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Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC *(on behalf of the Opposition)*

FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Acts under Review

- (1) Is the Adoption Act under review?
- (2) Is the Child Protection (International Measures) Act under review?
- (3) Is the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act under review?
- (4) Is the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act under review?
- (5) Is the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act under review?
- (6) Is the review into the Children's Guardian Act completed?
 - (a) If no, what date will the review be completed and be made public?
- (7) Is the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act under review?
- (8) Is the Disability Inclusion Act under review?
- (9) Is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act under review?
- (10) Is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Checks) Act under review?

Child Protection Hotline

- (11) How many calls to the Child Protection Hotline between October to December 2023?
- (12) How many calls to the Child Protection Hotline between October to December 2022?

Structured Decision Making

- (13) What are the six tools being reviewed as part of the Structured Decision Making?
 - (a) What will be implemented in 2024?

Data Extraction

- (14) In your last Answers to Supplementary Questions at 33, it is advised: "It is a policy requirement that a pathway planning meeting occurs within 30 days of a child entering care,

or starting school (whichever is later). DCJ is unable to extract this data on a state-wide level.” Why is DCJ unable to extract this data?

- (15) In your last Answers to Supplementary Questions at 35, it is advised: “It is a policy requirement that a pathway planning meeting occurs within 30 days of a child entering care, or starting school (whichever is later). DCJ is unable to extract this data on a state-wide level.” Why is DCJ unable to extract this data?

Family Group Conferencing

- (16) How many families were referred and how many conferences were convened for the following years:
- (a) 2021-22?
 - (b) 2022-23?
- (17) Of those that participated in the conference, how many families were Aboriginal for the following years?
- (a) 2021-22?
 - (b) 2022-23?
- (18) How many proceeded to the Children’s Court for interim or final orders for the following years:
- (a) 2021-22?
 - (b) 2022-23?
- (19) How many that proceeded to the Children’s Court for interim or final orders involved Aboriginal families for the following years:
- (a) 2021-22?
 - (b) 2022-23?

HCEA

- (20) How many children and young people were in each HCEA placement type from:
- (a) 1 October to 31 December 2023?
 - (b) 1 January to 31 January 2024?
 - (c) 1 February to 29 February 2024?

- (21) How many children and young people were in each HCEA placement type were case managed by DCJ and how many are case managed by a non-government organisation from:
- (a) 1 October to 31 December 2023?
 - (b) 1 January to 31 January 2024?
 - (c) 1 February to 29 February 2024?
- (22) What is the cost of each HCEA placement type for:
- (a) 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023?
 - (b) 1 July to 31 September 2023?
 - (c) 1 October to 31 December 2023?
 - (d) 1 January to 31 January 2024?
- (23) What is the current availability of placements under the Interim Care Model, and how many of these placements have already been filled?

Community Services Centres

- (24) How many Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Community Services Centres (CSCs) has the Minister visited since her appointment as Minister?
- (a) Which CSCs?
 - i. What date/s?

Caseloads and Case Management

- (25) What is the current caseworker to child ratio?
- (26) How many children and young people have had their case management transferred to NGOs between:
- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
 - (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
 - (c) Over last 12 months?
- For the above dates include:
- (d) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?

- (f) What were the reason/s for the transfer?
- (27) How many children and young people have had their case management transferred to DCJ between:
- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
 - (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
 - (c) Over last 12 months?
- For the above dates include:
- (d) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
 - (f) What were the reason/s for the transfer?
- (28) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people are case managed by DCJ and NGOs?
- (29) How many and what is the percentage of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people case managed by DCJ, NGOs and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)?
- (30) Is Criminal Name Index number 776410162 known to the Department of Communities and Justice?

Case Plans

- (31) How many children that are required to have a case plan have a case plan?
- (a) What is the number by percentage?
- (32) As of today, how many children managed by DCJ have a case plan?
- (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months?
 - (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?
- (33) As of today, how many children managed by an NGO have a case plan?
- (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months?

