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- 1 APPLICATIONS BY PRIMARY PRODUCERS—Mr Stoner to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 2 FUNDING NSW ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION—Mr Stoner to Minister for Education and
- 3 COASTAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY—Mr Stoner to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 4 HAZARD REDUCTION —Mr Armstrong to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 5 DANGEROUS REFUSE—Mr Collins to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6 ROAD SAFETY ADVERTISING —Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 7 COMPENSATION FOR AMBULANCE OFFICERS—Mr Torbay to Minister for Health—
- 8 COUNTRYLINK CHANGES TO ARMIDALE—Mr Torbay to Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads—
- 9 FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 10 TRITON FOUNDATION—Mr Webb to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minist

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(Paper No. 2)

- 11 UPGRADE PRINCES HIGHWAY/ACACIA ROAD—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport and

- 12 RURAL FIRE SERVICE FUND—Mr J. H. Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 13 PROPOSED NATURE RESERVE—NAMBUCCA SHIRE—Mr Stoner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 15 PUBLIC SCHOOLS—OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Stoner to Minister for Education and Training—
- *16 LEGAL AID VISITATION —Mr Piccoli to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—

Would the Minister advise when Legal Aid visitation services will be reinstated to Griffith?

Answer

Legal Aid services for Griffith are coordinated through the Legal Aid Commission office at Wagga Wagga. The Legal Aid Commission is currently recruiting a new Senior Legal Officer for the Wagga Wagga office. Once the appointment is made, the Commission plans to undertake a review of the outreach visitation program conducted through the Wagga Wagga office. Consideration will be given at this time to reinstating visits to Griffith.

- 17 NUMBER OF NSW POLICE—Mr Souris to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—
- 18 DECENTRALISATION PROGRAM—Mr Armstrong to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—
- 19 REGIONAL BUSINESS—Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 20 DECENTRALISATION POLICIES—Mr Armstrong to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 21 HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Fraser to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 22 HAZARD REDUCTION ACTIVITIES—Mr Fraser to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 23 JERRABOMBERRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Webb to Minister for Education and Training—
- 24 QUEANBEYAN WEST SCHOOL—Mr Webb to Minister for Education and Training—

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- 25 DINGO BREEDING —Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 26 MANNING RIVER CLOSURE—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—
- 27 ARTERIAL ROAD INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 28 ESCAPES FROM COURTS—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 29 FOREST WAY LANDSCAPING—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 30 UNDERGROUND THEATRES—Mr Rozzoli to Minister for Health—
- 31 MAROOTA FOREST—Mr Rozzoli to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 32 NSW FARMERS DELEGATES—Mr D. L. Page to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and
- 33 WARRAGAMBA HAZARD REDUCTION—Dr Kernohan to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 34 NATTAI TOWNSHIP—Dr Kernohan to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 35 DESTROYED NATTAI RESIDENCES—Dr Kernohan to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 36 LAND TAX—OWNER OCCUPIED HOMES—Mr Debnam to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 37 OLYMPIC COORDINATION AUTHORITY—Mr Debnam to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- 38 GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATELY FINANCED PROJECTS—Mr Debnam to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—
- 39 LEGAL EXPENSES—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 40 LEVEL CROSSINGS—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 41 NORTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 42 TRAINING NSW POLICE COLLEGE—GOULBURN—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—
- 43 OVINE JOHNES DISEASE LEVY—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 44 PUBLIC HOUSING IN GOULBURN—Ms Hodgkinson to Deputy Premier, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—

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- 45 OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE—Mr Debnam to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 46 HIGH SCHOOL AMALGAMATION—Mr Debnam to Minister for Education and Training—
- 47 LPI WEBSITE—Mr Debnam to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 48 CUMBERLAND LINE—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 49 SAFE STATIONS—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 50 MANNING SHELF BIOREGION—Mr Stoner to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—

