1. What has New South Wales introduced in an attempt to make motorists more aware of its fire engines?
   c. they are introducing sirens that shake nearby cars - The new sirens emit low frequency soundwaves and cause nearby vehicles to shake, which means drivers will feel the nearby engines, even if they cannot see or hear them.

2. True or false, Kevin Rudd has announced that Labour will provide a $450 million dollar boost for out-of-school care?
   True - Funding for before and after school care will be increased by $450 million under Labor, allowing schools to either extend and improve their existing program or to establish a new program.

3. What country has been in the news for their plans to host the Winter Olympics next year?
   c. Russia - The Russian city of Sochi will host the games next year. Plans to stop openly gay athletes from competing has drawn international criticism.

4. What type of animal had to be euthanised (put down) after fatally attacking two boys in an apartment in Canada?
   c. a python snake - The owner says the python which was 4.3 metres long and 45kg, had escaped from its enclosure, slithered through a ventilation system and fell through the ceiling into the room where the boys were sleeping. The owner ran a reptile pet shop and had owned the snake for 10 years.

5. Why was the Darwin Cup Race cancelled?
   b. a jockey was killed in a previous race during the carnival - Following the tragic death of jockey Simone Montgomerie the $200,000 Darwin Cup was abandoned. The last three races of the Cup meeting were called-off after the fall, including the Cup.

6. In what country is Dublin the capital city?
   Ireland

7. ABC television executives are talking with George Lucas’ Lucasfilm studio about making TV shows based on characters from which George Lucas film or films?
   a. the Star Wars films - Disney bought Lucasfilm in October for US$4.1 billion and has said it intends to make seven Star Wars films in 2015 and a new one every two or three years thereafter.

8. In which country did a large fire close the major airport?
   a. Kenya - A large fire forced the closure of Kenya’s Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in the capital Nairobi, the major airport in Eastern Africa. All flights into and out of the airport, except emergency landings, were cancelled until Friday and all roads around the airport have been closed.

9. A campaign to cut the rates of trachoma in Indigenous communities looks set to eliminate the disease within four years. What does trachoma affect?
   a. eyes - Trachoma, a condition that occurs in dry, dusty environments and is linked to poor living conditions, is the world’s leading cause of preventable blindness. Four years ago, 14 per cent of Aboriginal children aged between five and nine had the condition. That has now dropped to 4% in the northern territories and 7% in central Australia.

10. A shop assistant did not realise she was talking to Oprah Winfrey when she said ‘It is too expensive for you’. What was Oprah asking about at the time?
    c. a handbag - Oprah Winfrey says it shows that racism still exists. Switzerland does not screen the Oprah Winfrey show. The bag cost around $40000. She is one of the world's richest women with estimated wealth at $3 billion and an annual income of over $300m.

11. Which airline had to cancel more than 30 flights after its booking and check-in system went down?
    a. Virgin Airlines - The airline was forced to cancel more than 30 flights on Tuesday afternoon and many more were delayed after its booking and check-in system went down for about two hours.

12. What language is spoken in Athens?
    Greek

13. What caused a powerful blast in an Argentinian apartment building that claimed over 12 lives?
    a. a gas leak - A powerful blast from a gas leak has ripped through a 10-storey apartment building in Argentina, killing at least 12 people. Dozens more have been injured and another 19 are reported missing, in the country’s third largest city of Rosario.

14. Why are 12 Victoria police officers facing disciplinary action?
    a. they made racist stubby holders for the police station - Victoria police have confirmed a dozen officers are facing internal charges over the racist stubby holders, an inappropriate photo and the improper use of police emails.

15. In what sport do players from the Magpies, Swans and Crows compete against each other?
    AFL - Australian Rules Football

**VISUAL ANSWERS**

1. The Ashes - Australia vs England Cricket
2. Stephanie Banister - The One Nation candidate was ridiculed after calling Islam a country during an interview.
3. Ekka - the annual agricultural show of Queensland
4. Beyonce - she has just cut off her long hair
5. Indonesia