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\*4723 TRANSPORT—ELECTRONIC TRAIN CARRIAGE WORKS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many entrance areas on electronic train carriages had been repainted as at 31 October 2010?
- (2) What stable or region are these trains from?
- (3) What was the cost to repaint each carriage?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Entrance areas on electric train carriages are regularly inspected as part of RailCorp's General Inspection Program and repainted when required. Repainting is also carried out on report of a vandalism incident.
- (2) These trains are stabled at many locations throughout the CityRail Network and run on all suburban lines across the Network.
- (3) The cost of painting each train entrance area is incorporated into the cost of RailCorp's maintenance program.

\*4724 TRANSPORT—PAPER RECYCLING BIN INSTALLATION—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many paper recycling bins had been rolled out across the network as at 31 May 2010?
- (2) At which stations were paper recycling bin installed?
- (3) What was the cost to purchase and install each paper recycling bin?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 31 May 2010, 104 paper recycling bins were rolled out across the network.
- (2) Paper recycling bins were installed at:
  - Allawah
  - Doonside
  - Lidcombe
  - Regents Park
  - Artarmon
  - Dulwich Hill
  - Lindfield
  - Revesby
  - Ashfield
  - East Hills
  - Macarthur
  - Rhodes
  - Asquith
  - Eastwood
  - Macquarie Fields
  - Riverstone
  - Auburn
  - Emu Plains
  - Marrickville
  - Riverwood
  - Bankstown
  - Engadine
  - Meadowbank

- Rockdale
- Bardwell Park
- Erskineville
- Merrylands
- Rooty Hill
- Beecroft
- Fairfield
- Minto
- Roseville
- Belmore
- Flemington
- Miranda
- Seven Hills
- Berala
- Glenfield
- Mortdale
- St Marys
- Berowra
- Gordon
- Mt Druitt
- St Peters
- Beverly Hills
- Guildford
- Narwee
- Stanmore
- Bexley North
- Gymea
- Newtown
- Summer Hill
- Birrong
- Harris Park
- Normanhurst
- Sutherland
- Cabramatta
- Holsworthy
- North Strathfield
- Thornleigh
- Campbelltown
- Homebush
- Oatley
- Toongabbie
- Campsie
- Hurlstone Park
- Padstow
- Waitara
- Canley Vale
- Ingleburn
- Panania
- Warrawee
- Canterbury
- Jannali
- Pendle Hill
- Warwick Farm
- Caringbah

- Killara
  - Pennant Hills
  - Waverton
  - Carlton
  - Kingsgrove
  - Penrith
  - Wentworthville
  - Cheltenham
  - Kingswood
  - Penshurst
  - Westmead
  - Chester Hill
  - Kirrawee
  - Petersham
  - Wolli Creek
  - Concord West
  - Lakemba
  - Punchbowl
  - Wollooware
  - Cronulla
  - Leumeah
  - Pymble
  - Wollstonecraft
  - Croydon
  - Lewisham
  - Quakers Hill
  - Yagoona
- (3) The cost to purchase and install each paper recycling bin varied between approximately \$3200 and \$4300.

\*4725 TRANSPORT—WATERFALL COMMUTER CARPARK OPENING—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What was the cost of the following expenses incurred for the opening of the Waterfall station carpark in 2010:
- (a) Catering?
  - (b) Advertising?
  - (c) Staff overtime?
  - (d) Equipment hire?
  - (e) Printing and print production?
  - (f) Postage?
  - (g) Photography?
  - (h) Media?
  - (i) Other itemised costs?
- (2) What was the total cost for the opening?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a) to (d) Nil.

(e) Signs advising that the car park was 'now open' were produced to advise commuters that the car park was available for use. Production of the signs cost \$308.

(f) to (i) Nil.

- (2) The total cost spent on communications materials and activities to advise the community of the opening of stage one of the car park was approximately \$308.

\*4726 TRANSPORT—RAILCORP COMPLAINTS PROCESS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How long did it take to resolve email or phone complaints to RailCorp in the following financial years:

- (a) 2006/07?
- (b) 2007/08?
- (c) 2008/09?
- (d) 2009/10?

Answer—

- (a) to (d) I am advised that RailCorp measures email and phone feedback resolution times using a monthly average. As at 11 November resolution times were:

Financial year	Email	Phone
2006/2007	5.7 days	2.2 days
2007/2008	5.1 days	2.1 days
2008/2009	4.0 days	1.9 days
2009/2010	2.8 days	1.8 days

\*4727 TRANSPORT—PEAK SERVICES DEPARTING FROM CRONULLA—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How many peak services departed from Cronulla on the following days:

- (a) 4 January 2010?
- (b) 1 February 2010?
- (c) 1 March 2010?
- (d) 5 April 2010?
- (e) 3 May 2010?
- (f) 7 June 2010?
- (g) 5 July 2010?
- (h) 2 August 2010?
- (i) 6 September 2010?
- (j) 4 October 2010?
- (k) 1 November 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

Peak hour services are those arriving in the Sydney CBD between 6.00am and 9.00am and those departing the Sydney CBD between 4.00pm and 6.00pm, on weekdays. The information below outlines the number of peak services that departed from Cronulla on the days identified:

- (a) 10.
- (b) 10.
- (c) 10.
- (d) No peak services are recorded for 5 April 2010, as it was the public holiday Easter Monday.
- (e) 11.
- (f) 11.
- (g) 11.
- (h) 11.
- (i) 11.
- (j) No peak services are recorded for 4 October 2010, as it was the Labour Day public holiday.
- (k) 14.

There is a 40 per cent increase in peak services from January 2010 to November 2010. This is due to the new timetable for the Eastern Suburbs, Illawarra and South Coast Line being introduced on 10 October 2010 to utilise the capacity benefits of the Cronulla Line Duplication Project.

\*4728 TRANSPORT—CITYRAIL MEET THE MANAGER EVENTS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

Regarding 'Meet the Manager' events across the CityRail network at stations and on trains since January 2010:

- (a) What were the dates and locations of these events?
- (b) What was the cost to host each event, broken down by event?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) and (b) Between January 2010 and September 2010 RailCorp hosted 148 Meet the Manager events at stations across all lines on the CityRail network. The average cost per event was approximately \$300.

\*4729 TRANSPORT—MASTER LOCKSMITH ACCESS KEY LOCKS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

At which stations and on what dates were Master Locksmith Access Key locks introduced in toilet facilities?

Answer—

I am advised that Master Locksmith Access Key locks were installed at the following stations during the following months:

June-December 2009: Central, Circular Quay, Penrith, Town Hall

June 2010: Auburn, Chatswood, Epping, Hornsby, Kingsgrove, Liverpool, Macquarie Uni, Macquarie Park, Miranda, North Ryde, Seven Hills, Thirroul

October 2010: Martin Place

November 2010: Strathfield

\*4730 TRANSPORT—PEAK SERVICES EFFICIENCY—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What was the on-time running percentage in peak hour in the 2008/2009 financial year for the following lines:
  - (a) Illawarra Line?
  - (b) Eastern Suburbs Line?
  - (c) Airport and East Hills Line?
  - (d) Bankstown Line?
  - (e) South Line?
  - (f) Inner West Line?
  - (g) Western Line?
  - (h) Northern Line?
  - (i) North Shore Line?
  - (j) South Coast Line?
  - (k) Newcastle and Central Coast Line?
  - (l) Blue Mountains Line?
  - (m) Total on time running for network?
- (2) What was the on-time running percentage in peak hour in the 2009/2010 financial year for the following lines:
  - (a) Illawarra Line?

- (b) Eastern Suburbs Line?
- (c) Airport and East Hills Line?
- (d) Bankstown Line?
- (e) South Line?
- (f) Inner West Line?
- (g) Western Line?
- (h) Northern Line?
- (i) North Shore Line?
- (j) South Coast Line?
- (k) Newcastle and Central Coast Line?
- (l) Blue Mountains Line?
- (m) Total on time running for network?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised that all information requested is publicly available on the CityRail website.

\*4731 TRANSPORT—SIGNALING DELAYS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How many delays have been caused by signaling in the Sutherland area in the following months:

- (a) January 2009?
- (b) February 2009?
- (c) March 2009?
- (d) April 2009?
- (e) May 2009?
- (f) June 2009?
- (g) July 2009?
- (h) August 2009?
- (i) September 2009?
- (j) October 2009?
- (k) November 2009?
- (l) December 2009?
- (m) January 2010?
- (n) February 2010?
- (o) March 2010?
- (p) April 2010?
- (q) May 2010?
- (r) June 2010?
- (s) July 2010?
- (t) August 2010?
- (u) September 2010?
- (v) October 2010?

Answer—

- (a) to (v) I am advised that there were a total of 23 peak train delays or cancellations caused by signalling in the Sutherland area between January 2009 and October 2010. The Sutherland area was upgraded with a new signalling system in April 2010.

\*4732 TRANSPORT—PASSENGER INFORMATION SCREEN INSTALLATION—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) At which stations and on what dates were 24 hour automatic passenger information screens installed?
- (2) What is the total cost to purchase and install each screen?



- (3)
- (a) Have any screens been vandalised?
  - (b) If so,
    - (i) At which stations and on what dates?
    - (ii) How much did it cost to repair?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently 116 stations with LCD passenger information display systems installed. The program commenced in 2005 and is ongoing.
- (2) On average, a platform display costs \$70,000 which includes, screens, a computer, cabling and associated installation costs.
- (3) The cost to repair display systems which are vandalised varies depending on the extent of the damage caused.

\*4733 TRANSPORT—TACTILE TILE INSTALLATION—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) At which stations and on what dates have tactile tiles been installed?
- (2) What was the total cost to install these tiles?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) RailCorp's Tactile Tile Installation Program commenced in 2003 and is ongoing. To 8 December 2010, 75 stations around the CityRail network have had tactile indicators installed at a cost of approximately \$5 million.

\*4734 TRANSPORT—STATION TOILET REFURBISHMENT—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many station toilet facilities have been refurbished since 1 January 2010?
- (2) What stations have received refurbishments?
- (3) What was the budget to refurbish each toilet facility?
- (4) What was the total expenditure to refurbish each toilet facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Eight station toilet facilities have received refurbishments since 1 January 2010. The RailCorp Customer Charter commitment was to refurbish seven station toilet facilities throughout the year.

	Station	Budget	Total expenditure
1.	Birrong and Erskineville	\$618,000	\$350,000
2.	Doonside	\$63,000	\$63,000
3.	Martin Place	N/A	\$417,000
4.	Strathfield	\$470,000	\$470,000
5.	Bondi Junction	\$590,000	\$590,000
6.	Kiama	\$350,000	\$350,000
7.	Edgecliff	\$630,000	\$630,000

Budget and total expenditure includes design fees, construction cost including temporary toilet facilities and project management costs. The Birrong and Erskineville refurbishment were delivered as a single project. The Martin Place refurbishment was undertaken as part of the Easy Access Upgrade project.

\*4735 TRANSPORT—PEAK SERVICES BETWEEN OLYMPIC PARK AND LIDCOMBE—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What was the frequency of train services between Olympic Park and Lidcombe during peak hours in the following months:

- (a) January 2010?
- (b) February 2010?
- (c) March 2010?
- (d) April 2010?
- (e) May 2010?
- (f) June 2010?
- (g) July 2010?
- (h) August 2010?
- (i) September 2010?
- (j) October 2010?

Answer—

- (a) to (j) I am advised that on 1 March 2010, CityRail increased the frequency of peak services between Olympic Park and Lidcombe service from every 20 minutes to every 10 minutes. Trains now run every ten minutes between 6am-10.30am for the morning peak and 3pm to 9pm for the afternoon peak.

These service improvements were provided to support increasing growth in business activity as well as residential development at Olympic Park.

\*4736 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SHEEP KILLED BY FERAL PESTS IN THE MONARO ELECTORATE—Mrs Pavey asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

How many sheep have been killed by wild dogs or other feral pests in the Monaro electorate, or by the most relevant areas in the Monaro region for which this information is recorded, in each of the following years:

- (a) 2007?
- (b) 2008?
- (c) 2009?
- (d) 2010 to date?

Answer—

Figures of total stock kills for the Monaro electorate are:

- (1) 2007 170
- (2) 2008 343
- (3) 2009 238
- (4) 2010 385

The figures have been collected from wild dog reports and data from the ten wild dog management plans that cover the electorate. The plan areas do not exactly match the electorate boundaries.

There has been a significant effort by the LHPA, all managers of crown land and private landholders to develop and implement effective wild dog control within the South East LHPA district over the past 9 years. The programs implemented are fully integrated using several control techniques (aerial baiting, ground baiting, trapping) and based on a nil tenure approach across the whole landscape targeting known problem areas. These figures are a significant improvement on stock losses prior to the current strategy.

\*4737 TRANSPORT—HOLSWORTHY COMMUTER CARPARK OPENING—Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What was the cost of the following expenses incurred for the opening of the Holsworthy station carpark in December 2009:
  - (a) Catering?

- (b) Advertising?
  - (c) Staff overtime?
  - (d) Equipment hire?
  - (e) Printing and print production?
  - (f) Postage?
  - (g) Photography?
  - (h) Media?
  - (i) Other itemised costs?
- (2) What was the total cost for the opening?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The total cost for the opening of the Holsworthy commuter car park was approximately \$1000, including catering and printing.

\*4738 TRANSPORT—CAMPBELLTOWN COMMUTER CARPARK OPENING—Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What was the cost of the following expenses incurred for the opening of the Campbelltown station carpark in December 2009:
- (a) Catering?
  - (b) Advertising?
  - (c) Staff overtime?
  - (d) Equipment hire?
  - (e) Printing and print production?
  - (f) Postage?
  - (g) Photography?
  - (h) Media?
  - (i) Other itemised costs?
- (2) What was the total cost for the opening?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There were no expenses incurred for the opening of the Campbelltown Commuter Car Park in December 2009.

\*4739 FINANCE—REFERRAL OF PROTECTED DISCLOSURES FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW—Ms Ficarra asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

Regarding answers 10-12 of the Minister for Finance's response to Legislative Council Question on Notice No. 4595 asked in the Questions and Answers paper on 23 September 2010:

- (1)
- (a) Were the matters in the Industrial Relations Commission proceedings referred to in the answer, precipitated by any protected disclosures?
  - (b) If so, did the confidentiality orders apply to these protected disclosures?
- (2) Are Departments or Agencies able to seek confidentiality orders on a protected disclosure?
- (3)
- (a) Will the Minister take action to ensure that any of these protected disclosures are referred to the Independent Inquiry into WorkCover for independent review?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised that the confidentiality orders were made by consent. I am advised that the request was not made by the agency.

(3) I refer the Member to the answer provided on 23 September 2010. I am advised that the DPC Inquiry is able to review protected disclosures where relevant to the Terms of Reference.

\*4740 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1) On 24 October 2010 was Ku-ring-gai Councillor (Cr), Tony Hall presented with an Outstanding Service Medal and a certificate of Outstanding Service signed by the Minister for Local Government and the President of the Local Government Association?

(2) Since 30 July 2008 has Cr Hall successfully challenged in the Supreme Court of NSW attempts to have him suspended from civic office pursuant to section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993?

(3) Despite the Code of Conduct Review Committee concluding that complaints were of a minor nature, did Ku-ring-gai Council resolved to seek Cr Hall's suspension pursuant to section 440H of the Local Government Act 1993 in November 2009?

(4) Following the Supreme Court rulings and the conclusions of the Code of Conduct Committee,

(a) Has the Department of Local Government continued to pursue Cr Hall?

(b) If so, why?

(5)

(a) Regarding the Department's letter dated 29 October 2010 to Cr Hall what will the Minister do to address the alleged failure of the Department to ensure procedural fairness and natural justice to Cr Hall as outlined in the correspondence from Dunn Legal dated 3 November 2010?

(b)

(i) In view of the concerns raised by Dunn Legal's letter dated 3 November 2010, what actions will the Minister undertake to ensure that all matters in relation to Cr Hall are dealt with by an independent person and not the Department?

(ii) If not, why not?

(6) Has the sole Code of Conduct Reviewer provided procedural fairness and natural justice to Cr Hall by not properly providing him with particulars and evidence?

(7) What amount of taxpayers' money has been expended by the Department on legal costs and others costs in dealing with complaints against Cr Hall?

(8)

(a) Is the Minister aware of Cr Hall's allegations that there continues to be vexatious complaints against him motivated for political purposes by rival Councillors of Ku-ring-gai Council and politically aligned Council officers?

(b) Did Councillor Malicki copy the Division of Local Government into an email on 27 August 2010 at 8:10pm which evidences political interference in the process of an application pursuant to section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993 and that the matter against Cr Hall maybe vexatious and politically motivated?

(c)

(i) Will a full independent investigation be conducted in relation to Ku-ring-gai Council and those who have made complaints against Cr Hall to ensure the complaints are not vexatious, politically motivated and deliberately designed to defame and traumatise the Councillor?

(ii) If not, why not?

(d)

(i) Will those who have submitted vexatious complaints leading to favourable Supreme Court rulings to Cr Hall be declared vexatious complainants and not be permitted to continue to harass Cr Hall?

(ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) The Outstanding Service Award is an initiative of the Local Government Association of NSW. The eligibility criteria for the award, as established by the Association, is that elected members must have completed a cumulative total of at least 20 years service to local government in NSW. I can confirm that Clr Hall was a recipient of this Award.
- (2) I am not aware of any court proceedings brought by Councillor Hall to challenge attempts to have him suspended from civic office pursuant to section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (3) Council's resolution of 24 November 2009 is publicly available on the Council's website.
- (4) It is not appropriate for me to comment on matters that are the subject of current enquiries by the Division of Local Government.
- (5) It is not appropriate for me to comment on matters that are the subject of current enquiries by the Division of Local Government.
- (6) It is not appropriate for me to comment on matters that are the subject of current enquiries by the Division of Local Government.
- (7) Nil.
- (8)
  - (a) Yes.
  - (b) The Division of Local Government has advised me that it has no record of receiving an email from Clr Malicki of that date and time.
  - (c)
    - (i) and (ii) The evidence currently available to me does not support the need for an investigation.
  - (d)
    - (i) and (ii) I have no power to declare a person a vexatious complainant, nor to take the action proposed.

\*4741 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) Regarding correspondence from Mr Lewis Rangott of the Independent Commission Against Corruption dated 6 March 2008 in which he advises a member of the public, "It is my understanding that the next version of the model code will contain additional guidance in respect of procedural fairness, which will hopefully prevent arbitrary decision-making", has the Division of Local Government ensured additional guidance in respect of procedural fairness to prevent arbitrary decision-making in Code of Conduct breach investigations and decision making?
- (2)
  - (a) Will the Minister for Local Government take action to ensure that comprehensive guidelines similar to those contained in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Personnel Handbook at chapter 9 - "Management of Conduct and Performance", regarding the disciplinary investigation process for public servants including the need for timeliness, procedural fairness (fully outlined and defined), factors of decision making, how allegations should properly be put to alleged offenders, how investigators should conduct reviews and what reports should contain as to findings, disciplinary options and the like are contained in the Division of Local Government's Code of Conduct?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Regarding the evidence of the Division of Local Government's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ross Woodward who stated that "I can confirm that the standard of evidence is in the guidelines that came with the code of conduct back in 2005.":
  - (a) On which pages were the standards of evidence outlined in the 2005 document?
  - (b) Will the standards of evidence be incorporated clearly in any future Code of Conduct?

- (c) If not, why not?
- (4)
- (a) When accused of a breach of the Code of Conduct are Councillors entitled to all details of a complaint against them with specificity and particulars of the allegations, including a copy of the complaint and any evidence or materials in support of the complaint?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (5)
- (a)
- (i) Do Councillors have to attend any face to face interviews and be sound recorded?
- (ii) If so, what provisions of the Local Government Act or Code of Conduct compels them to do so?
- (b) If a Councillor refuses to attend a face to face interview or be sound recorded is it correct for a Code of Conduct Reviewer to state that "adverse inferences will be drawn from this failure to cooperate"?
- (6) What provisions of the Code of Conduct enable a Code of Conduct Reviewer to state that unless a Councillor accused of a Code of Conduct breach responds by way of statutory declaration or affidavit adverse inferences will be drawn?
- (7)
- (a) Do complainants have to swear a statutory declaration when alleging a breach of the code of conduct?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (8)
- (a) Are Councillors accused of a breach of the code of conduct entitled to the transcripts of all hearings and interviews with complainants and witnesses in order to ensure procedural fairness and natural justice and given an opportunity to respond?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (9) If a Code of Conduct Reviewer has acted ultra vires either by failing to provide procedural fairness and natural justice or has bias in a matter, what procedure should be followed to have that Code of Conduct Reviewer removed from investigating, considering and determining the matter?
- (10) What is the Division of Local Government doing to address allegations of maladministration, failure to accord procedural fairness and natural justice and bias on the part of the Code of Conduct Committee and a Code of Conduct Reviewer at Warringah Council in two cases?
- (11)
- (a) Why does the Code of Conduct allow a Code of Conduct Committee or Reviewer to be both the investigator and prosecutor and the decision maker?
- (b) What actions are being taken to address this conflict of interest?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
- (a) The Model Code of Conduct currently contains such guidelines. Parts 12 and 13 of the Model Code of Conduct prescribe the procedures to be followed in dealing with complaints under the code. Part 14 prescribes comprehensive guidelines for the operation of independent conduct reviewers and conduct review committees.
- To assist in the interpretation of the procedural requirements prescribed under the code, the Division has issued Guidelines for the Model Code of Conduct.
- (b) N/A.
- (3) It is not clear whether the question is intended to refer to 'standards of evidence' or 'standards of proof'.