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- 53 UNDERSIZED FISH—Mr Kerr to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—
- 54 BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT—Mr Fraser to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 55 NUMBER OF BUSH FIRE PLANS—Mr Fraser to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 56 STUDENT BUS PASSES—Mr Maguire to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 57 POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—WAGGA Maguire to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—
- 58 FINANCIAL GRANTS APPLICATIONS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 59 BULAHDELAH BYPASS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 60 MANNING RIVER CONSULTATIONS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs, representing the Minister for Mineral Resources and Minister for Fisheries—
- 61 RENEWAL NOTICES MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME (MPS)—Mr Webb to Minister for Transport,
- 62 CHILDCARE PLACES—Mr Webb to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 63 AUSTRAL SOFTWOODS BOMBALA PTY LTD—Mr Webb to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 64 MOORE PARK PARKING—Ms Moore to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—

- 65 IMPENDING MOVE TO NOWRA—Mr Richardson to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 66 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS—Mr Richardson to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 67 SAFETY ON BUSES—Mr Collins to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 68 OPERATIONAL RESEARCH—Mrs Skinner to Minister for Health—
- 69 JERRAWA CREEK BRIDGE—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 70 SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE DEBT LEVELS—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Health—
- 71 TRANSFER OF PARKING PATROL OFFICERS—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

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- 72 WARRANTY INSURANCE—Mr Torbay to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 73 HOME CARE SERVICE—Mr Torbay to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 74 SCHOOL BUS STOPS—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 75 MUSIC COURSES AT GOULBURN TAFE—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Education and Training—
- 76 SAFE FOOD AGENCY—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
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- 78 SALE OF FREIGHTCORP—Mr Debnam to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 79 CROSS CITY TUNNEL—Mr Debnam to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 80 BOARD MEMBERS—Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 81 STAFF NUMBERS AND EXPENDITURE —Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 82 PAYROLL TAX REBATES—Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 83 FORSTER NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE —Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 84 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING STRATA PLANS—Ms Seaton to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 85 DEFENCE SERVICE HOME SCHEME—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 86 FERRY CREEK ROADS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 87 RENWICK ESTATE HOME—Ms Seaton to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 88 MIRANDA NORTH SCHOOL—Mr Kerr to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 89 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY—Dr Kernohan to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 90 FLASH EVAPORATOR TESTING—Dr Kernohan to Minister for Health—
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- 92 DEUA BUSH FIRE—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 93 50 KPH ZONES—Mr Webb to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
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- 95 HELPLINE—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 96 ATLAS PROGRAMME—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 97 RURAL FIRE SERVICE CONSULTANCIES—Mr Stoner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 98 RURAL LANDS RATING—Mr Stoner to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 100 REGIONAL BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT TOUR—Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
- 101 BUSINESS RELOCATION—Mr Armstrong to Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Development, and Minister for Rural Affairs—
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- 108 MOLONGLO WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES LIMITED ENTITLEMENTS—Mr Webb to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 109 CONDITION OF THE CROWN ROAD—Mr Webb to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and
- 110 BURRANEER BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Kerr to Minister for Education and Training—
- 111 WARNING SIRENS—Mr J Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 112 DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INDUSTRY—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Small Business, and
- 113 PACIFIC HIGHWAY BYPASS—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
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- 116 NARRANDERA DETECTIVES —Mr Piccoli to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—
- 117 NARRANDERA POLICE STATION—Mr Piccoli to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—
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- 122 STORAGE TUNNEL RISK—Mr Collins to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 123 NSOOS STORM EVENTS—Mr Collins to Minister for Information Technology, Minister for Energy, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 134 DENTAL HEALTH—SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE —Mr R. H. L. Smith to Minister for Health—
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- 136 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE—Mr Webb to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for
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- 143 URINE DRUG TESTING OF PRISONERS—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
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- 181 MORUYA HOSPITAL—Mr Webb to Minister for Health—
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- 186 BEHAVIOUR SCHOOL—Ms Seaton to Minister for Education and Training—
- 187 VEHICULAR CAPACITY—Mr D. L. Page to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
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- 192 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
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- 203 OFFICIAL DUTIES—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
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- 219 NATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY GUIDELINES—Mr Souris to Premier, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Citizenship—
- 220 BOOTI BOOTI NATIONAL PARK—Mr J. H. Turner to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 221 PRISON REVIEW—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 222 CORRECTIVE SERVICES ACADEMY—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 223 CULTURAL/RELIGIOUS EVENTS—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 224 COMMISSIONERS REMUNERATION—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 225 NEW YEAR FUNCTION—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—
- 226 VIKAS DUBEY—Mr Brogden to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—

