, implementation of alternative safety measures is complete at two locations - New England Highway, Llangothlin and Brunswick Valley Way, Ocean Shores.

In addition, implementation of alternative safety measures has commenced at the following five locations:

- Pacific Highway, Urunga.
- Bangalow Road, Clunes.
- Princes Highway, Angledale.
- New England Highway, Tilbuster.
- Pacific Highway, Kundabung.

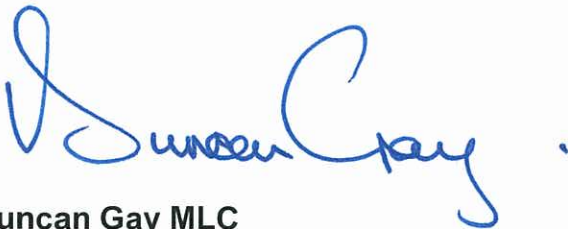
A summary of the alternative safety measures announced for the 32 decommissioned locations is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

A total of \$11.4 million has been allocated for implementation of alternative safety measures in 2012-13.

As at October 2012, \$370,000 of this allocation has been spent.

Completion of alternative safety measures at the 32 decommissioned locations is expected by June 2013.

58. Alternative road safety works will be implemented in conjunction with the removal of speed cameras. The timing of these works will be determined on a case by case basis, with the intention to complete works in the majority of instances before a camera is removed.



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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 59.** How many Roads and Maritime Service staff have been offered redundancies since the formation of Transport for NSW?

**Sharpe 60.** From what area of Roads and Maritime Services did the redundancies come from?

**Sharpe 61.** If redundancies need have not yet been offered, when will they be offered?

**Sharpe 62.** How many SES positions will be cut as a result of the formation of Transport for NSW?

**Sharpe 63.** What is the administrative cost of the RTA and Maritime Service restructure as a result of the formation of Transport for NSW which includes such things as new stationary [sic], any office relocations, new signage etc.

**Answer:**

I am advised:

59. Voluntary redundancies have been offered to RMS employees in administration, corporate and back office functions.
60. See Q 59.
61. The realignment of Roads and Maritime Services will occur over the next year.
62. SES positions are being redesigned as part of the formation of RMS.
63. On 1 November 2011 Roads and Maritime Services was created following the abolition of the Roads and Traffic Authority and NSW Maritime.

Rebranding of premises, such as motor registries, will happen over a number of years, usually in line with planned maintenance or upgrades of these sites. Existing stock of most stationery/uniform items is being depleted rather than scrapped, and new orders will be filled containing the new logo when they need to be replaced.

Registry stamps and registration certificates had to be replaced at a cost of \$378,153.

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 64 – 74 Communication Devices**

64. How many blackberries assigned to your staff?
65. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
66. How many phones have been lost in your office?
67. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
68. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
69. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
70. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
71. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
72. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?
73. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
74. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?

**Answer:**

64. In 2011/2012, 179 phones were assigned to the premier's and Ministers' offices.
65. The total expenditure on mobile phones by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the Department's financial system is set out in the table below. Please note that this expenditure may include mobile phone purchase costs as the financial system does not separate the purchase costs and mobile usage charges.

	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
<b>Premier's Office</b>	\$103,152	\$76,457	\$68,475	\$27,570
<b>Ministers' Offices</b>	\$475,539	\$358,396	\$120,285	\$169,655
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$578,691	\$434,854	\$188,761	\$197,226

Note. 2010-11 figures are a combination of 9 months of Keneally Government and 3 months of O'Farrell Government.

66. For Premier's office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was:

	<b>2011/12</b>
Premier	1
Ministers	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

67. The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

68. For Premier's office and Ministers' offices the number of iPads issued was as follows.

	<b>2011/12</b>
Premier	10
Ministers	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>

69. iPads are supplied by the Department of premier and cabinet and have not been purchased by Ministers' offices.

70. In 2011/12 , 179 phones were assigned to the Premier's and Ministers' offices.

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For Premier's office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was:

	<b>2011/12</b>
Premier	1
Ministers	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

73. nil

74. n/a

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duncan Gay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Duncan" and the last name "Gay" clearly legible.

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