- (a) There are a number of publications referred to in the Guidelines to the Model Code of Conduct, such as the NSW Ombudsman's Complaint Handler's Toolkit, that provide further guidance on standards of proof and other issues relating to investigative practice.
  - (b) The Division has considered that as code of conduct investigations are a civil process, it would be self evident that the relevant standard of proof that applies to them is the civil standard and not the criminal one. If the Division became aware that conduct reviewers were failing to apply the relevant principles appropriately, it would consider the need to provide further guidance on this in the Guidelines for the Model Code.
  - (c) See response, above.
- (4)
- (a) and (b) Procedural fairness requires that sufficient particulars be put to a person the subject of an investigation to enable them to identify the substance of the allegations or the case against them. It would generally not be appropriate for an investigator to disclose all the evidence against the person being investigated. To do so would potentially compromise the investigation.
- (5)
- (a)
    - (i) No.
    - (ii) See response, above.
  - (b) Clause 14.7 of the Model Code of Conduct provides as follows:

Where the person the subject of the complaint declines or fails to take the opportunity provided to respond to the substance of the allegation against them, the conduct review committee/reviewer should proceed to finalise the matter.

In finalising the matter, it is open to the conduct reviewer to make findings on the basis of the available evidence.
- (6) No provision of the Model Code of Conduct specifically requires that evidence be given by way of statutory declaration or affidavit. However, it is open to conduct reviewers to require evidence to be given by statutory declaration or under oath should they consider it appropriate in the circumstances. As stated above, where a person the subject of a complaint refuses to cooperate with the investigation, under clause 14.7 of the Model Code of Conduct, it is open to the conduct reviewer to make findings on the available evidence.
- (7)
- (a) No.
  - (b) The Division considers that it would be unduly onerous to require complaints under the Code of Conduct to be made by way of statutory declaration. The Division would be concerned that this may serve to deter persons from reporting breaches. However, as stated above, it is open to conduct reviewers to require evidence to be provided by way of statutory declaration or under oath should they consider it appropriate in the circumstances. Ultimately, the veracity of allegations made in complaints will be tested by the investigation process.
- (8)
- (a) and (b) See response to question 4b, above.
- (9) If a person has concerns about the manner in which a conduct reviewer has conducted an investigation, they may raise their concerns with the Division of Local Government.
- (10) It is not appropriate for me to comment on individual complaints dealt with by the Division of Local Government.
- (11)
- (a) Conduct reviewers do not exercise a "prosecutorial" function. They exercise an investigative function. Their role is to make enquiries into a matter referred to them and to make findings of fact and, where appropriate, recommendations. The ultimate decision in relation to whether the person the subject of the investigation has breached the code of conduct and the imposition of a sanction for any such breach is one that is made by the Council.
  - (b) See response to question 11a, above.

\*4742 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—INTERNATIONAL RADIO TRANSMITTING STATION AT SHANE'S PARK—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1)
  - (a) When the Government takes over management of the International Radio Transmitting Station site at Shane's Park will the kangaroos inhabiting the site be conserved on site and without sterilization?
  - (b) What measures will be taken to ensure the survival of kangaroos on the International Radio Transmitting Station site at Shane's Park?
  - (c) Does the Government eliminate kangaroos, wallabies and emus existing in bushland on the Cumberland Plain, including at Shane's Park?
- (2)
  - (a) When is the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water going to take ownership of this site?
  - (b) How much will this cost?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
    - (a) There are no plans to sterilise the kangaroos at Shanes Park when it becomes part of the national parks reserve system as they are a naturally occurring native population.
    - (b) Gazetting the reserve will ensure that the habitat for these kangaroos is managed and protected. The reserve will become part of a network of reserves in North West Sydney that will provide sanctuary and corridors for wildlife movement.
    - (c) Naturally occurring populations of fauna on the Cumberland plain are conserved and protected.
  - (2)
    - (a) Before ownership of Shanes Park can be transferred to NSW there are outstanding land transfer issues which need to be finalised with the Commonwealth Government this financial year.
    - (b) The costs to transfer the land will be minimal, using existing budget resources.
- \*4743 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—FORMER AIR SERVICES AUSTRALIA SITE AT CRANEBROOK—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—
- (1)
    - (a) How much was paid for acquisition of the former Air Services site at Cranebrook?
    - (b) How was the cost of acquisition apportioned between the NSW Government and the Commonwealth Government?
  - (2) To what extent was acquisition of other sites by the Government funded by the \$15 million dedicated by the Commonwealth Government in its 2007 election commitment toward the Cumberland Conservation Corridor?
  - (3)
    - (a) Was there a flora and fauna impact study done by the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water before the Department installed the new perimeter fence?
    - (b) If not, why not?
    - (c) Was Departmental policy and procedure followed?
  - (4)
    - (a) Did the Department lodge a development application with Penrith Council to install the new perimeter fence?
    - (b) If not, why not?



- (5)
- (a) Was there a flora and fauna impact study done by the Department after installation of the new perimeter fence?
  - (b) If so,
    - (i) What was the impact to flora and fauna as a result of the installation of the new fence?
    - (ii) What and how many species were destroyed in the process?
  - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
- (a) \$17.5 million
  - (b) \$11.70 million was funded by Australian Government under the Caring for our Country Program.  
\$2.96 million was obtained from other Commonwealth grants.  
\$2.84 million was funded by the NSW Government through the Growth Centres Biodiversity Offset Program.
- (2) The Commonwealth Government provided \$14.66 million in total for the purchase of Cranebrook. No other sites have been acquired in relation to this Commonwealth commitment.
- (3)
- (a) There was a Review of Environmental Factors prior to construction that considered the possible impacts to park values including flora, fauna, cultural heritage, water and soil quality.
  - (b) N/A
  - (c) Yes.
- (4)
- (a) No.
  - (b) Prior to works commencing, the Department consulted with Penrith City Council regarding the requirement to lodge a Development Application. As the fence was an upgrade of an existing fence line, Council advised that a Development Application was not required.
- (5) The installation of the new fence has had a beneficial effect for flora and fauna by eliminating unauthorised vehicle access with a corresponding reduction in the impacts from illegal rubbish dumping, illegal trail bike and 4WD use, and illegal tree-felling and firewood collection.
- Some individual plants were affected by the disturbance with most showing signs of recovery. All of the vegetation affected by the fencing had previously been affected by the installation of the Air Services fencing along the same fence line, and had recovered very well from this.

\*4744 PLANNING—PENRITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2008—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1)
- (a) Has the Department of Planning raised concerns with Penrith Council regarding the Penrith Local Environmental Plan failing to protect Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) mapped priority conservation lands?
  - (b) If so, how has the Department addressed those concerns?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (2) How has the Department ascertained the extent of threatened flora and fauna across the Penrith Local Government Area?
- (3)
- (a) Did the Department insist on ecological studies of all of the Deerubbin Land Council land?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (4)

- (a) Does the Penrith Local Environmental Plan propose RU4 zonings across hundreds of hectares of land claimed by the Deerubbin Land Council?
  - (b) If so, does this undermine the entire recovery plan?
  - (c) If not, why not?
  - (d) Have Council's zonings been accurately applied in accordance with the Department's guidelines in relation to the conservation of areas of high biodiversity value?
- (5) Does the success of the Government's draft Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan hinge on the protection of DECCW mapped priority conservation lands?
- (6)
- (a) Must the Minister for Planning take into account a Recovery Plan in making a Local Environmental Plan?
  - (b) Did this occur in regards to the draft Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan?
  - (c) If so what changes has the Minister recommended?
- (7)
- (a) Did the Government argue in the NSW Land and Environment Court that the Crown Lands claimed by the Deerubbin Land Council in the Penrith Local Government Area were needed for the essential public purpose of nature conservation?
  - (b) At that time were the lands zoned Rural 1a, 2 hectare minimum lots?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) No.
  - (b) Not Applicable.
  - (c) I have been advised that Penrith Council consulted with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) during preparation of the Principal Local Environmental Plan (Stage 1) to identify issues relating to this portfolio.
- (2) Penrith Council is the authority responsible for applying and determining appropriate zoning and controls for the Local Government Area. See Answer 1.
- (3)
- (a) No.
  - (b) Council worked with the DECCW to undertake relevant studies to identify appropriate zoning and controls in the local government area in accordance with relevant Practice Notes.
- (4)
- (a) The majority of land claimed by the Land Council was deferred from the LEP. I understand that some land owned or claimed by Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council is zoned RU4 under the LEP. I am unable to comment on the zones applying to each individual lot.
  - (b) and (c) The draft Recovery Plan and the agreed actions to implement the Plan have not yet been finalised.
  - (d) Yes.
- (5) The draft Recovery Plan and the agreed protection actions to implement the Plan have not yet been finalised.
- (6)
- (a) Where a Local Environmental Plan is relevant to a Recovery Plan and/or actions within the Recovery Plan, yes.
  - (b) The Recovery Plan and the agreed protection actions to implement the Plan have not yet been finalised. Notwithstanding this, I have been advised that the draft Recovery Plan was considered by Penrith Council, DECCW and the Department of Planning during the drafting of the LEP.
  - (c) The Minister made no changes to the Plan arising directly from consideration of issues associated with the draft Recovery Plan. Also see answer to 6(b) above.
- (7)

- (a) There have been numerous Land Claims by the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council over lands within the Penrith Local Government Area. I will be happy to provide a response when I have been given details of the particular Crown land in question.
- (b) It is not clear what lands are being referred to in this question. However, I am advised that prior to September 2010, Penrith's Rural 1(a) zone land had a minimum lot size of 40 hectares. I am unaware if lots of 2 hectares exist within this zone.

\*4745 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—DEERUBBIN LAND COUNCIL LANDS IN PENRITH—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1)
  - (a) Did the Government argue in the NSW Land and Environment Court that the Crown Lands claimed by the Deerubbin Land Council in the Penrith Local Government Area were needed for the essential public purpose of nature conservation?
  - (b) At that time were the lands zoned Rural 1a, 2 hectare minimum lots?
- (2) Have the majority of the Crown Lands claimed by the Deerubbin Land Council been mapped as Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water priority conservation lands?
- (3) How many hectares of the Department's priority conservation land claimed by the Deerubbin Land Council is proposed to be zoned RU4 under the draft Penrith Local Environmental Plan?
- (4) Did the Department take into account areas desired for future development when assessing priority areas for conservation?
- (5)
  - (a) Will RU4 zoning of these priority lands make acquisition extremely difficult and expensive?
  - (b) Would an E2 zoning facilitate better conservation outcomes?
- (6)
  - (a) Did the Department conduct a desktop study of the Deerubbin Land proposed to be zoned E2 and find that the area to be almost entirely consistent of core habitat?
  - (b) Are there lands that were not part of the study that consist of core habitat?
  - (c) If so, is the Department intending to study these lands as well?
  - (d) If not, why not?
- (7) Will the Department strongly oppose the Penrith Local Environmental Plan if it undermines the Department's draft Cumberland Plain Recovery Plan and makes future acquisition of the Department Priority Conservation Lands almost impossible?
- (8)
  - (a) What efforts has the Department made to acquire all the Deerubbin land mapped as priority lands?
  - (b) What is the estimated cost to the Department of acquiring this land?
- (9)
  - (a) Are there any matters of national environmental significance contained within the Deerubbin lands?
  - (b) If so, what and where are they?
- (10) If the Sydney Growth Centres Strategic Assessment is implemented as exhibited, what impact will that have on protecting and acquiring the Deerubbin Lands mapped by the Department as priority conservation lands?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1)
  - (a) Yes
  - (b) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning.

- (2) The majority of the former Crown Lands granted to the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council in the Penrith local government area have been mapped, and fall within the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water's (DECCW) priority conservation lands for Western Sydney. DECCW's priority conservation lands map identifies the best remaining land that provides the opportunity to secure long term biodiversity benefits for Western Sydney. The map is used to guide priorities for the expenditure of funds to purchase land from willing sellers for conservation purposes in Western Sydney. Purchase of lands is dependent on the agreement of the land owner, and the availability of funds.
- (3) 403 hectares of land owned by the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council, and located within DECCW's priority conservation lands, have been zoned RU4 under Stage 1 of the Penrith Local Environment Plan 2010, which was gazetted on 2 September 2010.
- (4) In identifying priority conservation lands, DECCW excluded areas identified for future urban growth, including the certified areas of the North West and South West Growth Centres, and lands that are zoned for residential or industrial uses.
- (5)
  - (a) Purchase of lands in Western Sydney, regardless of zonings, is likely to be expensive, and many landholders, for a variety of personal reasons, are reluctant to sell. Provided that a willing seller and funds were available for purchase, land zoned RU4 has more development potential and would be more expensive than if the land were zoned for a purpose which restricted use, dwellings or subdivision.
  - (b) Yes. According to the Standard Instrument LEPs Order 2006, the E2 zone is environmental conservation, whereas RU4 is rural small holdings aimed, in part, at enabling sustainable primary industry and dwellings. Councils have some discretion about uses and minimum lot sizes in draft LEPs but they must be consistent with the objectives in the standard instrument. Generally, E2 zoning prohibits dwelling houses and limits subdivision to a minimum lot size of 40 hectares or more, whereas RU4 has more permissible uses, including extensive agriculture and dwelling houses, and potentially smaller lot sizes. It should be noted that Council's role in considering appropriate zoning also makes reference to existing uses and zonings.
- (6)
  - (a) DECCW conducted a desktop study of the Deerubbin owned lands that were proposed to be zoned E2 in the draft Penrith LEP 2008. The study reported that 96 per cent of these lands were mapped as regionally significant (core) habitat in a 2005 study commissioned by Penrith City Council.
  - (b) to (d) Yes. DECCW had already undertaken an assessment to identify the lands on the Cumberland Plain that can contribute most to the long term recovery and maintenance of threatened biodiversity. DECCW considers these priority conservation lands to be the highest priority for future efforts to conserve the threatened biodiversity of the region.
- (7) No. DECCW has provided advice to Penrith Council and to the Department of Planning regarding the high biodiversity values on the Deerubbin lands. While the priority conservation lands have been identified as regional priorities for the implementation of recovery actions, the mapping does not, in itself, imply or guarantee conservation outcomes. Other lands identified in DECCW's conservation lands strategy will be considered for purchase, or long term conservation security if funds are not available to purchase priority lands, or the land owner is not willing to sell.
- (8)
  - (a) and (b) DECCW has approached relevant land owners in the Priority Conservation Lands to explain the Growth Centres Offsets Program and the options available to willing participants, including potential purchase or Biobanking Agreements. DECCW is open to offers of sale or expressions of interest in Biobanking at any time, which it will consider relative to other properties and the available funds. Details of the negotiations between DECCW and land owners are confidential. Most of the Deerubbin owned land was deferred from the Penrith Local Environment Plan. Penrith City council has advised the DECCW that these lands will be rezoned in the second stage of the Penrith Local Environment Plan. As the purchase price of these lands is dependant on their final zoning, the cost of acquiring these lands is unknown.
- (9)

- (a) and (b) The critically endangered Cumberland Plain Shale Woodland and Shale Gravel Transition Forest occurs on the Deerubbin owned lands. A wide variety of Commonwealth listed threatened flora and fauna species have also been recorded on these lands.

Commonwealth listed threatened flora species that are present include Bynoe's Wattle, *Allocasuarina glareicola*, *Dillwynia tenuifolia*, *Micromyrtus minutiflora*, Nodding Geebung, and *Pultenaea parviflora*. Commonwealth listed threatened fauna species that are likely to use the lands include the Grey-headed Flying Fox, Large-eared Pied Bat, Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot.

- (10) The Deerubbin lands contain matters of national environmental significance that will be prioritised for protection under the Strategic Assessment. Protection of the private lands can only occur if the land owner decides to sell the land or to enter into a conservation agreement with the NSW Government. If these lands cannot be protected, other priority lands as mapped by DECCW will be considered for protection.

\*4746 COMMERCE—TUGGERAH COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What was the cost of the following expenses incurred for the opening of the Tuggerah station commuter car park in December 2009:
- (a) Catering?
  - (b) Advertising?
  - (c) Staff overtime?
  - (d) Equipment hire?
  - (e) Printing and print production?
  - (f) Postage?
  - (g) Photography?
  - (h) Media?
  - (i) Other itemised costs?
- (2) What was the total cost for the opening?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Services, Technology and Administration does not hold the requested information.

\*4747 TRANSPORT—TUGGERAH COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What was the cost of the following expenses incurred for the opening of the Tuggerah station commuter car park in December 2009:
- (a) Catering?
  - (b) Advertising?
  - (c) Staff overtime?
  - (d) Equipment hire?
  - (e) Printing and print production?
  - (f) Postage?
  - (g) Photography?
  - (h) Media?
  - (i) Other itemised costs?
- (2) What was the total cost for the opening?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) There were no expenses incurred for the opening of the Tuggerah Interchange Commuter Car Park in December 2009.

\*4748 TRANSPORT—MORISSET STATION CARPARK OPENING—Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1)
- (a) Has the Morrisset station commuter carpark been opened?
  - (b) If so, when?
  - (c) What was the cost of the following expenses incurred for the opening of the Tuggerah station commuter car park in December 2009:
    - (i) Catering?
    - (ii) Advertising?
    - (iii) Staff overtime?
    - (iv) Equipment hire?
    - (v) Printing and print production?
    - (vi) Postage?
    - (vii) Photography?
    - (viii) Media?
    - (ix) Other itemised costs?
  - (d) What was the total cost for the opening?
- (2) If the Morrisset station commuter carpark has not been opened, when will it be opened?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Morrisset station commuter car park and bus interchange opened on 9 August 2010. The total cost for the opening of the Morrisset station commuter car park and bus interchange was approximately \$1000, including catering and printing.

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\*4749 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCUST PLAGUE CONTROL PROGRAM—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) What discussions has Industry and Investment NSW had with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) about the inspection and management of cattle and kangaroos killed for human consumption that have been subject to Fenithrothion spraying as part of the Locust Plague Control Program?
- (2) What action has Industry and Investment NSW taken to advise landowners whose land has been subject to Fenithrothion spraying as part of the Locust Plague Control Program of quarantine requirements for cattle?
- (3)
  - (a) Has AQIS imposed a 14 day withholding period to all meat, including kangaroo meat for both internal and export markets, that has been sprayed under the Locust Plague Control Program?
  - (b) If so, why?
- (4) What is the procedure for identifying residue or dangerous levels of Fenithrothion within meat, including kangaroo meat?

Answer—

- (1) None. Discussions have been held with SAFEMEAT (on which the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is represented, but not AQIS) in relation to managing any concerns which may be raised about locust residues in cattle and kangaroos. As a cooperative

activity with SAFEMEAT, a large amount of material has been produced and published, primarily on the website of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) at [http://www.apvma.gov.au/residues/whp\\_faq.php](http://www.apvma.gov.au/residues/whp_faq.php).

- (2) All landowners supplied with insecticide by the Livestock Health and Pest Authority are advised on pesticide label directions including safe application, withholding periods and the requirement for AQF training by the applicator. The landholder is also given a specific handout produced by SAFEMEAT, dealing with locust control and livestock residues. This handout is available on the I&I NSW and APVMA website.
- (3) No. Standard withholding periods and industry-managed export slaughter intervals apply as indicated in the handout referred to in question No. 2.
- (4) Residue testing of meat is the responsibility of the relevant industry sector and in the case of both cattle and kangaroos, testing is carried out on their behalf by the National Residue Survey (a branch of DAFF).

Locust spraying with fenitrothion does not produce dangerous residue levels—the concentrations involved are much too low to be dangerous to animals or humans.

Locust spraying is targeted at congregating nymphs, known as banding. This avoids broad-acre application of pesticides.

Residue trials carried out by Industry & Investment NSW in the past showed that even cattle which may have been directly over-sprayed with Fenitrothion meet both domestic and export residue standards after 14 days.

\*4750 WATER—SNOWY RIVER INFLOW AND SNOWY HYDRO LIMITED—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) Following the increased inflows into Lake Jindabyne what action is being taken to accelerate delivery of environmental flows to the Snowy River from the current mean annual natural flow of 6%, to the 2009 flow target of 15%, 21% by 2012 and 28% by 2015?
- (2) Have there been any discussions or proposals to close the Snowy Hydro Limited's Cooma office?
- (3) How many full time equivalent staff have worked at the Snowy Hydro Limited's Cooma office during the following years:
  - (a) 2007?
  - (b) 2008?
  - (c) 2009?
  - (d) 2010 to date?
- (4)
  - (a) Has Snowy Hydro Limited or the Minister for Water sought any advice on an Initial Public Offering for Snowy Hydro Limited in the last 12 months?
  - (b) If so, what was the nature of the advice sought?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) Inflows to Lake Jindabyne are not directly related to the volume of water available for environmental releases. Water savings in the western rivers provide the water for environmental releases to the Snowy River in the following year.