- 227 FINANCIAL IMPACTS—Ms Moore to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 228 AMENITY IMPACTS—Ms Moore to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 229 REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER SHOWGROUND—Ms Moore to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 230 WATER LEVELS—Mr Webb to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 231 ALPINE WAY—Mr Webb to Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts—
- 232 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION—Mr Brogden to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 233 FOSTER CARE—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 234 STATE WARD FUNDING—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 235 STATE CARE—Mr Hazzard to Minister for Community Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Women—
- 236 TURN LANES—Mr J. H. Turner to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 237 ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS—Mr Webb to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister
- 238 PUBLIC HOUSING —Mr J. H. Turner to Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Housing—
- 239 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Humpherson to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective Services—

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240 MR—241 FUNDING—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

How much of the revenue from the increased Harbour Bridge toll and RTA charges will be spent repairing MR-241 the Rye Park-Gunning Road?

241 POLICE STAFFING—Ms Hodgkinson to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

(1) What was the actual strength of the Goulburn Local Area Command as at 21 March 2002?

(2) How many of these officers were on:

- (a) Recreational Leave, shorter than four weeks?
- (b) Long Service Leave?
- (c) Sick Leave, shorter than four weeks?
- (d) Sick Leave, longer than four weeks but shorter than six months?
- (e) Sick Leave longer than six months?
- (f) Stress Leave if not covered by (c)–(e)?
- (g) Maternity Leave?
- (h) Extended Leave?
- (i) Leave without Pay?

242 FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY—Mr Debnam to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In relation to financial transparency:

- (1) Are you aware of comments by the Auditor-General that, “With recent changes to both accounting standards and the way Government Finance Statistics (GFS) is applied, analysis of trends is difficult. It is also made difficult when the Budget papers give little information to aid in understanding the State’s underlying position”, (Volume 6, 2001)?
- (2) What new information relating to the State’s underlying position will be included in the 2002/03 Budget Papers?
- (3) If new information on the State’s underlying position is not provided in the 2002/03 Budget Papers, how will Members of Parliament and interested readers be able to, “judge whether past Budget surpluses have been the result of sound financial management or buoyant revenues”, as suggested by the Auditor-General?
- (4) Are you aware of the comments by Access Economics that, “The fiscal reporting obligations of the State’s General Government Debt Elimination Act 1995 are outdated, and fall well short of the standards suggested by the IMF’s Manual on Fiscal Transparency or the discipline imposed by the Commonwealth’s Charter of Budget Honesty Act for example”, and if so, what, if anything will you be doing to improve these outdated obligations?

243 POLICE NUMBERS—Mr Debnam to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, representing the Minister for Police—

In relation to police numbers:

- (1) What was the authorised and actual police strength for each of the Rose Bay, Bondi and Waverley Police Stations as at:
- (a) 1 July 1995
 - (b) 1 July 1996
 - (c) 1 July 1997
 - (d) 1 July 1998
 - (e) 1 July 1999
 - (f) 1 July 2000
 - (g) 1 July 2001
 - (h) 22 March 2002?

244 BUDGET FUNDING—Mr Debnam to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair Trading, representing the Treasurer, Minister for State Development and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In relation to the supplementary budget funding:

- (1) What criteria are used to evaluate agency applications for supplementation of appropriations for new and existing items ?
- (2) Are applications for supplementation of appropriations more likely to be accepted if revenues are above budget ?
- (3) For each financial year since 1995/96, how many applications for supplementation of appropriations have been received, how many were denied in full and how many were denied in part?
- (4) Which departments or agencies have applied for supplementation of appropriations in 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01 and 2001/02 and for what amount in each case?
- (5) Does Treasury keep a record of breaches of Treasurer's Directions in relation to supplementation of appropriations (ie 252.01 – 258.01) and if so which departments and agencies have breached them and in what years?