Unprecedented drought over the previous four years has meant that, whilst recovery of water entitlements has remained on target, the allocations of water to the recovered entitlements has been less than expected.

In recognition of the impact of drought on the recovery of the Snowy River, the three shareholder governments in the Snowy Scheme have all contributed to a release of an additional 16.7 GL of water to the Snowy River that has just been undertaken, with another 7.7 GL of additional releases scheduled for next April.

The Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act 1997 is administered by my colleague, the Minister for Energy. Accordingly, questions concerning Snowy Hydro Limited should be referred to him.

\*4751 HEALTH—OATLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE—Mr Ajaka asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many visits to the Oatley Early Childhood Centre drop-in service were made by young children in the year leading up to the cessation of the service?
- (2) What is the scope of the review of services?
- (3) Will further service cuts take place as a result of the review?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) to (3) There were 16 drop-in visits per week to the Oatley Early Childhood Centre in 2009.

All Area Health Service Child and Family Health Centres are continuously reviewed to ensure efficient utilisation of the service by the community.

There have been no cuts to services or staffing within the Oatley Early Childhood Centre.

Reviews have identified more efficient and effective ways of seeing families and as a result, utilisation of the Oatley Early Childhood Centre has increased.

\*4752 TRANSPORT—TRANSPORT INFORMATION LINE—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What percentage of calls to the 131500 Transport Information line were answered within 20 seconds in the following months:

- (a) January 2010?
- (b) February 2010?
- (c) March 2010?
- (d) April 2010?
- (e) May 2010?
- (f) June 2010?
- (g) July 2010?
- (h) August 2010?
- (i) September 2010?
- (j) October 2010?
- (k) November 2010?

Answer—

I am advised that 131 500 Transport Information Line call centre staff aim to answer each call within a reasonable time frame. On average over 70 percent of calls are answered within 20 seconds.

\*4753 TRANSPORT—SYDNEY BUSES FEEDBACK MANAGEMENT—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What percentage of telephone feedback received by Sydney Buses was addressed immediately, in the following months:

- (a) January 2010?
- (b) February 2010?
- (c) March 2010?
- (d) April 2010?
- (e) May 2010?
- (f) June 2010?
- (g) July 2010?
- (h) August 2010?
- (i) September 2010?
- (j) October 2010?



(k) November 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) to (k) All Sydney Buses telephone feedback is made through the 131500 Transport Infoline's "Your Say Line. The "Your Say Line" also handles feedback for all other types of public transport experiences. Under State Transit's Customer Service Charter the aim is for the "Your Say Line" to address 70% of telephone feedback immediately. For those issues that are not able to be answered on the spot, the aim is to provide more advice in five working days. State Transit's Customer Service Charter is publicly available on the State Transit website.

\*4754 TRANSPORT—BUS SERVICE ARRIVAL TIMES—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What percentage of State Transit Authority buses arrive within five minutes of published time on major transport corridors in the following months:

- (a) January 2010?
- (b) February 2010?
- (c) March 2010?
- (d) April 2010?
- (e) May 2010?
- (f) June 2010?
- (g) July 2010?
- (h) August 2010?
- (i) September 2010?
- (j) October 2010?
- (k) November 2010 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) to (k) Performance information for State Transit bus services, including on-time running, is available on the State Transit website.

\*4755 TRANSPORT—BUS SERVICE EFFICIENCY—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What percentage of State Transit Authority buses started on time in the following months:

- (a) January 2010?
- (b) February 2010?
- (c) March 2010?
- (d) April 2010?
- (e) May 2010?
- (f) June 2010?
- (g) July 2010?
- (h) August 2010?
- (i) September 2010?
- (j) October 2010?
- (k) November 2010 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) to (k) Performance information for State Transit bus services, including on-time running, is available on the State Transit website.

\*4756 TRANSPORT—WHEELCHAIR AND DISABILITY ACCESS ON STATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUSES—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many State Transit Authority buses had wheelchair and disability access at the following dates:
  - (a) 1 January 2009?
  - (b) 1 July 2009?
  - (c) 1 January 2010?
  - (d) 1 July 2010?
- (2) What percentage of State Transit Authority buses had wheelchair and disability access at the following dates:
  - (a) 1 January 2009?
  - (b) 1 July 2009?
  - (c) 1 January 2010?
  - (d) 1 July 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) State Transit is committed to providing wheelchair and disability accessible buses to ensure equitable access to all sections of the community, including the disabled, elderly and less mobile. All new buses purchased by State Transit are wheelchair and disability accessible. At the following dates State Transit had the following number of wheelchair and disability accessible buses:
  - (a) 1 January 2009 999.
  - (b) 1 July 2009 1107.
  - (c) 1 January 2010 1175.
  - (d) 1 July 2010 1266.
- (2) State Transit has exceeded its current obligations in meeting the timetable defined by the Commonwealth Government's Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. At the following dates State Transit had the following percentages of wheelchair and disability accessible buses in its fleet:
  - (a) 1 January 2009 48.6%.
  - (b) 1 July 2009 53.6%.
  - (c) 1 January 2010 56.0%.
  - (d) 1 July 2010 58.5%.

\*4757 PLANNING—ENERGY PROJECTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) How many wind farm projects were approved in New South Wales in the last five years including 2010?
- (2) How many wind farm projects were rejected in New South Wales in the last five years including 2010?
- (3) For each wind farm project approved over the last five years:
  - (a) What planning fees were paid for each project?
  - (b) Where the maximum fee was not levied, what was the basis for the determination of the actual planning fee levied?
  - (c) What was the size (in MW) of each project?
  - (d) What was the declared Capital Investment Value for each project?
- (4) How many new coal mines were approved in New South Wales in the last five years including 2010?
- (5) How many new coal mines were rejected in New South Wales in the last five years including 2010?
- (6) For each new coal mine approved in New South Wales in the last five years:
  - (a) What planning fees were paid for each mine?

- (b) What was the size of annual extraction amount (in Mt per annum) for each mine?  
 (c) What was the declared Capital Investment Value?
- (7) What is the difference between planning fees for wind farms in New South Wales and planning fees for wind farms in the following states and territories:  
 (a) Victoria?  
 (b) Western Australia?  
 (c) Queensland?  
 (d) The Australian Capital Territory?  
 (e) The Northern Territory?  
 (f) South Australia?
- (8)  
 (a) Are there plans to reduce planning fees to a level that only recovers the cost of assessment in order to attract investment in wind farms in New South Wales under renewable energy target legislation?  
 (b) If not, why not?
- (9)  
 (a) What are the funds from the Part 3A Planning Reform Fee used for?  
 (b) What planning reform is occurring to warrant the additional fee?
- (10) Regarding the Nyngan large scale solar farm that is currently on exhibition:  
 (a) What was the total amount of planning fees levied?  
 (b) What is the project size (in MW)?  
 (c) What is the declared Capital Investment Value?
- (11) Regarding the Moree large scale solar farm that is currently on exhibition:  
 (a) What was the total amount of planning fees levied?  
 (b) What is the project size (in MW)?  
 (c) What is the declared Capital Investment Value?
- (12) Regarding the Capital large scale solar farm that is currently on exhibition:  
 (a) What was the total amount of planning fees levied?  
 (b) What is the project size (in MW)?  
 (c) What is the declared Capital Investment Value?

Answer—

- (1) This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.
- (2) No wind farm proposals were refused by either the Minister for Planning or the Land and Environment Court.
- (3)  
 (a) The table below identifies the fees charged for each wind farm either by the Minister for Planning or the Land and Environment Court. This information is not available on the Department of Planning's Website.

Project	Planning Fees Charged
Crookwell II Wind Farm	\$214,881.50
Woodlawn Wind Farm	\$120,872
Taralga Wind Farm	\$79,220 (DA fees levied by Council before the project was called in by the then Minister)
Capital Wind Farm	\$265,775
Cullerin Range Wind Farm	\$60,301.25
Conroy's Gap Wind Farm	\$63,475
Black Springs Wind Farm	\$40,630.55
Silverton Wind Farm	\$775,062.52
Gullen Range Wind Farm	\$665,865

Glen Innes Wind Farm	\$213,745
Kyoto Energy Park	\$232,621.50
Boco Rock Wind Farm	\$250,000

- (b) The NSW Government has a strategic approach to reduce fees levied. This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.
- (4) and (5) This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.
- (6)
- (a) Full fees were levied for each mine in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
- (b) and (c) This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.
- (7) Major project application fees are prescribed in Part 15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Information on planning fees in other jurisdictions is available from those jurisdictions. The NSW Government also has a policy of waiving the critical infrastructure fee for renewable energy projects, including wind farms, that meet the critical infrastructure criterion of a generation capacity of at least 30 megawatts.
- (8)
- (a) and (b) The Government has already waived the critical infrastructure fee for certain wind farm projects and will consider fee reductions on a case by case basis in accordance with the Department of Planning's Part 3A Fees Guideline. This guideline is available on the Department's website.
- (9)
- (a) and (b) The Planning Reform Fund (PRF) supports of reforms to the planning system that aim to streamline planning processes, improve, efficiency and transparency, while enhancing community involvement.
- The fund assists local government improve strategic planning in local plans. For further information regarding (PRF) please refer to the Department of Planning's website.
- (10)
- (a) \$369,745
- (b) and (c) This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.
- (11)
- (a) \$247,945
- (b) and (c) This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.
- (12)
- (a) \$213,745
- (b) and (c) This information is available on the Department of Planning's website.

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\*4758 POLICE—POLICE OFFICER TRAINING COSTS—Mr Gallacher asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

What is the average pre-attestation cost of a police officer in the current class, originally due to attest on 17 December 2010, who is undergoing on-campus training, including recruitment and selection related expenses, training, scholarships, insurances, equipment and costs for available accommodation?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my earlier response to his Written Question No. 4673 on this subject.

\*4759 POLICE—POSTPONEMENT OF TRAINING—Mr Gallacher asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many rejoiner and professional mobility applicants are awaiting the scheduling of classes to allow them to join the NSW Police Force?
- (2) How many applicants were scheduled to undertake the September 2010 class that was postponed?
- (3) How many applicants were scheduled to undertake the February 2011 class that was postponed?
- (4) How many applicants were scheduled to undertake the March 2011 class that was postponed?
- (5) When will these classes be held?
- (6) What was the reason for delaying, on at least two occasions, these classes?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) There are currently 13 former NSW police officers approved for Rejoiner training and 14 serving and former police officers in other jurisdictions approved for Professional Mobility training.
- (2) At the time of postponement there were six approved applicants for the Professional Mobility class scheduled for September 2010.
- (3) The Professional Mobility class scheduled for February 2011 was the same one originally planned for September 2010. As mentioned above, there are currently 14 people approved for this training.
- (4) The class scheduled for March 2011 was for Rejoiner applicants. As mentioned above, there are currently 13 people approved for this training.
- (5) and (6) It is currently that Professional Mobility and Rejoiner classes will be offered after the attestation of Class 313 in August 2011. Higher than expected success rates for Classes 310 (August 2010) and 311 (December 2010) have resulted in a reduced availability of training resources and facilities, as well as fewer vacant positions.

\*4760 TRANSPORT—NSW FREIGHT STRATEGY—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1)
  - (a) Will a draft NSW Freight Strategy be released for public submissions?
  - (b) If so, when is this planned to occur?
- (2) When is it planned that the NSW Freight Strategy will be finalised and released to the public?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised that a draft NSW Freight Strategy will be released for public and industry consultation early in 2011.

\*4761 HOUSING—SOCIAL HOUSING INITIATIVE—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

How many dwellings funded under the Social Housing Initiative have been constructed, or are in the course of construction, as Class C adaptable which incorporate features for people with disabilities? Please provide a breakdown by local government area.

Answer—

The total number of Class C adaptable dwellings funded under the Social Housing Initiative (Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan) across NSW is approximately 20% of the program. All other properties under the Initiative have universal design features to take into account the needs of tenants as they age.

\*4762 HOUSING—ABORIGINAL AND COMMUNITY HOUSING—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

How many dwellings owned by Aboriginal Housing or community housing providers were vacant as at 30 June 2010? Please provide a breakdown by local government area.

Answer—

Housing NSW provides tenancy and property management for properties owned by the Aboriginal Housing Office. The number of properties owned by the Aboriginal Housing Office that are vacant in any area changes on a daily basis as properties are vacated by tenants, cleaned and repaired ready for the next tenant, as is required under the Residential Tenancies Act and are then re-occupied.

Housing NSW does not collect data in relation to properties owned by community housing providers.

\*4763 HOUSING—PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) How many people were on the public housing waiting list in the Illawarra region as at 30 June 2010?
- (2) How many people were on the waiting list were waiting for accommodation in Gerringong as at 30 June 2010?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) In April 2010, Housing NSW, the Aboriginal Housing Office and a number of community housing providers across the State implemented a new housing application system known as Housing Pathways to make applying for housing assistance easier, simpler and fairer. A single statewide waiting list, the NSW Housing Register, was also created under the Pathways initiative.

The number of approved applicants for social housing is detailed in the Housing NSW component of the Department of Human Services 2009/10 Annual Report.

\*4764 PREMIER—PUBLIC SERVICE RECRUITMENT FREEZE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

Since the Government instituted the back-office recruitment freeze, with the stated goal of consolidating the public service through natural attrition, how many positions have been consolidated or removed in the general government sector as a result of natural attrition?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not available. The workforce data collected centrally focus on the number of employees in the sector, rather than on the number of positions.

\*4765 HOUSING—PUBLIC HOUSING FUNDING—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (a) Has Housing NSW sought funding for any mixed proposals incorporating social housing under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan and other dwellings eligible for National Rental Affordability Scheme subsidies?
- (b) If so,
  - (i) How many mixed proposals have received funding?
  - (ii) How many dwellings do they comprise?
  - (iii) What proportion are social housing for high priority public housing applicants?
  - (iv) In what local government areas are these mixed proposals located?

Answer—

- (a) Yes.
- (b)
  - (i) One.
  - (ii) 57.
  - (iii) 67%.
  - (iv) City of Sydney local government area.

\*4766 FINANCE—REPORT ON SUPERIMPOSED INFLATION—Mr Pearce asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) Will the PriceWaterhouseCooper report on superimposed inflation be released as recommended in the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice's report entitled Review of the exercise of the functions of the Motor Accidents Authority and the Motor Accidents Council Tenth Report, in Recommendation 15?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) intends to release the report and is currently consulting with the authors of the report in relation to its proposed release.

\*4767 ENERGY—PROPOSED POWER LINE CONSTRUCTION AT KINCUMBER—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister for Energy aware of local residents' concern about potential health risks from the proposed construction by Energy Australia of 66kV overhead power lines in Melville Street, Kincumber?
- (2) Will the transmission power lines proposed to be constructed in close proximity to homes in Melville Street, Kincumber, where many children live and to the Kincumber Preschool, potentially increase exposure to electromagnetic fields and increase the risk of children developing leukaemia?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) EnergyAustralia advises the current EMF level of the power line operating under normal load conditions at 11kV is 5mG. The EMF from the reconfigured 66kV power line is proposed to be less than 4mG under normal load conditions.

\*4768 ENERGY—ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR KINCUMBER POWER LINE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (a) Will Energy Australia implement the principle of prudent avoidance in relation to the potential health risks from electromagnetic fields from the 66kV overhead transmission power lines proposed to be constructed in Melville Street, Kincumber and find an alternate route for power lines that is not in close proximity to homes in Melville Street, Kincumber and the Kincumber Preschool, or at least place the power lines underground?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (a) and (b) EnergyAustralia advises that the power line has been designed to incorporate prudent avoidance principals to ensure levels of EMF are minimised.

\*4769 ENERGY—UNDERGROUND PLACEMENT OF PROPOSED KINCUMBER POWER LINE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (a) Following sections of the recently constructed power lines from Ourimbah to Wamberal that ran past a school being placed underground, if an alternate route cannot be found for the section of the proposed 66kV power line in Melville Street, Kincumber, can Energy Australia place this line underground?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (a) EnergyAustralia advises that the Wamberal power line was a new construction. The portion of the power line placed underground was immediately outside the substation and the decision to underground this section was based on technical and environmental considerations, not EMF reasons.

The proposed 66kV power line in Melville St Kincumber is not being built as a new power line. It is replacing an existing power line and will be using existing poles, which were constructed for a 66kV power line in 1976, predating the opening of the pre-school.

While EnergyAustralia has been operating this power line at 11kV, it was always intended to be operated at 66kV and was always part of the long term planning for a future zone substation in the Empire Bay area.

The power line is situated on the opposite side of the street to the pre-school and will be no closer to residences in Melville Street than the existing power line. The re-configuration of the new powerline will mean that EMF will be reduced from its current level.

- (b) There is no benefit in undergrounding this section of the new proposed 66kV powerline, as the EMF levels under normal operating conditions will be reduced from the current EMF levels of the existing 11kV power line.

\*4770 TREASURER—FUNDING OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Where in the 2009-2010 New South Wales Budget Papers does funding for the Governor appear?
- (2) What are the amounts for the following items of expenditure:
  - (a) Salary and on-costs for the Governor during:
    - (i) 2002/03?
    - (ii) 2003/04?
    - (iii) 2004/05?
    - (iv) 2005/06?
    - (v) 2006/07?
    - (vi) 2007/08?
    - (vii) 2008/09?
    - (viii) 2009/10?
  - (b) The costs of support staff for the Governor, please provide details regarding the number and salaries for each, during:
    - (i) 2002/03?
    - (ii) 2003/04?
    - (iii) 2004/05?
    - (iv) 2005/06?
    - (v) 2006/07?
    - (vi) 2007/08?
    - (vii) 2008/09?
    - (viii) 2009/10?
  - (c) The cost of entertainment, including the number of events and the cost for each event during:



- (i) 200203?
- (ii) 200304?
- (iii) 200405?
- (iv) 200506?
- (v) 200607?
- (vi) 200708?
- (vii) 200809?
- (viii) 200910?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As the budget for the Governor's Office is a line item within the total budget allocation for the Department of Premier and Cabinet, it does not independently appear in the budget papers.

However, the costs for the office would be included in the figures on page 11-16 of the 2010/11 budget papers which outlines the total amount the Department of Premier and Cabinet will spend on providing "Administrative Support for Government". There are employee expenses included in the budget papers for this category but it does include a number of functions.

The NSW Treasury sets out how the budget papers are compiled and presented.

- (2)

(a)

- (i) 200203: \$118,723 Allowance: \$38,416
- (ii) 200304: \$131,640 Allowance: \$42,595
- (iii) 200405: \$143,355 Allowance: \$46,385
- (iv) 200506: \$149,233 Allowance: \$48,207
- (v) 200607: \$155,800 Allowance: \$50,411
- (vi) 200708: \$162,343 Allowance: \$52,528
- (vii) 200809: \$169,324 Allowance: \$54,786
- (viii) 200910: \$174,404 Allowance: \$56,430

(b)

- (i) 200203
  - Hospitality Assistant \$35,537
  - Admin Assistant, General Scale \$37,528
  - PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$48,468
  - Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$48,468
  - Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$61,158
  - PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$61,158
  - Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$65,731
  - Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$65,731
  - Official Secretary \$141,260
- (ii) 200304
  - Hospitality Assistant \$36,960
  - Admin Assistant, General Scale \$37,528
  - PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$48,468
  - Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$48,468
  - Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$61,158
  - PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$61,158
  - Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$65,731
  - Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$65,731
  - Official Secretary \$147,000
- (ii) 200405

- i) Hospitality Assistant \$38,438  
Admin Assistant, General Scale \$39,029  
PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$50,407  
Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$50,407  
Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$63,604  
PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$63,604  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$68,360  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$68,360  
Official Secretary \$153,900
- (i 2005/06
- v) Admin Assistant, General Scale \$40,590  
PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$52,423  
Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$52,423  
Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$66,148  
PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$66,148  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$71,094  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$71,094  
Official Secretary \$161,000
- (v 2006/07
- ) Admin Assistant, Grade 3/4 \$52,894  
PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$54,520  
Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$54,520  
Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$68,794  
PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$68,794  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$73,938  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$73,938  
Official Secretary \$167,440
- (v 2007/08
- i) Admin Assistant, Grade 3/4 \$56,701  
PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$56,701  
Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$56,701  
Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$71,546  
PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$71,546  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$76,896  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$76,896  
Official Secretary \$174,140
- (v 2008/09
- ii) Receptionist, General Scale \$45,659  
Admin Assistant, Grade 3/4 \$58,969  
PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$58,969  
Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$58,969  
Admin Officer, Grade 6/7 \$74,408  
PA to Governor, Grade 6/7 \$74,408  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$79,972  
Protocol Officer, Grade 7/8 \$79,972  
Executive Officer, Grade 9/10 \$82,356  
Official Secretary \$177,450
- (v 2009/10
- iii
- ) Admin Assistant, Grade 3/4 \$61,328  
PA to Official Secretary, Grade 3/4 \$56,009  
Invitations Officer, Grade 3/4 \$61,328

\*4771 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SUMMARY OF NSW COAL STATISTICS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

Please provide the updated version of the Department of Primary Industries Summary of NSW Coal Statistics (<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/resources/coal/summary-of-nsw-coal-statistics>), or advise where it can be found online for the following financial years:

- (a) 2007/08?
- (b) 2008/09?
- (c) 2009/10?

Answer—

An updated version of the Department of Industry and Investment's Summary of NSW Coal Statistics for the periods from 2004-05 to 2008-09 is shown below. The information, provided by Coal Services Pty Ltd is available on the Department's website at:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/resources/coal/summary-of-nsw-coal-statistics>.

SUMMARY COAL STATISTICS, NEW SOUTH WALES	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Production '000 tonnes					
- Raw Coal	156,309	161,140	170,324	177,167	181,978
Underground mines	51,907	52,232	57,241	61,316	63,069
Open cut mines	104,402	108,908	113,083	115,851	118,909
- Saleable Coal	122,063	124,611	131,334	135,149	138,456
Underground mines	43 186	42,297	46,202	48,974	51,609
Open cut mines	78 877	82,314	85,132	86,175	86,847
Number of mines (a)	55	58	60	60	60
Underground	28	30	29	29	29
Open cut	27	28	31	31	31
Employment (a)	11,290	12,658	13,392	15,387	16,914
Underground mines	5 620	6 541	6,792	7,469	8,478
Open cut mines	5 670	6 117	6,600	7,918	8,436
Saleable Output per employee, tonnes	11,680	10,240	9,970	9,430	8,410
Underground mines	8 170	6 820	6,860	6,970	6,320
Open cut mines	15 280	13 800	13,230	11,810	10,480
Exports, '000 tonnes (b)	86,568	89,839	91,533	100,465	103,275
Metallurgical	18 553	17 881	20,376	25,342	21,160
Steaming	68 015	71 958	71,157	75,123	82,115
Domestic sales, '000 tonnes	33,904	34,129	0	36,841	34,937
Power stations	27,786	28,503	0	30,764	30,599
Steel industry	5,026	4,576	0	4,994	3,480
Other	1,092	1,050	0	1,083	858
Mine stocks, '000 tonnes (a)	7 802	8 542	11,220	9,374	10,033

(a) As at end of June. (b) Includes small tonnages of imported coal.

I am further advised that figures for 2009-10 will be published by the Department on its website in the first quarter of 2011.

\*4772 WATER—NSW FREIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) How many times has the NSW Freight Advisory Council met since being formed?
- (2) Who are the members of the Council and how are they appointed?
- (3) What are the terms of reference of the Council?
- (4) Will Council meeting agendas and minutes be made public?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to the Minister for Transport.

\*4774 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES—ACCESS TO LICENSED BOARDING HOUSES BY ADVOCACY GROUPS—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) When licensing boarding houses, how does the Minister for Ageing and Disability Services ensure all residents have access to advocacy services funded by the Boarding House Reform Program?
- (2)
  - (a) Do all advocacy services have adequate access to all licensed boarding houses?
  - (b) If not, under what conditions are advocacy services funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care denied entry to licensed boarding houses and engagement with residents with a disability?
- (3) When will the Minister or the Department respond to the People with Disability Australia advocacy body on issues regarding their access to a licensed boarding house which they are currently obstructed from entering or engaging with its residents?

Answer—

The Licensee or Licensed Manager of a licensed residential centre (LRC) is obliged to provide residents with information on advocacy services available to them and to provide access to advocacy services for those residents who request them. This obligation is set out in the Youth and Community Services Regulation 2010 (YACS Regulation), made pursuant to the NSW Youth and Community Services Act 1973 (YACS Act).

Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) is responsible for ensuring that LRCs operate in accordance with the requirements of the YACS Act and the Conditions of Licence relevant to licensed premises. LRCs are monitored regularly throughout a yearly cycle with routine monitoring inspections of premises occurring at a minimum of every six to eight weeks. Through these inspections, ADHC Licensing Officers consult with all residents to ensure that they have access to information about advocacy services and that relevant information is available on notice boards. ADHC also undertakes full service reviews of LRCs against the YACS Regulation and all Conditions of Licence on a three year cycle and implements action plans to resolve residents' complaints.

Residents of LRCs are not limited to advocacy services funded through the Boarding House Reform Program. Residents are free to choose the advocate or advocacy service that meets their needs.

ADHC is not aware of any residents that have been obstructed from accessing advocacy services they have specifically requested. The YACS Act and YACS Regulation require that residents be provided with information on support services, advocacy services or other service or information providers and that any resident who wishes to access such services must be assisted to and not obstructed from doing so in any way.

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\*4775 PREMIER—BADGERY'S CREEK AIRPORT SITE—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) What is the status and zoning of the land at Badgery's Creek previously targeted to become an airport?
- (2)
  - (a) Will the site be used for an airport?
  - (b) If not, how will the site be used?
- (3)
  - (a) What is the status of consultations with the Federal Government concerning the site?
  - (b) Has the Federal Government advised of any plans regarding the intended use of the site?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4776 PLANNING—BADGERY'S CREEK AIRPORT SITE—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) What is the status and zoning of the land at Badgery's Creek previously targeted to become an airport?
- (2)
  - (a) Will the site be used for an airport?
  - (b) If not, how will the site be used?
- (3)
  - (a) What is the status of consultations with the Federal Government concerning the site?
  - (b) Has the Federal Government advised of any plans regarding the intended use of the site?

Answer—

- (1) This site remains zoned Special Activities under the provisions of Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008.
- (2)
  - (a) The Commonwealth Government's National Aviation Policy White Paper indicates that the Commonwealth will not be using the site for an airport.
  - (b) A joint State and Commonwealth Committee is investigating the future use of the Commonwealth owned Badgerys Creek site.
- (3)
  - (a) The Director General of the Department of Planning co-chairs the joint State and Commonwealth Committee, and is therefore in a joint consultation process with the Federal Government to determine to future viability of the Badgerys Creek site.
  - (b) No.

\*4777 TRANSPORT—799 BUS SERVICE TO GLENMORE PARK—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (a) Will the 799 bus service to Glenmore Park be reinstated on Sundays, so that disabled and elderly passengers are not housebound?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4778 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1)

- (a) Has a public patient at Nepean Hospital had to wait two years for knee surgery?
- (b) Has it been recommended that he travel from his residence in St Clair to Hornsby Hospital instead?

(2) How many full time orthopedic surgeons are allocated to Nepean Hospital?

(3) How many orthopedic surgeons are allocated to Nepean Hospital for only four hours of surgery a fortnight?

(4)

- (a) Will there be more full time orthopedic surgeons allocated to Nepean Hospital?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4779 POLICE—SPEEDING ON MT PANORAMA, BATHURST—Mr Ajaka asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

(1) How many drivers have been caught speeding on Mt Panorama, Bathurst in the following financial years:

- (a) 2000/01?
- (b) 2001/02?
- (c) 2002/03?
- (d) 2003/04?
- (e) 2004/05?
- (f) 2005/06?
- (g) 2006/07?
- (h) 2007/08?
- (i) 2008/09?
- (j) 2009/10?

(2) How many drivers were caught going over the speed limit by 45km/h or more on Mt Panorama, Bathurst in the following financial years:

- (a) 2000/01?
- (b) 2001/02?
- (c) 2002/03?
- (d) 2003/04?
- (e) 2004/05?
- (f) 2005/06?
- (g) 2006/07?
- (h) 2007/08?
- (i) 2008/09?
- (j) 2009/10?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4780 EMERGENCY SERVICES—VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES ROYAL COMMISSION—Mrs Pavey asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How will each of the programs announced in the Government's response to the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission on 14 November 2010 be funded?
- (2) Are these existing or new programs?
- (3) What is the estimated annual expenditure for each program?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4781 MAJOR EVENTS—WINTERSUN FESTIVAL—Mrs Pavey asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

- (1) Regarding the announcement that the Wintersun Festival would move from Coolangatta-Tweed Heads to Port Macquarie in 2011, what assurances were sought or received to indicate that the 60,000 visitors to the festival would choose to visit Port Macquarie or another regional centre once the festival leaves Coolangatta-Tweed Heads?
- (2) Has a new festival been set up to replace the Wintersun in Coolangatta-Tweed Heads?
- (3) Are accommodation bookings in the Coolangatta-Tweed Heads area currently greater than eighty percent for the time of the new festival?
- (4) Has Events NSW or the Minister for major Events received information regarding the accommodation bookings made in and around Port Macquarie for the period of the Wintersun Festival in 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that details of Events NSW commercial negotiations with event proponents are not publicly released for a number of reasons including that effective commercial negotiations demand secrecy.

Queries related to marketing the event and accommodation capacity for attendees should be referred to the Wintersun Festival organisers.

Any proposals for new festivals in Coolangatta-Tweed Heads would be a matter for prospective event proponents.

\*4782 EMERGENCY SERVICES—EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS PRIVATE VEHICLES—Mrs Pavey asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) Are emergency volunteers able to use private vehicles to attend emergency situations or training?
- (2) Are private vehicles used by emergency volunteers covered or compensated for loss, damage, or theft if the vehicle is used while attending an emergency situation or training?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4783 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RIVER RED GUM FORESTS—Mr Cohen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1)
  - (a) Did the former Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Ian MacDonald or Forests NSW sign five year wood supply contracts for 'early thinnings' from River Red Gum forests in 2009?
  - (b) If so:
    - (i) On what date were these contracts signed?
    - (ii) How many contracts were signed?
    - (iii) Who were the contracts with?

- (iv) Were these contracts or agreements signed prior to the finalisation of the Natural Resource Commission forest assessment report on the River Red Gums?
- (2) Who did the then Minister or Forests NSW consult with prior to signing these agreements or wood supply contracts?
- (3)
- (a) Were these agreements or contracts, or their existence, made public by Forests NSW?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (4)
- (a) Were these agreements or contracts, or their existence, communicated to the Natural Resource Commission?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (5) Why was there no reference to the contracts or agreements made in the final report on the River Red Gum forests by the Natural Resources Commission released in December 2009?
- (6)
- (a) What meetings or discussions were held by Mr MacDonald or Forests NSW with the contractors in the lead-up to signing the contracts?
- (b) What was the content of those discussions?
- (c) Who attended those meetings?
- (d) Where can the records of those meetings be accessed?
- (7)
- (a) Did Forests NSW have legal approval for Red Gum logging either under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 at the time the contracts were signed?
- (b) If not, are the contracts valid at law?
- (8) What due diligence was done prior to the signing of the contracts or agreements to prove that the committed volumes were, and would be, available?
- (9) Where can all documents associated with, and pertaining to, these wood supply contracts be accessed?
- (10)
- (a) Are clauses that allow non-compensable reductions in allocation included in these contracts, in accordance with advice given by the NSW Auditor General in April 2009?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (c) If so, what are the relevant clauses contained within the contracts?
- (11)
- (a) Have any of the logging contractors who hold these continuing contracts been provided a business exit pay-out under the River Red Gum structural adjustment package?
- (b) If so;
- (i) How many of contractors have been given pay-outs?
- (ii) What was the value of each payment?
- (iii) What is the total value of all payments?
- (12) Will an inquiry into the process that led to the signing of these contracts be conducted?

Answer—

Not answered.

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\*4784 WESTERN SYDNEY—WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLANDS—Mr Lynn asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Who will judge the Western Sydney Parklands' Rename Your Park competition that was launched on 21 November 2010?
- (2) On what date will the competition winner be announced?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4785 TRANSPORT—INCIDENTS INVOLVING PRAMS AND STROLLERS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How many prams or strollers have fallen from station platforms onto the train tracks in the following financial years:

- (a) 2005/06?
- (b) 2006/07?
- (c) 2007/08?
- (d) 2008/09?
- (e) 2009/10?
- (f) 2010/11 to date?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4786 TRANSPORT—PRAM AND STROLLER SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What type of awareness campaigns have been organised in relation to pram and stroller safety at CityRail train stations?
- (2) What was the total expenditure on these awareness campaigns in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2005/06?
  - (b) 2006/07?
  - (c) 2007/08?
  - (d) 2008/09?
  - (e) 2009/10?
  - (f) 2010/11 to date?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4787 TRANSPORT—FREE PRAM SAFETY BABY BIB AND DVD CAMPAIGN—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many baby bibs and DVDs have been bought for the Free Pram Safety Baby Bib and DVD campaign by RailCorp?
- (2) What was the total cost of the baby bibs?
- (3) What was the total cost of the DVDs?
- (4) How many people have ordered or filled out the website form requesting a baby bib and DVD?
- (5) What is the total cost of postage for the baby bibs and DVDs?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4788 HUNTER—MINISTRY FOR THE HUNTER—Mr Gallacher asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

- (1) How many full time equivalent staff were employed at the Ministry for the Hunter as at following dates:
  - (a) 1 July 2007?
  - (b) 1 July 2008?
  - (c) 1 July 2009?
  - (d) 1 July 2010?
- (2) What was the employment budget for the Ministry for the Hunter in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2006/07?
  - (b) 2007/08?
  - (c) 2008/09?
  - (d) 2009/10?
  - (e) 2010/11?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4789 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) What requirements for community consultation exist in relation to coal seam gas exploration activities?
- (2)
  - (a) Are there any standard exploration licence conditions for coal seam gas exploration licences in relation to community consultation?
  - (b) If so, what are the conditions?
- (3)
  - (a) Are there any requirements to make public applications, environmental reports such as Review of Environmental Factors reports, approval notices and associated conditions, reporting in relation to associated conditions, or audits by Industry and Investment NSW?
  - (b) If so, what are the requirements?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4790 WATER—COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION NEAR GROUNDWATER USERS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) What involvement does the NSW Office of Water have in assessing or approving coal seam gas exploration wells in New South Wales?
- (2) Are any registers kept within the NSW Office of Water about coal seam gas exploration wells?
- (3)
  - (a) Is the NSW Office of Water aware of the volume of water extracted from coal seam gas exploration wells in New South Wales?
  - (b) If so, how is this information obtained?
  - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4791 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT NSW ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BRANCH—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) Who is authorised to approve coal seam gas well applications within Industry and Investment NSW?
- (2)
  - (a) How many permanent, full time equivalent positions exist within the Environmental Sustainability Branch (or its equivalent)?
  - (b) In which locations are these positions situated?
- (3)
  - (a) How many full time equivalent positions are currently unfilled within the Environmental Sustainability Branch?
  - (b) In which locations are these positions situated?
- (4) Are there any other units within Industry and Investment NSW that deal with environmental assessment of coal seam gas activities?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4792 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS AUDITS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1)
  - (a) Does Industry and Investment NSW conduct audits in relation to coal seam gas exploration activities?
  - (b) If not:
    - (i) Are any audits conducted by any other government body?
    - (ii) If so, by whom?
  - (c) If so:
    - (i) Which area of Industry and Investment NSW is responsible for conducting those audits?
    - (ii) What processes are used to conduct the audit, for example site visits, water sampling, desktop review of company reports etc?
    - (iii) Is there a record of audits conducted?
    - (iv) Are records of audits and findings publically available?
- (2) What action can Industry and Investment NSW take in relation to breaches to approval conditions?
- (3)
  - (a) For each of the following years, how many audits resulted in breaches being identified?
    - (i) 2005?
    - (ii) 2006?
    - (iii) 2007?
    - (iv) 2008?
    - (v) 2009?
    - (vi) 2010 to date?
  - (b) What action was taken in relation to these breaches?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4793 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS SECURITIES—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) What is the total value of security held against authorisations for coal seam gas exploration activities?
- (2) For each current coal seam gas project what is the:
  - (a) authorisation number?
  - (b) project name?
  - (c) company providing the security?
  - (d) value of the security?

Please provide in a spreadsheet.
- (3) Who holds securities once paid?
- (4) What is the process for returning the security to the exploration company, including paperwork required and audits, inspections or assessments conducted in relation to the security return?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4794 WATER—GROUND WATER USED FOR DRINKING SUPPLIES—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (a) Which local government areas use ground water as a primary source for local drinking water supplies?
- (b) Which local government areas use ground water as a secondary source for local drinking water supplies?
- (c) Which councils do not utilise ground water for local drinking water supplies?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4795 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—COAL SEAM GAS COMPLAINTS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) How many complaints has the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) received in relation to coal seam gas activities in New South Wales?
- (2) Regarding each complaint:
  - (a) On what date was the complaint received?
  - (b) What was the nature of the complaint?
  - (c) What was the location of the activity on which the complaint was based?
  - (d) What action was taken by DECCW in response to the complaint?
- (3) How many complaints resulted in investigations by DECCW officers?
- (4) How many complaints resulted in directions or orders being made against the gas company?
- (5) For those complaints that were not investigated, what action was taken by DECCW?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4796 PLANNING—ULAN MINE—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1)

- (a) In regards to the Xstrata coal mine at Ulan which was given approval to double production from 10mtpa to 20mtpa on Monday 15 November 2010, was any independent information sought by the Department of Planning to inform the approval decision?
  - (b) If so, what information was sought, including the title of any document or report and the name of the author?
- (2)
- (a) Was an independent water study conducted on the headwaters of the Goulburn River in the Mid Western Region local government area?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Given that the Bickham coal mine application was referred to the Planning Assessment Commission to consider the impacts on the Pages River, why has there been no similar process conducted for the Goulburn River in relation to the Ulan project?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes
  - (b) Dr Frans Kalf, an eminent hydrogeologist, reviewed the potential impact of the project on water sources in the region.  
Dr Kalf's advice was provided by email and summarised in the Director-General's report on the project.  
Dr David Robertson, a distinguished ecologist, reviewed the flora and fauna assessments and advise on the adequacy of the proposed biodiversity offset strategy.  
Dr Robertson's review is included in an appendix to the Director-General's report on the project.
- (2)
- (a) No
  - (b) The information in the Proponent's Environmental Assessment of the project and advice received from agencies, such as NSW Office of Water, was considered to be sufficient for decision-making purposes.
- (3) In comparison to Bickham, the approval process assessed that the water risks of Ulan were of a significantly lesser scale, considering that Ulan and Bickham are quite different projects.

\*4797 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION APPLICATION REJECTIONS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) How many applications for coal seam gas exploration wells were rejected by Industry and Investment NSW in the following years:
- (a) 2000?
  - (b) 2001?
  - (c) 2002?
  - (d) 2003?
  - (e) 2004?
  - (f) 2005?
  - (g) 2006?
  - (h) 2007?
  - (i) 2008?
  - (j) 2009?
  - (k) 2010 to date?
- (2) How many applications for fracture stimulation of coal seam gas exploration wells were rejected by Industry and Investment NSW in the following years:
- (a) 2000?
  - (b) 2001?

- (c) 2002?
- (d) 2003?
- (e) 2004?
- (f) 2005?
- (g) 2006?
- (h) 2007?
- (i) 2008?
- (j) 2009?
- (k) 2010 to date?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4798 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS WELL APPLICATIONS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1)

- (a) How many approvals to drill coal seam methane exploration wells have been issued for each year since 2000?
- (b) For each approval:
  - (i) What is the exploration licence number?
  - (ii) How many wells were included in the approval?
  - (iii) What is the name of the company for which approval was granted?
  - (iv) In which local government area was the approved drilling to occur?

(2)

- (a) How many applications to drill coal seam methane exploration wells are currently before Industry and Investment NSW?
- (b) How many individual wells do the current applications relate to in total?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4799 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS WELL FRACCCING APPLICATIONS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1)

- (a) How many approvals to fracture stimulate coal seam gas wells have been issued for each year since 2000?
- (b) For each approval:
  - (i) What is the exploration licence number?
  - (ii) How many wells were included in the approval?
  - (iii) What is the name of the company for which approval was granted?
  - (iv) In which local government area was the approved fraccing to occur?

(2)

- (a) How many applications to fracture stimulate coal seam methane exploration wells are currently before Industry and Investment NSW?
- (b) How many individual wells do the current applications relate to in total?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4800 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION APPROVAL PROCESS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

What is the approval process from application to determination for coal seam gas exploration activities in New South Wales, including information regarding which areas within Industry and Investment NSW deal with application management, application tracking, application assessment and auditing of conditions of assessment?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4801 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COAL SEAM GAS INVESTIGATION OF GROUND WATER IMPACTS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister for Primary Industries aware that the United States Environmental Protection Authority is currently investigating the impacts of coal seam gas on drinking water?
- (2) Will a similar investigation be undertaken to ensure coal seam gas exploration activities do not impact on drinking water in New South Wales?

Answer—

Not answered.