245 BUILDING DISPUTE—Ms Seaton to Minister for Land and Water Conservation, and Minister for Fair

- (1) Are you aware of concerns raised by Jacqueline Brooks of Condong regarding a building complaint made to the Department of Fair Trading (DFT) on 12 February 2002?
- (2) Why has Ms Brooks received no response to her presentation of engineers' reports on 10 December 2002 and 12 February 2002?
- (3) Are you aware that Ms Brooks rejects assertions from the DFT to her solicitor that she refused to allow the engineer contractor access to rectify defective work?
- (4) When can Ms Brooks expect a response from DFT to her concerns?

246 COOMA GAOL OPENING—Mr Webb to Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Corrective

- (1) What was the total cost of the recent re-opening of Cooma gaol?
- (2) Does this include the extra hire car cost incurred on the day?
- (3) What was the cost of aircraft hire for the Premier, Minister, Commissioner, Correctional Services staff, other Members of Parliament and others?
- (4) Who were the other Members of Parliament?
- (5) Were other Members of Parliament invited other than myself?
- (6) Were any attempts made to land at Polo Flat Airport in Cooma?
- (7) Were you aware that this airport was open and not closed due to fog?

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- (8) What kinds of aircraft were used on the day?
- (9) What was their seating capacity?
- (10) Are you aware that the Polo Flat airport was constructed for the building of the Snowy Mountains Scheme and has been used often in the past by Correctional Services?
- (11) Are you aware that as the airport is considerably lower in altitude than the Snowy Mountains Airport west of Cooma it is less likely to be closed due to fog or bad weather?
- (12) Since the Premier and yourself were unable to be present on the day, do you intend having a plaque laying ceremony in the future?

247 NIMMITABEL SPEEDWAY—Ms Webb to Minister for Public Works and Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship—

- (1) Are you aware of the motor racing speedway at Nimmitabel?
- (2) Are you aware that the location of the speedway makes it an important part of a motor racing circuit in the south east of the State, the ACT and Eastern Victoria?
- (3) What kinds of funding assistance could the Nimmitabel Speedway Committee access to improve the facility?
- (4) Are you aware that the Department of Roads is demanding an upgraded entrance to the Speedway from the Monaro Highway?
- (5) Do speedways and motor racing facilities such as the one at Nimmitabel provide a great sporting opportunity for young people?
- (6) Do you agree that speedways and motor racing facilities such as the one at Nimmitabel provide an 'off the street' opportunity for young people to improve their coordination and driving skills?
- (7) Do you also agree, that the circuit can provide a substantial financial return to the local community and region if improved and fully operational?

248 NIMMITABEL SPEEDWAY—Mr Webb to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Are you aware that the Department of Roads is demanding an upgraded entrance to the Nimmitabel Motor Racing Speedway from the Monaro Highway?
- (2) What is the estimated total cost to provide the slip lane, wider carriage way, line marking and signage?
- (3) What kinds of funding assistance could the Department of Roads and Transport provide to the Nimmitabel Speedway Committee to improve the facility?
- (4) Do speedways and motor racing facilities such as the one at Nimmitabel provide an 'off the street' opportunity for young people to improve their driving skills?
- (5) Are you aware that the location of the speedway makes it an important part of a motor racing circuit in the south east of the State, the ACT and Eastern Victoria?

249 RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION MANAGER—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Has the Rail Infrastructure Corporation recently created the new position of Resource Evaluation Manager?
- (2) If so, when was the position advertised and in which publications?
- (3) When was the position filled?
- (4) Who filled the position?

250 TOW TRUCK AUTHORITY—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

When will the Tow Truck Authority Annual Report for 2000/2001 be tabled?

251 COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATION—Mr O'Farrell to Minister for Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Which branch lines are to receive the Community Service Obligation (CSO) payment promised following the sale of Freightcorp?
- (2) How much will each of those branch lines receive?