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\*4802 ENERGY—WEST TOMERONG SUBSTATION—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Does Integral Energy's proposed 132/33kV electricity transmission substation site at West Tomerong, adjoin Yerrilyong State Forest on three sides and a wildlife refuge under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974?
- (2) Will the proposed substation create a danger for wildlife?
- (3) Is the proposed substation site located in a bushfire prone area?
- (4) What efforts has Integral Energy made to investigate more suitable alternative sites for the proposed West Tomerong electricity substation site?
- (5)
  - (a) Will Integral Energy select an alternative site for the substation?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4803 TRANSPORT—EATING OUT WITH CITYRAIL—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How are businesses chosen for inclusion in the Eating Out with CityRail feature on the CityRail website?
- (2) Do these businesses pay CityRail to advertise on their website?
- (3) If so, how much does each business pay to advertise?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4804 TRANSPORT—STATE TRANSIT PROTECTION OFFICERS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

What was the total number of State Transit Revenue Protection Officers on the following dates:

- (a) 1 July 2004?
- (b) 1 July 2005?
- (c) 1 July 2006?
- (d) 1 July 2007?
- (e) 1 July 2008?
- (f) 1 July 2009?
- (g) 1 July 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4805 ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MENTAL HEALTH)—WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) What is the completion date for the new emergency mental health facility at Wollongong Hospital?
- (2) What is the total expenditure to build this new facility?
- (3) How many beds does the new facility comprise?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4806 ILLAWARRA—OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ajaka asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What is the address of the office for the Minister for the Illawarra?
- (2) What was the budget for the office of the Minister for the Illawarra in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2006/07?
  - (b) 2007/08?
  - (c) 2008/09?
  - (d) 2009/10?
  - (e) 2010/11?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4807 PLANNING—OVERSEAS MINISTERIAL TRAVEL—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) When will the Minister for Planning publish information regarding his recent trip overseas, in accordance with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 Release of Overseas Travel Information?
- (2) What is the URL of the website on which this information will be published?

Answer—

Not answered.



\*4808 PREMIER—CHANGES TO THE ELECTION FUNDING AND DISCLOSURE ACT 2010—Mr Borsak asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) How much public funding was paid to each independent and party nominated candidate in the Legislative Assembly elections, by electorate, in the following:
  - (a) NSW State Election 2003?
  - (b) NSW State Election 2007?
- (2) What is the rationale for party endorsed candidates having to win an average of at least four percent of votes before being entitled to public funding after 1 January 2011?
- (3) Will this provision unfairly disadvantage candidates endorsed by smaller political parties?
- (4) Will this provision result in smaller political parties, that do not win an average of at least four percent of votes or achieve the election of a member, being driven out of the democratic process within two or three election cycles as they will not receive the public funding which allows them to afford to contest elections?
- (5)
  - (a) Do the new funding arrangements under the Election Funding and Disclosure Act 2010 enhance the democratic processes in New South Wales?
  - (b) If so, how?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4809 HEALTH—TRI-BUTYL TIN HEALTH IMPACTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What advice has the Department of Health received about the environmental and health impacts of Tri-Butyl Tin?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4810 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—TRI-BUTYL TIN CONTAMINATION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Which sites in New South Wales have been identified as being contaminated by Tri-Butyl Tin?
- (2) Which sites in New South Wales have been identified as having potentially harmful levels of Tri-Butyl Tin contamination?
- (3) What studies have been done to assess the scale of the Tri-Butyl Tin contamination problem?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to addressing Tri-Butyl Tin contamination in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010 to date?
- (5) What advice has the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water received about the environmental and health impacts of Tri-Butyl Tin?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4811 PORTS AND WATERWAYS—TRI-BUTYL TIN CONTAMINATION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Which sites in New South Wales have been identified as being contaminated by Tri-Butyl Tin?
- (2) Which sites in New South Wales have been identified as having potentially harmful levels of Tri-Butyl Tin contamination?
- (3) What studies have been done to assess the scale of the Tri-Butyl Tin contamination problem?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to addressing Tri-Butyl Tin contamination in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010 to date?
- (5) What advice have the agencies falling under the Ports and Waterways portfolio received about the environmental and health impacts of Tri-Butyl Tin?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4812 PLANNING—LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN ZONINGS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1)
  - (a) Why has special use zoning been removed from the available zone types in Local Environmental Plans?
  - (b)
    - (i) Was legal advice sought on the implications of rezoning special use zones to surrounding area zonings?
    - (ii) If so, what was the advice?
    - (iii) If not, why not?
- (2)
  - (a) Is the Department of Planning rezoning every road to match the surrounding zoning?
  - (b) If so, why?
  - (c)
    - (i) Was legal advice sought on the implications of rezoning roads in this way?
    - (ii) If so, what was the advice?
    - (iii) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) Special use zoning is still available in Local Environmental Plans.
  - (b)
    - (i) to (iii) This was considered to be a policy, not a legal matter.
- (2)
  - (a) to (c) All roads now need to be zoned. Generally, the adjoining zone would be applied to most roads. Special use zoning may be applied to freeways, tollways, transitways, national highways and major classified roads.

\*4813 PLANNING—PART 3A MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER PROJECTS APPLICATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) How many applications were received under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010 to date?
- (2) How many Part 3A applications were approved in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010 to date?
- (3) What was the processing time for each application in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010 to date?
- (4)
  - (a) How many Part 3A applications are currently outstanding or pending?
  - (b) For how long has each Part 3A application been outstanding or pending?
  - (c) When is it anticipated these outstanding or pending applications will be completed?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) The Department of Planning makes available extensive documentation and statistical information on Part 3A projects, and other development applications on the Department's website. Detailed annual statistical information is available in the Annual Report and the Major Development Monitor. The Major Projects Register on the DoP website is updated daily and makes all documentation and key dates for Part 3A and other applications available for public review.

\*4814 WATER—APPIN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (a) Has the location of the Appin Sewerage Treatment Plant been chosen?
- (b) If so, which site has been chosen?
- (c) If not, when will a decision be made?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4815 WATER—APPIN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT RELIABILITY—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

If the Appin Sewerage Treatment Plant receives pressurised sewerage mains instead of gravity sewerage mains will this increase the chances of a breakdown in the sewerage system and sewerage overflows?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4816 WATER—APPIN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT SYSTEM—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1)

- (a) Does Sydney Water plan to provide a pressurised sewerage system for residences in Appin?
- (b) If so why?

(2)

- (a) Will Sydney Water provide Appin with gravity sewerage mains?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4817 WATER—SYDNEY WATER SEWERAGE WORKS AT APPIN—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1)

- (a) Is Sydney Water leasing land from the Walker Corporation at Appin for sewerage works?
- (b) If so, why isn't Sydney Water using land it already owns in Appin instead?

(2) What commitments has Sydney Water made in regard to providing gravity sewage mains for Walker Corporation's new development at Appin?

(3)

- (a) Are the works with Walker Corporation being given priority over the Appin township despite Appin being part of the Priority Sewerage Program for a new sewage treatment plant?
- (b) If so, why?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4818 WATER—COSTS OF SEWAGE MAINS AT APPIN—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

(1)

- (a) Do pressurised sewage mains cost approximately two-thirds more to construct than gravity sewage mains?
- (b) If not, what is the cost difference?

(2)

- (a) If residents of Appin are provided with pressurised sewage mains instead of gravity sewage mains will this result in extra cost to these residents?
- (b) If so, what will the approximate average extra cost be per household?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4819 WATER—UTILITY COSTS OF SEWERAGE MAINS AT APPIN—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

If Sydney Water provides Appin with pressurised sewage mains instead of gravity sewage mains:

- (a) Will this result in higher electricity bills for Appin's approximately 600 households because of the extra electricity needed to run pumps?

(b) What will be the extra ongoing and maintenance costs?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4820 LANDS—STATUE OF GOVERNOR MACQUARIE—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) Why was the statue of Governor Macquarie not given to the City of Sydney as previously advised?
- (2)
  - (a) What was the total cost to remove, transport, store and relocate the statue of Governor Macquarie from Parliament House to the Mint?
  - (b) How was this funded?
- (3)
  - (a) What was the cost of the ceremony to unveil the relocated statue?
  - (b) How was this funded?
- (4) Which companies were employed to move the statue of Governor Macquarie from Parliament House to the Mint?

Answer—

- (1) This is a question for the Presiding Officers of NSW Parliament who were the former custodians of the statue.
- (2)
  - (a) and (b) The cost to remove, transport and store the statue is a matter for the Presiding Officers of NSW Parliament. The cost to relocate the statue from its storage location to the Mint is in the order of \$17,930 and was jointly funded by NSW Parliament and the NSW Land and Property Management Authority.
- (3)
  - (a) and (b) The cost of the ceremony to unveil the statue was approximately \$2440 and was jointly funded by NSW Parliament and the NSW Land and Property Management Authority.
- (4) The Government Architects Office was commissioned to project manage the relocation of the statue from its storage location to the Mint.

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\*4821 POLICE—CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Khan asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

How many police officers were allocated to Central Hunter Local Area Command in the following years:

- (a) 2005?
- (b) 2006?
- (c) 2007?
- (d) 2008?
- (e) 2009?
- (f) 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4822 POLICE—OXLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Khan asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

How many police officers were allocated to the Oxley Local Area Command in the following years:

- (a) 2005?
- (b) 2006?
- (c) 2007?
- (d) 2008?
- (e) 2009?
- (f) 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4823 POLICE—OXLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND SICK LEAVE—Mr Khan asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many employees in the Oxley Local Area Command took sick leave in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) How many employees in the Oxley Local Area Command took stress leave in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (3) What is the average number of stress-related leave hours per police officer in the Oxley Local Area Command in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2005/06?
  - (b) 2006/07?
  - (c) 2007/08?
  - (d) 2008/09?
  - (e) 2009/10?
- (4) What is the average number of sick-related leave hours per police officer in the Oxley Local Area Command in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2005/06?
  - (b) 2006/07?
  - (c) 2007/08?
  - (d) 2008/09?
  - (e) 2009/10?
- (5) How many police officers in the Oxley Local Area Command have accessed counselling services provided by NSW Police in the last five years?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4824 POLICE—CENTRAL HUNTER LOCAL AREA COMMAND SICK LEAVE—Mr Khan asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many employees in the Central Hunter Local Area Command took sick leave in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) How many employees in the Central Hunter Local Area Command took stress leave in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (3) What is the average number of stress-related leave hours per police officer in the Central Hunter Local Area Command in each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2005/06?
  - (b) 2006/07?
  - (c) 2007/08?
  - (d) 2008/09?
  - (e) 2009/10?
- (4) What is the average number of sick-related leave hours per police officer in the Central Hunter Local Area Command in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2005/06?
  - (b) 2006/07?
  - (c) 2007/08?
  - (d) 2008/09?
  - (e) 2009/10?
- (5) How many police officers in the Central Hunter Local Area Command have accessed counselling services provided by NSW Police in the last five years?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4825 TRANSPORT—RAILCORP SPONSORSHIP—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

To which causes and for what amounts has RailCorp given sponsorship in the following financial years:

- (1) 2006/07?
- (2) 2007/08?
- (3) 2008/09?
- (4) 2009/10?
- (5) 2010/11 to date?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4826 TRANSPORT—SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How many times, and at which locations, has RailCorp notified members of the community when it has been spraying pesticides or has allowed pesticides to be sprayed in public places that it owns or controls in the following financial years:

- (a) 2006/07?
- (b) 2007/08?
- (c) 2008/09?
- (d) 2009/10?
- (e) 2010/11 to date?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4827 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

(1)

- (a) What action did the Minister for Local Government take following the receipt of correspondence from the Mayor of Tweed Shire Council dated 27 July 2009 regarding the

Tweed community's concerns of a conflict of interest on the part of Mr Michael Rayner, General Manager of Tweed Shire Council over his dual role on the Repco Rally Australia Board and lobbyist for that organisation?

- (b) What action did the Minister take following the receipt of correspondence from a resident of Tweed Shire Council in August 2009 complaining of a conflict of interest on the part of Mr Michael Rayner, General Manager of Tweed Shire Council over his dual position on the Repco Rally Australia Board?
  - (c) Did the correspondence make allegations regarding possible maladministration and corrupt conduct?
  - (d)
    - (i) Were the matters raised in the correspondence referred to the NSW Ombudsman or Independent Commission Against Corruption?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
  - (e) What actions did the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government, Mr Ross Woodward take to address the concerns of Tweed Shire residents and elected representatives?
- (2)
- (a) Are you aware of a letter from Mr Harry Evans, Clerk of the Australian Senate dated 9 September 2009 warning that a complaint against Cr Joan Van Lieshout under the Local Government Code of Conduct for giving evidence to a Senate Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries could constitute contempt of the Senate and a criminal offence pursuant to the Privileges Act 1987?
  - (b) Did the Minister or the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government advise the General Manager of Tweed Shire Council that the actions taken against Cr Van Lieshout could constitute contempt of the Senate a criminal offence pursuant to the Privileges Act 1987?
  - (c)
    - (i) Has any action been taken by the Minister or the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government to stop the Code of Conduct at Tweed Shire Council being used improperly to intimidate and harass certain Councillors at Tweed Shire Council from doing their jobs of elected representatives?
    - (ii) If so, what?
  - (d)
    - (i) Will the Minister or the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government suspend all Code of Conduct investigations and disciplinary matters in NSW pending an urgent full and independent review of the Mandatory Code of Conduct in view of the continued concerns as to its efficacy?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4828 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1) What action has the Minister for Local Government or the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government taken to investigate and remedy the issues of concern raised in the Adjournment Speech of Ms Ficarra in the Legislative Council on 24 November 2010 concerning the Mandatory Code of Conduct written by the Division of Local Government?
- (2)
  - (a) Why did Mr John Davis, Division of Local Government, who was appointed to investigate the concerns raised during the 2010 Budget Estimates Committee Hearing over the Warringah Council Code of Conduct Committee's handling of the Cr Virginia Laugesen case, not interview Cr Laugesen or seek her formal comment as to concerns raised?



- (b) Why did the Minister not appoint an independent and suitably qualified person, not a member of the Division of Local Government who was responsible for authoring the Mandatory Code of Conduct, to undertake an independent investigation and review?
- (3)
- (a) Will the Minister or the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government suspend all Code of Conduct investigations and disciplinary matters in New South Wales pending an urgent full and independent review of the Mandatory Code of Conduct in view of the continued concerns as to its efficacy?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1) If a person believes that a council official has acted in a manner that is inconsistent with their obligations under a council's code of conduct, they should report the matter in accordance with the procedures prescribed under the relevant council's code of conduct. They should refrain from commenting publicly on it. It is a matter for each individual council to deal with any allegation of such a breach at first instance under their code of conduct. If a person believes that a council has misapplied or misused its code of conduct, they should raise their concerns with the Division of Local Government.

I am advised that the Division of Local Government is aware of and has previously intervened in some of the cases referred to in the speech.

In the case of the of the Warringah Council matter referred to in the speech, the Division undertook a comprehensive review of the handling of that matter. I'm advised that the Division found that the procedural requirements of the code were complied with and that it was reasonably open to the conduct review committee to make the findings that were made in the case in question.

In the other cases referred to in the speech, on the Division's assessment, the code has not been misapplied and there were no grounds for intervention in those matters.

- (2)
- (a) This question is factually incorrect. The Division undertook a comprehensive review of the matter in question. I am advised that the officer who reviewed the matter spoke to Clr Laugesen at length on 3 separate occasions. The officer also reviewed and took into consideration a number of separate written submissions that Clr Laugesen made to the Division in relation to the matter.
- (b) I reject the suggestion implicit in this question that the Division or its officers are not independent or suitably qualified to undertake the review of the matter in question.
- (3)
- (a) No.
- (b) There are no grounds to warrant such a course of action.

\*4829 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SECTION 740 COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY REPORT INTO TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)—

- (1)
- (a) Were any of Commissioner Maurice Daley's recommendations contained in his Section 740 Commission of Enquiry Report into Tweed Shire Council implemented?
- (b) If so, which recommendations?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (2) Which recommendations have not been implemented?
- (3)
- (a) Will the Minister for Local Government or the Division of Local Government take action to have all of Commissioner Daley's recommendations implemented?

- (b) If so,
  - (i) What actions?
  - (ii) When?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (4) What action has the Minister or the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government taken to monitor the progress of Tweed Shire Council following its first election after administration?
- (5) What is the Minister's response to community requests that legislation be amended to disqualify elected representatives or council officers adversely named in Commission of Enquiry reports which leads to their dismissal, from eligibility for re-election at a subsequent election?

Answer—

I provide the following details in response to your questions:

- (1)
  - (a) Yes.
  - (b) I am advised that the former Minister for Local Government implemented recommendations 1 and 2 of the First Report. I am advised that recommendations 5, 20 and 23 in the Second Report were also implemented.
  - (c) N/A.
- (2) The recommendations of the Second Report relate to electoral, planning and Council issues that fall outside my direct responsibility or that of the Division of Local Government. It was a matter for individual Ministers, the Department of Planning, the NSW Electoral Commissioner and Tweed Shire Council to consider, and if appropriate, implement the recommendations.  
Recommendations concerning the local government portfolio were considered and implemented where appropriate.
- (3)
  - (a) See response to question 2.
  - (b) N/A.
  - (c) See response to question 2.
- (4) As part of its overall responsibilities, the Division of Local Government has continued to monitor Tweed Shire Council.
- (5) I am not aware of the community requests referred to.

\*4830 TOURISM—REPCO/CAMS WORLD RALLY—Ms Ficarra asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister for Women—

- (1) On what date did NSW Tourism become involved with the organisers of the Repco/CAMS World Rally?
- (2) On what date did Events NSW become involved with the organisers of the Repco/CAMS World Rally?
- (3) On which dates were Tweed Shire Council advised by NSW Tourism and Events NSW respectively of the proposed Repco/CAMS World Rally?
- (4) Which officers of NSW Tourism, Events NSW and Tweed Shire Council met or discussed the proposed Repco/CAMS World Rally and on which dates did these discussions occur?
- (5) On which dates were residents of the Tweed Shire Council advised by NSW Tourism or Events NSW of the proposed Repco/CAMS World Rally?
- (6) What form of community consultation was undertaken by NSW Tourism or Events NSW regarding the proposed Repco/CAMS World Rally?
- (7)
  - (a) Were Repco/CAMS World Rally informed by either NSW Tourism or Events NSW that the proposal would require a development application to be submitted to Tweed Shire Council?

- (b) If so, on what date were they informed?
- (8)
- (a) On what date did the Government consider the development application?
- (b) Why?
- (9)
- (a) Did either NSW Tourism or Events NSW recommend that the General Manager of Tweed Shire Council, Mr Michael Rayner, be appointed to the Board of the Repco/CAMS World Rally?
- (b) If so, is there a conflict of interest between Mr Rayner's role as General Manager of Tweed Shire Council and member of the organising Board?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4831 HEALTH—INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Regarding the Council of Australian Governments' International Medical Graduates assessment initiative:

- (1) Is every international medical graduate (IMG) applying for registration via the Standard or Competent Authority Pathway expected to attend a pre-employment structured clinical interview (PESCI)?
- (2) Has the Medical Board of Australia and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency agreed to implement PESCI as a mandatory prerequisite for IMGs seeking registration in Australia to practice as general practitioners, non-specialist positions in private hospital facilities, senior medical officers, medical officers (with or without right of private practice) or medical superintendents (with or without right of private practice)?
- (3) If so:
- (a) Why did the NSW Board of the Medical Board of Australia at a meeting held on 2 November 2010 reject the unanimous findings of a PESCI panel assessment of Dr Fady Shenouda, an IMG who was participating in an observership in an Area Of Need General Practice, Glenrock Country Practice Wagga Wagga?
- (b) Why, when the PESCI assessment concluded that Dr Shenouda was suitable for a supervised position in a general practice in New South Wales, did the Board reject this assessment and substitute its own determination that Dr Shenouda was not suitable?
- (c) Did the Board deny registration to Dr Shenouda on these grounds alone, while at the same time accepting that he had met all other criteria for registration?
- (d) Does the Minister for Health support the continuation of pre-employment structured clinical interviews and reporting in a manner consistent with the way they are generally being made in Australia?
- (e) Is it expected that the NSW Board of the Medical Board of Australia would accept the unanimous findings of a PESCI panel concerning the suitability of an IMG the Panel has interviewed?
- (f) Are there any other comparable determinations by this or any other Board?
- (g) Is it the universal Australia wide practice of PESCI panels to send such detailed assessments to the Medical Boards on whose behalf they act or do the PESCI panels generally send the Boards short summaries of the outcomes reports that do not include detail of the type on which this particular NSW Board decision relied?
- (h) What was the legal authority relied upon by the Board in making its decision to substitute its own determination for that of the PESCI panel in the way it did in the Dr Shenouda case?
- (i)
- (i) Does the Minister have the authority to have Dr Shenouda's case reviewed?
- (ii) If so, will a suitably qualified and independent person review the decision?
- (j) What appeal rights does Dr Shenouda have in this matter?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4832 ENERGY—ELECTRICITY REBATE SCHEME—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Is the rebate amount granted to customers under the following schedules indexed annually by consumer price index calculations:
  - (a) Energy Rebate for pensioners and Select Health Care Card?
  - (b) Life Support Electricity Rebate?
  - (c) Medical Energy Rebate?
- (2) What measures are in place to ensure that electricity customers eligible for rebates are protected from electricity price rises?

Answer—

Not answered.

### 1 DECEMBER 2010

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\*4833 HEALTH—ELECTIVE SURGERY RESCHEDULING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many elective surgeries were rescheduled in New South Wales between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010:

- (a) Once?
- (b) Twice?
- (c) Three times?
- (d) Four times?
- (e) Five Times?
- (f) Six times or more?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4834 HEALTH—ELECTIVE SURGERY CANCELLATIONS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Of all elective surgery cancelled in New South Wales between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010 how many were related to:

- (a) Brain and spine conditions?
- (b) Heart conditions?
- (c) Abdomen conditions?
- (d) Chest conditions?
- (e) Joint conditions?
- (f) Eye conditions?
- (g) Skin conditions?
- (h) Birth conditions?
- (i) Other conditions?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4835 HEALTH—ELECTIVE SURGERY CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Of all elective surgery cancelled in New South Wales between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010 how many were:

- (a) Rescheduled and performed within one month?
- (b) Rescheduled and performed within three months?
- (c) Rescheduled and performed within six months?
- (d) Not rescheduled or performed at all?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4836 HEALTH—HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDITURE—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the expenditure on maintenance and repairs across New South Wales hospitals from 1 December 2009 to 1 December 2010 for the following categories:

- (a) Exterior building maintenance?
- (b) Interior building maintenance?
- (c) Garden maintenance?
- (d) Carpark, driveway and interior road maintenance?
- (e) Exterior building repair?
- (f) Interior building repair?
- (g) Medical equipment maintenance?
- (h) Medical equipment repair?
- (i) Technology infrastructure maintenance?
- (j) Technology infrastructure repair?
- (k) Furniture maintenance and repair?
- (l) Other?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4837 HEALTH—AMBULANCE OFFICER OVERTIME—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many hours of overtime have ambulance officers worked each month between 1 December 2009 and 30 November 2010 at the following NSW Ambulance stations:

- (a) Bondi?
- (b) Campsie?
- (c) Caringbah?
- (d) Concord?
- (e) Drummoyne?
- (f) Engadine?
- (g) Hurstville?
- (h) Maroubra?
- (i) Marrickville?
- (j) Mascot?
- (k) Menai?
- (l) Paddington?

- (m) Randwick?
- (n) Rockdale?
- (o) Summer Hill?
- (p) Bankstown?
- (q) Bowral?
- (r) Camden?
- (s) Campbelltown?
- (t) Colyton?
- (u) Fairfield?
- (v) Green Valley?
- (w) Katoomba?
- (x) Liverpool?
- (y) Macquarie Fields?
- (z) Penrith?
- (aa) Picton?
- (ab) Richmond?
- (ac) Springwood?
- (ad) Tregear?
- (ae) Warragamba?
- (af) Auburn?
- (ag) Avalon?
- (ah) Balgowlah?
- (ai) Belrose?
- (aj) Blacktown?
- (ak) Castle Hill?
- (al) Lane Cove?
- (am) Naremburn?
- (an) Narrabeen?
- (ao) Parramatta?
- (ap) Riverstone?
- (aq) St Ives?
- (ar) Wahroonga?
- (as) Baradine?
- (at) Bathurst?
- (au) Blayney?
- (av) Bourke?
- (aw) Brewarrina?
- (ax) Broken Hill?
- (ay) Canowindra?
- (az) Cobar?
- (aa) Collarenebri?
- (bb) Condobolin?
- (bc) Coolah?
- (bd) Coonabarabran?
- (be) Coonamble?
- (bf) Cowra?
- (bg) Dubbo?
- (bh) Dunedoo?
- (bi) Forbes?
- (bj) Gilgandra?
- (bk) Grenfell?
- (bl) Gulgong?
- (bm) Lake Cargelligo?
- (bn) Lightning Ridge?
- (bo) Lithgow?
- (bp) Molong?
- (bq) Mudgee?
- (br) Narromine?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4838 HEALTH—AMBULANCE SERVICE OVERTIME COSTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the cost of overtime to the NSW Ambulance Service in the following months:

- (a) December 2009?
- (b) January 2010?
- (c) February 2010?
- (d) March 2010?
- (e) April 2010?
- (f) May 2010?
- (g) June 2010?
- (h) July 2010?
- (i) August 2010?
- (j) September 2010?
- (k) October 2010?
- (l) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4839 HEALTH—NURSE RECONNECT SCHEME—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the total cost associated with the Nurse Reconnect Scheme in the following years:

- (a) 2007?
- (b) 2008?
- (c) 2009?
- (d) 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4840 HEALTH—NURSE RESIGNATION—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many nurses have resigned from NSW Health in the following months:

- (a) July 2008?
- (b) August 2008?
- (c) September 2008?
- (d) October 2008?
- (e) November 2008?
- (f) December 2008?
- (g) January 2009?
- (h) February 2009?
- (i) March 2009?
- (j) April 2009?
- (k) May 2009?

- (l) June 2009?
- (m) July 2009?
- (n) August 2009?
- (o) September 2009?
- (p) October 2009?
- (q) November 2009?
- (r) December 2009?
- (s) January 2010?
- (t) February 2010?
- (u) March 2010?
- (v) April 2010?
- (w) May 2010?
- (x) June 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4841 HEALTH—DISPLACED AND UNATTACHED EMPLOYEES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many unattached and displaced employees were employed each month with each NSW Health area health service between January 2009 and December 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4842 HEALTH—NURSE RECONNECT SCHEME PARTICIPATION—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many nurses participated in the Nurse Reconnect Scheme in the following years:

- (a) 2007?
- (b) 2008?
- (c) 2009?
- (d) 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4843 HEALTH—AMBULANCE SERVICE OVERTIME—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the average amount of hours of overtime worked by ambulance officer's across the NSW Ambulance Service in the following months:

- (a) December 2009?
- (b) January 2010?
- (c) February 2010?
- (d) March 2010?
- (e) April 2010?
- (f) May 2010?
- (g) June 2010?
- (h) July 2010?
- (i) August 2010?



- (j) September 2010?
- (k) October 2010?
- (l) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4844 HEALTH—AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE TRAINING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

To combat bullying in the NSW Ambulance Service, what has been the cost since 28 July 2010 of each of the following measures:

- (a) Training for all staff on bullying and harassment?
- (b) Management courses on how better to handle complaints?
- (c) All other measures?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4845 HEALTH—HEALTH SUPPLY PORTAL ROLLOUT—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the Government's Health Supply Portal rollout as at 1 December 2010 by area health service?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4846 HEALTH—AMBULANCE SERVICE COMPLAINTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many complaints regarding bullying were received by NSW Health from members of the NSW Ambulance Service in each of the following months:

- (a) December 2009?
- (b) January 2010?
- (c) February 2010?
- (d) March 2010?
- (e) April 2010?
- (f) May 2010?
- (g) June 2010?
- (h) July 2010?
- (i) August 2010?
- (j) September 2010?
- (k) October 2010?
- (l) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4847 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH COMPLAINTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many complaints regarding bullying were received by NSW Health in each of the following months:

- (a) December 2009?
- (b) January 2010?
- (c) February 2010?
- (d) March 2010?
- (e) April 2010?
- (f) May 2010?
- (g) June 2010?
- (h) July 2010?
- (i) August 2010?
- (j) September 2010?
- (k) October 2010?
- (l) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4848 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What proportion of NSW Health's suppliers were participating in its e-procurement system as at 1 December 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4849 HEALTH—ANTI-BULLYING ADVICE LINE STAFFING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the projected annual staffing cost for the Anti-Bullying Advice Line?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4850 HEALTH—ANTI-BULLYING ADVICE LINE CALLS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many calls has the Anti-Bullying Advice Line received since it was established at the start of November 2010?
- (2) How many of these calls have resulted in formal action being undertaken?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4851 HEALTH—BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL SERVICE COMPLAINTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many bullying and harassment complaints from staff at the Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service are currently being handled by NSW Health?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4852 HEALTH—BIRIPI ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE CHIEF EXECUTIVE—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the current employment status of Biripi Aboriginal Medical Service Chief Executive, Ray Matthews?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4853 HEALTH—BIRIPI ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE REPORT—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How will the Government respond to the report by Atkinson Kerr and Associates which describes institutionalised bullying, harassment, fraud and mismanagement at Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4854 HEALTH—OUT OF HOSPITAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the level of demand for Out of Hospital programs in each NSW Health area health service in the following financial years:

- (a) 2008/09?
- (b) 2009/10?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4855 HEALTH—OUT OF HOSPITAL PROGRAM MONITORING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What systems has NSW Health implemented to monitor Out of Hospital programs since September 2008?
- (2) What are the key performance indicators utilised by these monitoring systems?
- (3) How has each NSW Health area health service performed against the programs' key performance indicators in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2008/09?
  - (b) 2009/10?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4856 HEALTH—HEALTH SUPPLY PORTAL COMPLETION RATES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) In which NSW Health area health services can the Government's Health Supply Portal be considered completely operational as at 1 December 2010?
- (2) Why are other NSW Health area health service's Health Supply Portal's not yet completely operational?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4857 HEALTH—DUNTRIM HOUSE DARLING POINT—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the financial impact for NSW Health of the blocked redevelopment of Duntrim House in Darling Point?
- (2) How many dialysis patients were to be affected if the redevelopment plans were to go ahead?
- (3) What provisions were in place for those patients to be adequately treated nearby?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4858 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the total amount owed to suppliers by NSW Health, which has been outstanding for more than 45 days, on the following dates:

- (a) 30 September 2010?
- (b) 31 October 2010?
- (c) 30 November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4859 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH CREDITORS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Who are the top ten largest creditors NSW Health has owed payments to for less than 45 days on the following dates:
  - (a) 30 September 2010?
  - (b) 31 October 2010?
  - (c) 30 November 2010?
- (2) Who are the top ten largest creditors NSW Health has owed payments to for more than 45 days on the following dates:
  - (a) 30 September 2010?
  - (b) 31 October 2010?
  - (c) 30 November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4860 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH UNPAID ACCOUNTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the Government's liability in unpaid accounts for each NSW Health area health service on the following dates:

- (a) 30 September 2010?
- (b) 31 October 2010?
- (c) 30 November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4861 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH OUTSTANDING INVOICES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the total number of outstanding invoices NSW Health owed payment for that were less than 45 days old on the following dates:
  - (a) 30 September 2010?
  - (b) 31 October 2010?
  - (c) 30 November 2010?
- (2) What was the total number of outstanding invoices NSW Health owed payment for that were more than 45 days old on the following dates:
  - (a) 30 September 2010?
  - (b) 31 October 2010?
  - (c) 30 November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4862 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH UNPAID ACCOUNT LIABILITY—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What was NSW Health's liability in unpaid accounts that were less than 45 days old on the following dates:
  - (a) 30 September 2010?
  - (b) 31 October 2010?
  - (c) 30 November 2010?
- (2) What was NSW Health's liability in unpaid accounts that were more than 45 days old on the following dates:
  - (a) 30 September 2010?
  - (b) 31 October 2010?
  - (c) 30 November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4863 HEALTH—OUT OF HOSPITAL PROGRAMS AND THE STATE PLAN—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How often has NSW Health updated the State Plan website with performance data from Out of Hospital programs since September 2008?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4864 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE INJURIES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the incidence rate of workplace injury claims for every one hundred employees of the NSW Ambulance Service in the following months:

- (a) June 2009?

(b) June 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4865 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE INJURIES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the incidence rate of workplace injury claims for every one hundred employees of the NSW Health in the following months:

(a) June 2009?

(b) June 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4866 HEALTH—WORKPLACE INSURANCE PREMIUMS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the cost of workplace injury insurance premiums to NSW Health in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4867 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE INJURIES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How much time did the NSW Ambulance Service lose to workplace injury in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4868 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE INJURIES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How much time did each NSW Health area health service lose to workplace injury in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4869 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE INJURY COSTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the average cost of workplace injury claims for the NSW Ambulance Service in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4870 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE INJURY REPORTING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the percentage of workplace injuries at each NSW Health area health service which were reported within 48 hours in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4871 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE INJURY REPORTING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the percentage of workplace injuries which were reported to the NSW Ambulance Service within 48 hours in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4872 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE INJURY REDUCTION—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What measures is NSW Health taking to reduce the number of workplace injuries in the 2010/11 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4873 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE INJURY REDUCTION—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What measures is the NSW Ambulance Service taking to reduce the number of workplace injuries in the 2010/11 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4874 HEALTH—OUT OF HOSPITAL PROGRAM REPORTING INSTRUMENTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What reporting instruments are employed by the implementation team responsible for Out of Hospital service expansion, to monitor the progress of these initiatives?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4875 HEALTH—OUT OF HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER AWARENESS ACTIVITIES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What communication and education activities have been undertaken by each NSW Health area health service to inform stakeholders about the expansion of Out of Hospital service since September 2008?

(2) What has been the costs associated with each activity?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4876 HEALTH—NSW AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKPLACE INJURY CLAIMS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many stress related injury claims were reported to the NSW Ambulance Service in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) How many non-stress related injury claims were reported to the NSW Ambulance Service in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4877 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE INJURY CLAIM COSTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the average cost of injury claims to NSW Health in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4878 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE INJURY CLAIMS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many stress related injury claims were reported to NSW Health in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) How many non-stress related injury claims were reported to NSW Health in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4879 HEALTH—AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY GUIDELINES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What steps has NSW Health taken to educate nurses about the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency guidelines on professional boundaries?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4880 HEALTH—NEW HOSPITAL BED ROLLOUT—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Are all 488 beds currently being rolled out in New South Wales' hospitals, as referred to by the Minister for Health, available to accept patients?
- (2) To which hospitals have these new beds been allocated?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4881 HEALTH—MATERNITY-TOWARDS NORMAL BIRTH IN NSW POLICY—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the implementation of the Government's Maternity – Towards Normal Birth in NSW



policy?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4882 HEALTH—NORTHERN SYDNEY/CENTRAL COAST MATERNITY SERVICES—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the enhancement of maternity services and the recruitment of additional midwives in the Northern Sydney/Central Coast Area Health Service as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4883 HEALTH—GOSFORD HOSPITAL RADIATION ONCOLOGY STAFF—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the increased radiation oncology staffing and consultative services at Gosford Hospital as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4884 HEALTH—GOSFORD REGIONAL CANCER CENTRE—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the Regional Cancer Centre at Gosford as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4885 HEALTH—NORTHERN SYDNEY/CENTRAL COAST NURSE TRAINING—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the enhancement of clinical skills and educational training for nurses in the Northern Sydney/Central Coast Area Health Service as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4886 HEALTH—NORTHERN SYDNEY/CENTRAL COAST CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the recruitment of ten Clinical Nurse Educators in the Northern Sydney/Central Coast Area Health Service as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*4887 HEALTH—MRSA HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many MRSA hospital acquired infections have been reported each month between July 2008 and

June 2010 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4888 HEALTH—NURSE RESIGNATIONS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many nurses have resigned in the 2009/10 financial year at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
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- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?

- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4889 HEALTH—CANCELLED SURGERY—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many surgeries were cancelled between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010 due to a lack of qualified staff at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4890 HEALTH—CANCELLED ELECTIVE SURGERY—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many elective surgeries were cancelled each month between December 2009 and November 2010 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?

- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4891 HEALTH—HOSPITAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What were the ten most expensive items of hospital repair and maintenance between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
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- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4892 HEALTH—HOSPITAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the total expenditure on repairs and maintenance between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
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- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4893 HEALTH—HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many complaints regarding bullying were received by NSW Health between 1 December 2009 and 1 December 2010 from each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?

- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
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- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4894 HEALTH—HOSPITAL INJURY CLAIMS—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many injury claims were received by NSW Health in the 2009/10 financial year from each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
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- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4895 HEALTH—HOSPITAL BED OCCUPANCY RATES AT 30 JUNE 2008—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What were the bed occupancy rates as at 30 June 2008 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
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- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4896 HEALTH—HOSPITAL BED OCCUPANCY RATES AT 30 JUNE 2009—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What were the bed occupancy rates as at 30 June 2009 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
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- (t) Sutherland Hospital?

- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4897 HEALTH—HOSPITAL BED OCCUPANCY RATES AT 30 JUNE 2010—Ms Parker asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What were the bed occupancy rates as at 30 June 2010 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4898 TREASURER—POKER MACHINES—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

For each local government area in New South Wales:

- (a) What was the current number of poker machine licences held by registered clubs?
- (b) What was the current number of poker machine licences held by hotels?
- (c) What was the total revenue from gaming machine tax from registered clubs for 2009-10?
- (d) What was the revenue from gaming machine tax from hotels for 2009-10?
- (e) What was the financial turnover from poker machines in registered clubs for 2009-10?
- (f) What was the financial turnover from poker machines in hotels for 2009-10?

Answer—

Not answered.



\*4899 HEALTH—EXECUTIVE CLINICAL DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For each NSW Health area health service:

- (a) When was each position to recruit for Executive Clinical Directors advertised?
- (b) When was each position filled?
- (c) When did the Executive Clinical Directors hold their first forum or consultation with clinicians to discuss health systems and clinical practice improvements?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4900 GAMING AND RACING—POKER MACHINE ENTITLEMENTS—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events—

(1)

- (a) What action has the Government taken to compensate those owners of hotels who have experienced financial loss as a direct result of legislative changes to the Gaming Machines Act 2001 in 2002, which allowed lessees to sell off their Poker Machine Entitlements (PMEs) without their consent and did not have the opportunity to mediate?
- (b) If no action has been taken, why not?

(2)

- (a) Is the statement made on the ABC's Stateline program on 18 August 2006 by the former Minister for Gaming and Racing, Mr Richard Face, correct that in drafting the legislation "it was never the intended effect that the PMEs be allocated in favour of individual lessees who due to the interpretation of the written legislation only, were in a position to 'cannibalise' the business of a hotel by stripping the valuable security of the PME from the licence of the hotel, which has resulted in the situation that now exists where hotels, particularly otherwise profitable smaller country hotels, are no longer profitable and are having to be closed, thus removing a valuable social amenity from these smaller rural communities"?
- (b) If so, why legislation not been introduced to amend the Gaming Machines Act 2001 to reflect the true interpretation of the original legislation?

(3)

- (a) Does the Act explicitly exclude the owners of a hotel from being classed as having a financial interest in a hotel licence?
- (b) If so, why?
- (c) Why have moves to include owners of hotels as being classed as having a financial interest in a hotel licence, such as the Gaming Machines Amendment (Transfer of Poker Machines Entitlements) Bill 2006 not been supported?
- (d) In the five year review to close the loophole when introducing the Gaming Machines Amendment Bill 2008, why was the advice of the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing ignored?

(4)

- (a) Has the Minister for Gaming and Racing met with lessors who still have unresolved disputes?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4901 HEALTH—STROKE UNIT TREATMENT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) In the 2009/10 financial year, what proportion of stroke victims reached a stroke unit in time to receive tPA treatment?
- (2) Of the patients who did not reach a stroke unit, what proportion were prevented by:
  - (a) Lack of access to CT scanners?
  - (b) Their distance from a hospital?
  - (c) Road congestion?
  - (d) Hospital protocols with the NSW Ambulance Service for stroke victims?
  - (e) Admission being outside of stroke unit operating hours?
  - (f) Emergency Department backlog?
  - (g) Other? Please provide details.

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4902 HEALTH—WOUND INFECTION RATES FOR HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERIES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For the 2009/10 financial year what were the wound infection rates and unplanned readmission rates for hip replacement surgeries at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Bowral Hospital?
- (c) Gosford Hospital?
- (d) John Hunter Hospital?
- (e) Orange Base Hospital?
- (f) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (g) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (h) Wollongong Hospital?
- (i) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4903 HEALTH—RATES FOR CAESAREAN SECTIONS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For the 2009/10 financial year what were rates for caesarean sections at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Bowral Hospital?
- (c) Gosford Hospital?
- (d) John Hunter Hospital?
- (e) Orange Base Hospital?
- (f) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (g) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (h) Wollongong Hospital?
- (i) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4904 HEALTH—WOUND INFECTION RATES FOR APPENDICECTOMY AND CHOLECYSTECTOMY SURGERY—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For the 2009/10 financial year what were the wound infection rates for appendicectomy and cholecystectomy surgeries at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Bowral Hospital?
- (c) Gosford Hospital?
- (d) John Hunter Hospital?
- (e) Orange Base Hospital?
- (f) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (g) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (h) Wollongong Hospital?
- (i) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4905 ENERGY—SALE OF COAL—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Did a news article in the Sydney Morning Herald on 8 November 2010 titled 'Cheap coal for power 'subsidises polluters' outline the Government's decision to sell coal below the market price to government owned generators, and suggest that this decision was made to increase the value of the gentrader contracts?
- (2)
  - (a) Has an agreement to supply coal below market rates been finalised?
  - (b) If so, what was the motivation to pursue this decision?
  - (c) If not, when is the agreement expected to be finalised?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4906 HEALTH—PROSTHESIS COSTS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For the 2009/10 financial year what was the average prosthesis cost per patient at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Bowral Hospital?
- (c) Gosford Hospital?
- (d) John Hunter Hospital?
- (e) Orange Base Hospital?
- (f) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (g) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (h) Wollongong Hospital?
- (i) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4907 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SALE OF COAL—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) Did a news article in the Sydney Morning Herald on 8 November 2010 titled 'Cheap coal for power 'subsidises polluters' outline the Government's decision to sell coal below the market price to government owned generators, and suggest that this decision was made to increase the value of the gentrader contracts?
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  - (a) Has an agreement to supply coal below market rates been finalised?
  - (b) If so, what was the motivation to pursue this decision?
  - (c) If not, when is the agreement expected to be finalised?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4908 HEALTH—PATHOLOGY TESTS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

For each Area Health Service in the 2009/10 financial year:

- (a) How many pathology tests were provided?
- (b) What was the average cost per pathology test?
- (c) What was the average pathology cost per separation?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4909 TREASURER—SALE OF COAL—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Did a news article in the Sydney Morning Herald on 8 November 2010 titled 'Cheap coal for power 'subsidises polluters' outline the Government's decision to sell coal below the market price to government owned generators, and suggest that this decision was made to increase the value of the gentrader contracts?
- (2)
  - (a) Has an agreement to supply coal below market rates been finalised?
  - (b) If so, what was the motivation to pursue this decision?
  - (c) If not, when is the agreement expected to be finalised?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4910 HEALTH—COST OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the average cost of medical supplies for each Area Health Service in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) What was the average cost of medical supplies for each hospital in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4911 ENERGY—ENERGY IN THE HUNTER—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Is the Minister for Energy aware that in, June 2008, the Centre of Full Employment and Equity released a policy report titled 'A Just Transition To A Renewable Energy Economy in the Hunter Region, Australia' which demonstrated that there can be major benefits to the Hunter and adjacent Wyong region if there is a shift from coal-fired power generation to a renewable energy economy?
- (2) What steps has the Minister taken to assess the major benefits to the Hunter and Wyong region from a shift from coal-fired power generation to a renewable energy economy?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4912 TREASURER—GAMING DUTIES—Dr Kaye asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

In respect of each local government area in New South Wales,

- (a) What was the amount of lotteries or lotto duty in 2009-10?
- (b) What was the amount of keo gaming duty in 2009-10?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4913 HEALTH—NEPEAN HOSPITAL—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a Nepean Hospital staff member that underwent a routine cat scan recently at Nepean Hospital, however due to the failure of the overseeing doctor to ask the patient what medications she was taking, the contrast dye caused a severe reaction and caused her to be placed in intensive care?
- (2) Why has Nepean Hospital failed to respond to this staff member's requests on 7 September 2010, 23 September 2010, 8 October 2010 and 19 November 2010 that her sick leave be reinstated as the hospital was the cause of her illness?
- (3)
  - (a) Will Nepean Hospital accept responsibility for the illness, stress and anxiety they caused her and her family?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4914 HEALTH—DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TEST COSTS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the average cost per diagnostic imaging test by each Area Health Service in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) What was the aggregate cost per diagnostic imaging tests across Area Health Service in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4915 ROADS—ROPER ROAD, COLYTON AND M4 INTERSECTION UPGRADE—Ms Ficarra asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) On what date did the Roads and Traffic Authority finalise its investigations into upgrading the Roper Road (south of Carlisle Ave), Colyton and M4 intersection?
- (2)
  - (a) As part of the planned upgrade to Roper Road will a concrete pedestrian refuge island which will improve pedestrian crossing safety be installed?
  - (b) If so, when?
- (3) When will the Roads and Traffic Authority reply to Penrith City Council's correspondence of February 2010 requesting the timing of the instalment of the pedestrian refuge island?
- (4) When will this project be completed?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4916 HEALTH—HOSPITAL INFORMATION GUIDELINES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health introduce guidelines and take other steps to improve the consistency of:

- (a) Care-type record-keeping in hospitals, in order to provide comparable system-wide data sets?
- (b) Costs and hours of VMOs?
- (c) Medical staff costs, particularly the identification of medical staff time spent with patients and time spent on other functions like training or management?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4917 HEALTH—SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA CLINICAL NURSE EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the recruitment of an additional 11 Clinical Nurse Educators throughout the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Services, as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4918 HEALTH—SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA SURGERY WAITING TIMES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What measures have been funded by the \$9 million investment in the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Services to further reduce elective surgery waiting times, as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4919 ROADS—ROADS EXPENDITURE—Dr Kaye asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1)

- (a) What funds have been expended on those sections of the Pacific Highway in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments in each of these projects?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on the Pacific Highway?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (2)
- (a) What funds have been expended on the Oxley Highway in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments in each of these projects?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on the Oxley Highway?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (3)
- (a) What funds have been expended on Lorne Road in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on the Lorne Road?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (4)
- (a) What funds have been expended on Harrington Road in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on Harrington Road?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (5)
- (a) What funds have been expended on Crowdy Road in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on the Crowdy Road?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (6)
- (a) What funds have been expended on Cundle Road in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on the Cundle Road?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (7)
- (a) What funds have been expended on the Stingray Creek Bridge in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent on the Stingray Creek Bridge in the 2010-11 year?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (8)
- (a) What funds have been expended on Ocean Drive in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on Ocean Drive?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (9)
- (a) What funds have been expended on Houston Mitchell Drive in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
  - (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year on the Houston Mitchell Drive?
  - (c) On what projects?
- (10)

- (a) What funds have been expended on Hastings River Drive in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
- (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 years?
- (c) On what projects?

(11)

- (a) What were the total funds spent on roadworks in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the past four years, including details of expenditure by the federal, state and local governments?
- (b) What funds are scheduled to be spent in the 2010-11 year?
- (c) On what projects?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4920 HEALTH—SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT INPATIENT UNIT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the development of the Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit at Shellharbour Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4921 HEALTH—SHELLHARBOUR RENAL DIALYSIS UNIT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the expansion of the Shellharbour Renal Dialysis Unit?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4922 HEALTH—FAST FOOD FORUM—Ms Ficarra asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health—

In answer to Question on Notice 4514 which related to the Fast Food Forum on Monday 16 August 2010, part (1) (b) stated that "morning tea" was provided at the forum.

- (a) What exact food and drink did the morning tea involve?
- (b) What was the cost of the morning tea?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4923 HEALTH—ILLAWARRA REGIONAL CANCER CENTRE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the expansion of chemotherapy services at the Illawarra Regional Cancer Centre at Wollongong?

Answer—

Not answered.



\*4924 HEALTH—SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL CANCER CENTRE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the planning phase of the Shoalhaven Regional Cancer Centre at Nowra as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4925 HEALTH—WOLLONGONG ELECTIVE SURGICAL SERVICES FACILITY—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the planning phase of the elective surgical services facility at Wollongong as announced in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4926 PLANNING—EXTERNALITY COSTS OF COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) In relation to the May 2010 e-brief titled 'Mining and the Economy' prepared by the NSW Parliamentary Library Research Service, which stated that the total externality cost (including greenhouse and health impacts) from coal-fired power stations in New South Wales for 2007-08 was approximately \$3 billion, are externality costs factored into assessments for new mining projects?
- (2) Does the Director General of the Department of Planning include issues of externality costs into Director General's Requirements (DGRs) for project environmental assessments?
- (3) If externality costs are not currently factored into planning assessments, will these costs be included in future assessments?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4927 HEALTH—CALVARY ST GEORGE DEMENTIA UNIT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the Calvary St George Dementia Unit being built by Catholic Health Care Sydney at Kogarah, which the Government contributed to in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4928 TRANSPORT—TRAIN STATION BILLBOARDS—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many station billboards are there across the CityRail network?
- (2) How much does it cost to advertise at each of these billboards per month and per annum?
- (3) How many station billboards were there in July 2010 that included advertising from RailCorp and/or the NSW Government?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4929 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—CENTENNIAL COAL ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Did Centennial Coal enter into an enforceable undertaking with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water in 2010?
- (2) What was the nature of the enforceable undertaking?
- (3) What action by Centennial Coal resulted in actions by DECCW that resulted in the enforceable undertaking?
- (4) What is required of Centennial Coal to comply with this undertaking?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4930 HEALTH—KOGARAH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the Kogarah Early Childhood Centre, which the Government contributed to in the last budget?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4931 HEALTH—ST GEORGE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UPGRADE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the upgrade to the St George Hospital Emergency Department?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4932 TRANSPORT—OVERHEAD WIRING FAULTS ON THE RAIL NETWORK—Mr Ajaka asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

How many overhead wiring faults have taken place on the rail network, broken down by train line and in the following calendar years:

- (a) 2006?
- (b) 2007?
- (c) 2008?
- (d) 2009?
- (e) 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4933 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ASSET ENERGY DRILLING APPROVAL—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) In relation to the recent approval for offshore exploration drilling by Asset Energy, will a copy of the approved Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP) be provided?
- (2) Will a copy of the approved Environment Plan (EP) be provided?
- (3) Will a copy of the approved Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP) be provided?
- (4) If copies of the plans indicated in questions 1 to 3 will not be provided:

- (a)
  - (i) Does the Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP) include plans for a sea floor rupture?
  - (ii) If so, what do those plans involve?
- (b) What role will government play in managing spills under the OSCP?
- (c) Who carries the liability for the cost of a clean up in the event of an environmental incident?
- (d) Has the Government taken on any liability in relation to Asset's activities under this approval?
- (e)
  - (i) Were any chemicals approved for use in the drilling process?
  - (ii) If so, what chemicals were approved?
  - (iii) How are these chemicals to be disposed off?
  - (iv) What assessments were done into the impact of these chemicals on the marine environment?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4934 HEALTH—SESI AH 2009 PATIENT SURVEY COORDINATION OF CARE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What actions has South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Services taken to improve the coordination of care and respect for patient preferences, which were the two worst performing indicators compared to the New South Wales average in SESIAHS's 2009 patient survey?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4935 CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT—COAL DUST EMISSIONS—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)—

- (1) Has the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) submitted a workplan to the Environmental Protection Authority outlining how appropriate technology will be adopted to significantly reduce coal dust emissions on the New South Wales ARTC rail network?
- (2) If so,
  - (a) Has this workplan been approved?
  - (b) What is the status of implementation of the workplan?
  - (c) Will the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment provide a copy of the workplan?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4936 HEALTH—SESI AH 2009 PATIENT SURVEY EMOTIONAL SUPPORT—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What actions has South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Services taken to improve the provision of emotional support to patients, which was listed as the least satisfactory performing indicator in SESIAHS's 2009 patient survey?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4937 HEALTH—2010 ANNUAL PATIENT SURVEY—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Health Service's 2010 Annual Patient Survey, given the last survey results available online are from February 2009?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4938 ENERGY—PEAK OIL—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) In response to Briefing Paper No. 10/2008 titled 'Oil Supply and Petrol Prices' prepared by the NSW Parliamentary Library Research Service, which lists CSIRO projects petrol prices to be in the range of \$2 to as high as \$8 by 2018, what action has been taken to address New South Wales' exposure to peak oil since the publication of this e-brief?

(2) If no action has been taken, can the Minister for Energy advise what action will be taken to address the potential social and economic impact of New South Wales' exposure to peak oil?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4939 TRANSPORT—PEAK OIL—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast—

(1) In response to Briefing Paper No. 10/2008 titled 'Oil Supply and Petrol Prices' prepared by the NSW Parliamentary Library Research Service, which lists CSIRO projects petrol prices to be in the range of \$2 to as high as \$8 by 2018, what action has been taken to address New South Wales' exposure to peak oil since the publication of this e-brief?

(2) If no action has been taken, can the Minister for Energy advise what action will be taken to address the potential social and economic impact of New South Wales' exposure to peak oil?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4940 HEALTH—TRANSFER OF NURSING HOME SERVICES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health submit its application to the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing seeking approval for the proposed transfers of a portion of New South Wales' nursing home services?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4941 HEALTH—MAJOR CHEST SURGERY REVIEW—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What plans does the Government have to review the mortality and survival rates for all major chest surgery patients across New South Wales hospitals?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4942 HEALTH—PACEMAKER USE AND COST—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many different types of pacemakers are used in New South Wales hospitals?
- (2) What is the unit price for each type of pacemaker?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4943 HEALTH—REVIEW OF RESPONSE TIMES TO STROKE PATIENTS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will the Government combine NSW Ambulance Service data on response time with hospital patient data in order to investigate response times to stroke victims?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4944 HEALTH—IMAGING TESTS ON THE MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEME—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Why are hospitals in New South Wales assigning costs of between 120-130 percent of the Medicare Benefits Scheme fee to imaging tests for internal charging purposes?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4945 HEALTH—UNUSED MEDICATION—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will the Government introduce standardised guidelines for the return of unused medication?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4946 HEALTH—COST OF PROSTHESIS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the average prosthesis cost per patient across the New South Wales health system during the 2009-10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4947 HEALTH—BULK PROSTHESIS PROCUREMENT PRACTICES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Will the Government move toward bulk prosthesis procurement practices to ensure greater costs-of-scale across the state's hospitals?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4948 HEALTH—EXPIRED PHARMACEUTICAL STOCK—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the value of expired pharmaceutical stock for each hospital in New South Wales in the 2009/10 financial year?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4949 HOUSING—CRISIS ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

(1) What was the budget for the Crisis Accommodation Program for the following financial years:

- (a) 2006/2007?
- (b) 2007/2008?
- (c) 2008/2009?
- (d) 2009/2010?
- (e) 2010/2011 to date?

(2) What was the expenditure for the Crisis Accommodation Program for the following financial year:

- (a) 2006/2007?
- (b) 2007/2008?
- (c) 2008/2009?
- (d) 2009/2010?
- (e) 2010/2011 to date?

(3) How many people were accommodated by the Crisis Accommodation Program in the following financial years:

- (a) 2006/2007?
- (b) 2007/2008?
- (c) 2008/2009?
- (d) 2009/2010?
- (e) 2010/2011 to date?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Information in relation to the Crisis Accommodation Program is detailed in Housing NSW's Annual Report for the years prior to 2009/10. From 2009/10, refer to the Housing NSW component of the Department of Human Services' Annual Report.

During 2010/11, funding has been allocated to make 4,700 places available in crisis and transitional accommodation to be managed by community housing providers to support people in crisis.

\*4950 HEALTH—STROKE PATIENT PROTOCOLS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Which hospitals in New South Wales do not have protocols with NSW Ambulance Service for the treatment of stroke patients?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4951 HEALTH—PROSTHESIS PROCUREMENT PRACTICES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health standardise prosthesis procurement practices across the health system?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4952 HEALTH—PROSTHESIS PROCUREMENT AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What was the total cost of prosthesis procurement at the Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) during 2009-10?

(2) From how many different suppliers did the RNSH procure prostheses in that period?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4953 HEALTH—STANDARD GUIDELINES ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICINE ON DISCHARGE—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will the Government establish a standard approach to the number of days of medication that hospitals provide patients upon discharge based on the type of medication?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4954 HEALTH—AUDIT OF CLINICAL COSTING ESTIMATES—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health introduce a process of auditing clinical costing estimates in each hospital in New South Wales?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4955 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS INSPECTORS—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) How many New South Wales Government Industrial Relations Inspectors were there as at:

(a) 2006/2007?

(b) 2007/2008?

(c) 2008/2009?

(d) 2009/2010?

(e) 2010/2011 to date?

(2) How many workplace visits by New South Wales Government Industrial Relations Inspectors were undertaken in the following financial years:

(a) 2006/2007?

(b) 2007/2008?

(c) 2008/2009?

(d) 2009/2010?

(e) 2010/2011 to date?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4956 HEALTH—STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR THEATRE RECORD KEEPING—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will the Government establish a standard approach to the measurement of recorded theatre times and undertake audits of the quality of data on returns to theatre?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4957 HEALTH—ACCOUNTS AND CLINICAL COSTING—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health standardise the approaches to the structure of accounts and clinical costing across the following:

- (a) Area Health Services?
- (b) Local Health Networks, once established?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4958 HEALTH—TEST ORDERING PROTOCOLS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Which hospitals in New South Wales do not require specialist approval before high-cost tests are ordered, or reordered, and which do not have electronic systems in place to ensure test ordering protocols are followed?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4959 HEALTH—COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CLINICIANS AND CODERS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What plans does the Government have to improve communication between clinicians and coders to achieve mutual understanding on the criteria required for coding and the nature of common clinical conditions?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4960 HEALTH—PATHOLOGY CODING—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How will NSW Health improve the accuracy of pathology coding, which will have implications under an activity-based funding system?

Answer—

Not answered.



\*4961 HEALTH—STANDARDISED IMAGING DATA—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) When will the format of imaging data be standardised in New South Wales hospitals?
- (2) Who is responsible for overseeing this process?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4962 HEALTH—PATIENT DATASETS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What plans does NSW Health have to address the systemic issue of fragmented or incomplete patient datasets encountered by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal in the state's hospitals?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4963 HEALTH—STANDARDISED PATHOLOGY DATA FEEDS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) When will the format of pathology data feeds be standardised in New South Wales hospitals?
- (2) Who is responsible for overseeing this process?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4964 HEALTH—SENIOR CLINICAL LEADERSHIP—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health publically publish a defined career path and structure for senior clinical leadership?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4965 TREASURER—TRANSFER OF ENTITIES—Mr Pearce asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) Have any entities or activities been transferred from the Public Trading Enterprise Sector to the General Government Sector since the 2010/2011 budget?
- (2) If so,
  - (a) Which entities or activities?
  - (b) What was the impact of the transfer both on net financial liabilities and the operating statement for the entity?
  - (c)
    - (i) Is the Government charging any administration price or fee in respect of any such entity or activity?
    - (ii) If so, what?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4966 HEALTH—AREA HEALTH SERVICE COSTS—Mr Pearce asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What was the average cost per hospital separation by Area Health Service for 2009-10?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4967 PLANNING—THE ROCKS—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) What is the current strategy for development of tourist and retail activity in The Rocks?
- (2) Who is responsible for management and implementation of the tourist and retail facilities in The Rocks?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of concerns expressed by The Rocks storeholders in relation to bullying by The Rocks Management in response to attempts at consultation?
  - (a) If so, what action has been taken?
  - (b) If not, will action be taken to examine this issue?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority implements a range of marketing strategies including festivals and events, designed to attract visitation from both local and tourist markets. The Authority supports its retail tenancies through a diverse range of marketing and information strategies, including printed publications, web-based marketing and outdoor advertisements.
- (2) Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.
- (3) No.
  - (a) N/a
  - (b) Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority deals with all tenant management. The Authority has not been advised of any such concerns by tenants.

\*4968 COMMERCE—KINGSWAY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS PTY LTD 2001 - 2005—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What was the total amount paid to Kingsway Financial Assessments Pty Ltd by NSW Government agencies under Contract No. 0101160 for provision of Financial Assessment Services from the contract's commencement in 2001 until it was superseded by Contract No. 0500969 in 2005?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4969 COMMERCE—KINGSWAY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS PTY LTD 2005 - 2008—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What was the total amount paid to Kingsway Financial Assessments Pty Ltd by NSW Government agencies under Contract No. 0500969 for Provision of Financial Assessment Services from the contract's commencement in 2005 until Contract No. 0702055 was issued in 2008?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4970 COMMERCE—FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT PTY LTD 2010—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What is the total amount paid to Kingsway Financial Assessments Pty Ltd to date by NSW Government agencies under Contract No. 0702055 for Provision of Financial Assessment Services since the contract's commencement on 24 March 2008?
- (2) What is the total amount paid to Corporate Scorecard Pty Ltd to date by NSW Government agencies under Contract No. 0702055 for Provision of Financial Assessment Services since the contract's commencement on 24 March 2008?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4971 HOUSING—CONTRACTOR SERVICES—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Volunteering, and Minister for Youth representing the Minister for Housing, Minister for Small Business, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has any contractor engaged in the Department of Housing maintenance contract withdrawn services at any time?
- (2) If so,
  - (a) What were the reasons for the withdrawal of that service?
  - (b) What arrangements have been put in place to replace the services?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Under the current Maintenance Contract, no multi-trade contractor engaged by Housing NSW has withdrawn its services. However, Housing NSW, for commercial reasons, made alternative arrangements for the provision of maintenance services to its properties and those of the Aboriginal Housing Office in the Far Western and Riverina areas of NSW in June 2010.

\*4972 TREASURER—SUPERANNUATION COSTS—Mr Pearce asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra—

- (1) What strategies or actions has the government taken in relation to the \$6 billion blow out in superannuation unfunded liabilities disclosed in the State Accounts issued in October?
- (2) Is there a revised payment strategy to deal with the additional unforeseen liabilities?
  - (a) If so, what is that strategy?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4973 PLANNING—STATEMENT BY APPLIED ECONOMICS—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) Was the statement by Applied Economics in their May 2010 Report to Treasury correct, that ... "population in established areas (of Sydney) will have to increase overall by over 20 per cent in 20 years ... "fundamentally, it will be necessary to apply more capital to land, this will involve building higher and building more cleverly in established areas."?
- (2) What is the government's plans for building higher and more cleverly in established areas of Sydney?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney's population is expected to increase by 1.7 million people 40 per cent - between 2006 and 2036. This growth will generate a need for an additional 770,000 new homes, mostly to be built in established areas of the city. This challenge was set out in the discussion paper on the review of the Metropolitan Strategy released earlier this year. In that paper, the importance of urban renewal was pointed out to meet housing needs. Population forecasts included in the discussion paper indicate that

the overall population in the eight eastern subregions will increase by 26 per cent between 2006 and 2036. Those subregions include all of the Sydney Region except for the North West and South West Subregions and the Central Coast Region.

- (2) The Metropolitan Plan for Sydney to 2036, to be released soon, will guide the activities of state agencies and local government in responding to change in the Metropolitan Region. The Government has already approved plans to establish the Sydney Metropolitan Development Authority to manage significant urban renewal. The SMDA will work across government in partnership with councils and the private sector to achieve high quality urban renewal in strategic locations.

\*4974 PREMIER—TRAVEL COSTS OF THE PREMIER—Mr Khan asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) Why did the Premier use a private jet when travelling to Tamworth on Friday 26 November 2010, instead of a scheduled commercial flight?
- (2) How much did the chartered private jet cost the people of New South Wales?
- (3) Was a commercial flight to Tamworth considered?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) How much is a fully-flexible fare return to Tamworth on Qantas using the negotiated State Government contract?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4975 HEALTH—PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF TAMWORTH HOSPITAL—Mr Khan asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) Is there currently a Project Director for the re-development of Tamworth Hospital?
- (2) If so, is the Project Director a person or a corporation?

If the Project Director is a person:

- (i) Are they currently employed for the re-development of Tamworth Hospital?
- (ii) What is their salary?
- (iii) Who has employed as the Project Director?
- (iv) How many staff are under direction or control of the Project Director?
- (b) If the Project director is a corporation:
- (i) How much funding has been allocated for the cost of their services for each year of the corporations appointment?
- (ii) What is the name, ACN and ABN of the corporation appointed as the Project Director?
- (iii) How many staff of the corporation will be working on the re-development of Tamworth Hospital?
- (3) If a Project Director has not been appointed, have guidelines, precedence, estimated or budgeted salary, or other costs been finalised regarding the position or contract for a Project Director for the re-development of Tamworth Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4976 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH RELEASE OF BUDGET DETAILS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) When did the Government publish budget details for each area health service to all NSW Health staff following the release of the:
  - (a) NSW 2009/10 Budget Papers?
  - (b) NSW 2010/11 Budget Papers?
- (2) When did the Government publish staffing targets and activity and performance targets aligned to the budget?
- (3) What was the first month that all Area Health Service Chief Executives published information to their staff on the level of patient care performance in units and wards?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4977 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH NURSE/MIDWIFE IN CHARGE WORKLOAD—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What measures has NSW Health introduced to split Nurse:Midwife in Charge workload 70:30 between clinical and administrative work?
- (2) What evidence is there that this is working?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4978 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH STAFF COMPLAINTS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) How many bullying and harassment complaints have been received by NSW Health from staff in the following months:
  - (a) March 2009?
  - (b) April 2009?
  - (c) May 2009?
  - (d) June 2009?
  - (e) July 2009?
  - (f) August 2009?
  - (g) September 2009?
  - (h) October 2009?
  - (i) November 2009?
  - (j) December 2009?
  - (k) January 2010?
  - (l) February 2010?
  - (m) March 2010?
  - (n) April 2010?
  - (o) May 2010?
  - (p) June 2010?
  - (q) July 2010?
  - (r) August 2010?
  - (s) September 2010?
  - (t) October 2010?
  - (u) November 2010?

- (2) What proportion of these involve staff complaining about a co-worker?
- (3) What proportion of these involve staff complaining about a superior?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4979 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH RESOLUTION OF STAFF COMPLAINTS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the timeframe within which bullying and harassment complaints need to be resolved within NSW Health?
- (2) What proportion of complaints have been resolved within these timeframes in the following months:
  - (a) March 2009?
  - (b) April 2009?
  - (c) May 2009?
  - (d) June 2009?
  - (e) July 2009?
  - (f) August 2009?
  - (g) September 2009?
  - (h) October 2009?
  - (i) November 2009?
  - (j) December 2009?
  - (k) January 2010?
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  - (p) June 2010?
  - (q) July 2010?
  - (r) August 2010?
  - (s) September 2010?
  - (t) October 2010?
  - (u) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4980 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH AUDIT OF COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) When was the last annual audit conducted into NSW Health's complaint management systems?
- (2) What targets have been set to measure the system's performance?
- (3) What were the results of the audit against each of those targets?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4981 HEALTH—QUALITY SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT STATEWIDE REPORT—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Which NSW Health area health services did not implement the improvement plan process set out by the Clinical Excellence Commission in the Quality Systems Assessment Statewide Report within the timeframes specified?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4982 HEALTH—STATEWIDE HEALTH SERVICE REVIEW—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the status as at October 2010, of the statewide review into existing health services undertaken by NSW Health?

(2) What community and workforce consultation has taken place to inform the review?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4983 HEALTH—CLINICAL ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL TRAINING—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many regional, rural and remote qualified paramedics have been provided with Clinical Assessment and Referral training since 1 March 2009?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4984 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH CLINICIAN INFORMATION PRACTICES—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1)

(a) What statewide practices have been introduced in each NSW Health area health service to provide clinicians with information about patients' length of stay and comparable data?

(b) What was the date of their introduction?

(2)

(a) What practices have been introduced on a Service by Service basis?

(b) What was the date of their introduction?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4985 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH REVIEW OF NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) What is the status of the review of nutritional standards and packaging?

(2) What approach has been recommended?

(3) When will it be implemented?

(4) In which hospitals will it take place?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4986 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH ASSET REGISTER—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

In which month did NSW Health's statewide equipment asset register begin recording details of the following:

- (a) Fixed assets with an acquisition value greater than \$10,000?
- (b) Attractive assets greater than \$1,000?
- (c) Leased equipment?
- (d) The purchase price of each item registered?
- (e) The date of acquisition?
- (f) The estimated life expectancy and usability or contract expiry date?
- (g) The half-life usability assessment date?
- (h) The location of the asset?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4987 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH ASSET TESTING AND REPLACEMENT—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

- (1) On what date did NSW Health begin performing equipment functionality tests to assess and predict the need for equipment replacement?
- (2) As at 1 October 2010, how many individual pieces of equipment are recorded for each NSW Health area health service on the equipment asset register?
- (3) How many equipment functionality tests have been performed in each NSW Health area health service since 1 March 2010?
- (4) As at 1 October 2010, how many pieces of equipment with an acquisition value of more than \$10,000 are in need of replacement in each NSW Health area health service?
- (5) How many pieces of equipment with an acquisition value of more than \$10,000 are listed on the register?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4988 HEALTH—MANDATORY HAND HYGIENE—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many mandatory hand hygiene audits have been conducted since 1 March 2009 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?



- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4989 HEALTH—HOSPITAL CLEANER POSITIONS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many extra positions for cleaners have been created since 1 March 2009 at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
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- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4990 HEALTH—INCIDENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ACCESS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Can reports from the statewide Incident Information Management System be accessed at facility and ward level at each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4991 HEALTH—NSW ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many allied health professionals' positions have been vacated without replacement for five working days or longer, each month since March 2009, at the following hospitals:

- (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
- (b) Blacktown Hospital?
- (c) Bowral Hospital?
- (d) Camden Hospital?
- (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
- (f) Concord Hospital?
- (g) Fairfield Hospital?
- (h) Gosford Hospital?
- (i) John Hunter Hospital?
- (j) Liverpool Hospital?
- (k) Maitland Hospital?
- (l) Nepean Hospital?
- (m) Orange Base Hospital?
- (n) Prince of Wales Hospital?
- (o) Ryde Hospital?
- (p) Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (q) St George Hospital?
- (r) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (s) Shoalhaven Hospital?

- (t) Sutherland Hospital?
- (u) Westmead Hospital?
- (v) Wollongong Hospital?
- (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4992 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH VACANT POSITIONS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

At each of the following hospitals:

- (1) How many Nurse/Midwifery Unit Manager positions were budgeted for each month since March 2009?
- (2) How many Nurse/Midwifery Unit Manager positions remained vacant each month since March 2009?
- (3) How many Clinical Support Officer positions were budgeted for each month since March 2009?
- (4) How many Clinical Support Officer positions remained vacant each month since March 2009?
  - (a) Bathurst Base Hospital?
  - (b) Blacktown Hospital?
  - (c) Bowral Hospital?
  - (d) Camden Hospital?
  - (e) Campbelltown Hospital?
  - (f) Concord Hospital?
  - (g) Fairfield Hospital?
  - (h) Gosford Hospital?
  - (i) John Hunter Hospital?
  - (j) Liverpool Hospital?
  - (k) Maitland Hospital?
  - (l) Nepean Hospital?
  - (m) Orange Base Hospital?
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  - (u) Westmead Hospital?
  - (v) Wollongong Hospital?
  - (w) Wyong Hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4993 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many additional support staff have been employed in each NSW Health area health service to help transport patients to a same sex area when a bed becomes available in each of the following months:

- (a) March 2009?

- (b) April 2009?
- (c) May 2009?
- (d) June 2009?
- (e) July 2009?
- (f) August 2009?
- (g) September 2009?
- (h) October 2009?
- (i) November 2009?
- (j) December 2009?
- (k) January 2010?
- (l) February 2010?
- (m) March 2010?
- (n) April 2010?
- (o) May 2010?
- (p) June 2010?
- (q) July 2010?
- (r) August 2010?
- (s) September 2010?
- (t) October 2010?
- (u) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4994 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH PRIVACY AND DIGNITY POLICY—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What were the monthly progress results of the Privacy and Dignity Policy in NSW Hospitals, for each NSW Health area health service based on the National Health Service Privacy and Dignity Checklist, for each of the following months:

- (a) March 2009?
- (b) April 2009?
- (c) May 2009?
- (d) June 2009?
- (e) July 2009?
- (f) August 2009?
- (g) September 2009?
- (h) October 2009?
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- (r) August 2010?
- (s) September 2010?
- (t) October 2010?
- (u) November 2010?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4995 HEALTH—RURAL EXTENDED CARE PARAMEDICS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many rural based extended care paramedics have been trained since 1 March 2009?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4996 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What tools has NSW Health provided since 1 March 2009 to enable Department Heads to track patient tests and publish results within the hospital?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4997 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STAFFING—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

When will NSW Health identify and publish current staffing levels and profiles for each existing Emergency Department?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4998 HEALTH—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FACTSHEETS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Since 1 March 2009 which Emergency Department fact sheets have been translated into plain English?

(2) Which other languages have the fact sheets been translated into?

(3) Which Emergency Departments are they being distributed through?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*4999 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH REVIEW OF CLEANING STANDARDS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What were the findings of NSW Health's review of cleaning standards?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5000 HEALTH—HOSPITAL CLEANING STAFF HOURS OF OPERATION—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

At which hospitals have cleaners become available 24 hours a day, seven days a week since 1 March 2009?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*5001 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH CULTURAL CHANGE PROGRAMS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the total expenditure on NSW Health cultural change programs which specifically deal with bullying and harassment since 1 March 2009?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*5002 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH CULTURAL CHANGE SURVEYS—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

How many completed surveys into attitudes toward bullying, harassment and cultural change have been received by NSW Health since 1 March 2009:

- (a) From staff?
- (b) From patients?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*5003 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH RURAL TRAINING—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Since 1 March 2009, how many junior medical officers within NSW Health have completed rural training terms?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*5004 HEALTH—RURAL CLINICAL STAFF—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

Since 1 March 2009, what new rural initiatives has NSW Health implemented to attract clinical staff to rural hospitals?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*5005 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH REVIEW OF RURAL CLINICIAN TRAINING—Miss Gardiner asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

What is the status of NSW Health's review of education and training support for rural clinicians?

Answer—

Not answered.

- \*5006 LANDS—LANDCOM LAND BANK LAND—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) As at 30 November 2010 how many unzoned lots or lot equivalent parcels of land held in the Landcom land bank were:

- (a) Wholly owned by Landcom?
  - (b) Landcom partnered?
  - (c) Landcom managed?
- (2) As at 30 November 2010 how many zoned, serviced and master planned lots held in the Landcom land bank were:
- (a) Wholly owned by Landcom?
  - (b) Landcom partnered?
  - (c) Landcom managed?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5007 LANDS—LANDCOM LAND BANK EMPLOYEES—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) As at 30 November 2010 how many staff were employed by Landcom?
- (2) How many staff were employed in the following divisions:
- (a) Corporate?
  - (b) Corporate marketing?
  - (c) Finance and information technology?
  - (d) Oran Park and infrastructure development?
  - (e) Development south?
  - (f) Development north?
  - (g) Other?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5008 LANDS—LANDCOM LAND BANK LAND LOTS—Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) As at 30 November 2010 how many zoned, serviced and master planned lots or lot equivalent parcels were held in the Landcom land bank?
- (2) As at 30 November 2010 how many unzoned lots or lot equivalent parcels of land were held in the Landcom land bank for future development?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5009 CORRECTIVE SERVICES—LONG BAY FORENSIC HOSPITAL—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Water, and Minister for Corrective Services—

- (1) When will the Long Bay Forensic Hospital become fully operational?
- (2) How many forensic patients who fit the criteria to be transferred to the Forensic Hospital remain in the Department of Corrective Services custody at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre MRRC and in other state gaols?
- (3) What priority is given to transfers of forensic patients from the MRRC to the Forensic Hospital?
- (4) Having regard to the provisions of Section 68 of the Mental Health Act 2007 and in particular Section 68(a) which requires that people with a mental illness be held in the least restrictive environment, and also Guideline 77 of the Minimum Standard Guidelines to Australian Prisons, what action will be taken to immediately ensure that forensic patients who are detained in Department of Corrective Services' facilities are detained in "least restrictive environment" conditions?
- (5) What provisions are in place to ensure that forensic patients detained in Department of Corrective Services' facilities are detained in the "least restrictive environment" conditions?

(6) Is there a proposal to further develop the Forensic Hospital to accommodate other forensic patients not accommodated in the Forensic Hospital?

(7)

(a) Are there any places in Forensic Hospitals for other prisoners with mental health problems?

(b) If not, what arrangements are in place to ensure ongoing treatment for them in accordance with the provisions of Section 68 of the Mental Health Act?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5010 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME APPLICATIONS—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

(1) What was the final number of applicants accepted into the Solar Rebate Scheme who are being paid the 60 cent feed-in tariff?

(2) How many applications to the Solar Rebate Scheme were received by each of the New South Wales energy retailers?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5011 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME GENERATED ENERGY—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the total amount of energy that will be generated by these applicants to the Solar Bonus Scheme?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5012 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME COSTS—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the estimated cost of the Solar Bonus Scheme:

(a) As at 1 December 2010?

(b) When all applicants for the 60 cent feed-in tariff are connected?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5013 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME ELECTRICITY BILLS—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What will the increase in energy customers' bills be as a result of the cost blow-out attributable to the Solar Bonus Scheme?

Answer—

Not answered.



\*5014 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME FUNDING—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) Is the Government considering new methods of funding for the Solar Bonus Scheme?
- (2) If so, what are the new sources of funding?

Answer—  
Not answered.

\*5015 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME APPLICATION BACKLOG—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) When will the backlog of applications to join the Solar Bonus Scheme at the 60 cent feed-in tariff rate be cleared?
- (2) When will all such applicants be connected to the grid?

Answer—  
Not answered.

\*5016 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME NEW APPLICANTS—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) How many applications have been made to join the Solar Bonus Scheme at the 20 cent feed-in tariff rate?
- (2) Is this application rate in line with the Government's modelling?

Answer—  
Not answered.

\*5017 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME INDUSTRY IMPACT—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

How many jobs, according to Government modelling, will disappear in New South Wales as a result of the decision to decrease the feed-in tariff to 20 cents?

Answer—  
Not answered.

\*5018 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME ENERGY RETAILERS—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

- (1) What analysis has the Government or each of the New South Wales energy retailers conducted to assess the financial impact of the Solar Bonus Scheme on customers and on each of the New South Wales energy retailers?
- (2) Where can this analysis be accessed?

Answer—  
Not answered.

\*5019 ENERGY—SOLAR BONUS SCHEME COST RECOVERY—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Transport, Minister for the Central Coast representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Commerce, Minister for Energy, Minister for Public Sector Reform, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—

What is the total amount each of the New South Wales energy retailers has sought to recover from the Government for the administrative costs of the Solar Bonus Scheme?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5020 HEALTH—THOMAS WALKER HOSPITAL WATER GATE HOUSE—Ms Cusack asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Health—

(1) Is the Water Gate House at the Thomas Walker Hospital, Canada Bay the sole example of this type of building in Australia?

(2) What steps is the Government taking to protect this important piece of our built heritage?

(3)

(a) How much was spent preserving or restoring the Water Gate House in the 2009/10 financial year?

(b) What did this expenditure pay for?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5021 PLANNING—KENDAL BAY MARINA DEVELOPMENT—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

(1) What steps will the Minister for Planning take to ensure that the proposed Kendal Bay Marina will not adversely affect the marine biodiversity in and around Kendal Bay?

(2) How will the proposed development interact with the remediation of the former gas works site at Mortlake?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5022 PLANNING—THOMAS WALKER HOSPITAL WATER GATE HOUSE—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

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(b) What did this expenditure pay for?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5023 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CLEAN COAL FUND—Ms Cusack asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

(1) How much public money has been granted to the Clean Coal Fund (CCF) in each of the financial years since it was established?

- (2) What is the source of these funds?
- (3) What was the total contribution of each of these funding sources in each financial year?
- (4) What other funds are available to the CCF?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5024 PREMIER—BARANGAROO EVENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Ajaka asked the Attorney General, Minister for Citizenship, Minister for Regulatory Reform, Vice President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo—

- (1) How many event or activity applications were received to use Barangaroo in the 2009/10 financial year?
- (2) Which event or activity applications were rejected, broken down by each?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5025 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AMALGAMATION—Mr Gay asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1)
  - (a) Was the decision to amalgamate the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) into Industry & Investment NSW (I&I NSW) based on a cost cutting exercise?
  - (b) If not, what were the reasons?
- (2) How much money did the Government save from this exercise?
- (3) What is the Minister for Primary Industries response to the Auditor-General's statement in the Report to Parliament 2010 Department of Industry and Investment, that "no performance measures were established to measure whether the amalgamation produces value for money for the Department and Government"?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5026 POLICE—TASER USAGE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Treasurer, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Ports and Waterways, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Illawarra representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Finance—

- (1) How many instances in which a taser was discharged were recorded in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010?
- (2) How many instances have been identified where the use of a taser was improper in the following years:
  - (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010?
- (3) Of the discharges from how many was a complete camera or audio recording of the incident, from the camera attached to the taser, available in the following years:

- (a) 2006?
  - (b) 2007?
  - (c) 2008?
  - (d) 2009?
  - (e) 2010?
- (4) In instances in which a camera recording is not available, what was the reason for this?
- (5)
- (a) Does each discharge of a taser result in an investigation into the circumstances of the discharge?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (6) On what advice was the warning "taser, taser, taser" adopted?
- (7)
- (a) How many civil claims have been lodged against the NSW Police Force following taser use?
  - (b) Of these claims how many were successful?
  - (c) What was the cost of defending these claims?
  - (d) How much has paid to successful claimants?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5027 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOARD OF INQUIRY MINE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT POLICY—Mr Gay asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Rural Affairs—

- (1) When did the Minister for Primary Industries become aware of the Board of Inquiry Mine Safety Enforcement Policy written by Dr James Macken?
- (2)
- (a) Did the Minister have any discussions with the former Minister for Primary Industries Mr Ian Macdonald on the report?
  - (b) If so, when did these discussions take place?
- (3)
- (a) Did the Minister have any discussions with anybody else regarding this report?
  - (b) If so, when?
- (4) Why were the recommendations in this report not acted on when it was completed in July 2007?
- (5) Why did it take nearly three and a half years for this report to be shown to the mining industry?
- (6)
- (a) Is the Minister aware of concerns within the mining industry regarding the conduct of Department of Primary Industry Mine Safety Investigators?
  - (b) If so, how does the Minister plan to address these concerns?

Answer—

Not answered.

\*5028 PLANNING—BURRENDONG STATE PARK—Mr Gay asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Lands—

- (1) Has the moratorium on building, transferring or selling sites at Burrendong State Park been lifted?
- (2) Why did the Minister for Planning advise Parliament in June 2010 that the moratorium on building, transferring or selling sites at Burrendong State Park had already been lifted when in actual fact six months after this advice it still remains in place?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that site holders have been forced to stay and pay the large site fees that include a \$500 increase since last year?

Answer—

Not answered.

Lynn Lovelock  
Clerk of the Parliaments

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