- (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?
- (34) As of today, how many children managed by DCJ have a current cultural support plan?
- (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months?
 - (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?
 - (c) Is the cultural support plan mandatory for every child or young person in OOHC?
 - (d) How much does a typical plan cost per child or young person?
 - (e) How many plans have been developed in the last 12 months?
- (35) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of restoration?
- (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage?
 - (b) How many are non-Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (36) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of guardianship?
- (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage?
 - (b) How many are non-Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (37) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of adoption?
- (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage?
 - (b) How many are non-Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

- (38) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of long-term care?
- (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage?
 - (b) How many are non-Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

Parental Responsibility to the Minister

- (39) How many children and young people under Parental Responsibility to the Minister (PRM) are currently suspended from school?
- (a) What is the largest number of times a child currently in the Minister's care has been suspended from school?
- (40) How many children and young people under PRM are not in a placement with an authorised carer?
- (a) How many were 'Absent over 24 hours – location unknown' and how many children were recorded as 'self-placed'?
 - (b) How many were Aboriginal?
 - (c) How many are non-Aboriginal?

2024-25 re-Budget Submissions

- (41) How many 2024-25 Pre-Budget submissions did the Minister's office receive?
- (a) Is the Minister aware of each submission?
 - i. Has the Minister read each submission?

Out-of-Home Care

- (42) How many children and young people entered Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) from:
- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
 - (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
 - (c) Over the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (g) How many children and young people are currently in OOHC?

(43) How many children and young people exited OOHC from:

- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
- (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
- (c) Over the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

(44) How many children and young people in foster care from:

- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
- (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
- (c) In the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (g) How many children and young people are currently in foster care?

(45) How many children and young people currently were in residential care from?

- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
- (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
- (c) In the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

(46) How many children and young people entered residential care from:

- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
- (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
- (c) In the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

(47) How many children and young people exited residential care from:

- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
- (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
- (c) In the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

(48) How many residential care operators in NSW and what are the names of the operators?

(49) How many children and young people are under a guardianship order from:

- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
- (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
- (c) In the last 12 months?

For the above dates include:

- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

- (g) How many children and young people are currently under a guardianship order?
- (50) How many children and young people were adopted from:
- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
 - (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
 - (c) In the last 12 months?
- For the above dates include:
- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
 - (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (51) How many children and young people are currently in the process of adoption?
- (52) How many children and young people were in the process of adoption in the last 12 months but:
- (a) Had their case management plan changed?
 - (b) What were those changes?
 - (c) What were the reason/s for the changes?
- (53) How many children and young people were restored to their parents from:
- (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023?
 - (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023?
 - (c) In the last 12 months?
- For the above dates include:
- (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (e) How many were non-Aboriginal?
 - (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (54) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended school in NSW each month from April 2023 to December 2023?
- (55) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended school in NSW during 2023?

- (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (56) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended primary schools during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (57) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended secondary schools during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (58) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended central/community schools during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (59) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended distance education centres during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (60) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended schools for specific purposes during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (61) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended selective schools during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (62) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended multi-campus colleges during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (63) How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended Connected Communities schools during 2023?
 - (a) How many are currently enrolled?
- (64) How many children and young people in OOHC are currently living overseas?
 - (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (b) How many are non-Aboriginal?

- (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?

Tomaree Lodge

- (65) Has the Department reviewed the Tomaree public consultation survey conducted in early 2023?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, when will the report be made public?
 - i. If not being released publicly, why not?
- (66) Has the Minister received the current assessment she has undertaken for Tomaree Lodge?
 - (a) If yes, what date?
 - (b) If no, why the delay?
 - (c) What date is it due?
- (67) How much did the assessment cost?
 - (a) Was a third party, other than DCJ, involved?
 - i. If yes, how much was paid to the third party?

Targeted Early Intervention

- (68) In 2023, how many individual clients participated in the Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) program?
 - (a) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - i. Of these, how many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children?
 - (b) How many were non-Aboriginal?
 - i. Of these, how many were non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children?
 - (c) Which LGAs saw the most investment?
- (69) What proportion of TEI funding is directed to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations compared to NGOs?

Tirkandi Inaburra

- (70) Has the Minister seen the correspondence from Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council in relation to Tirkandi Inaburra?
- (a) Has the Minister responded to the correspondence?
 - i. If yes, what date?
 - ii. If no, what date will the Minister respond?
- (71) Will the Minister commit to funding Tirkandi Inaburra in the 2024-25 NSW Budget?
- (a) Has the Minister met with the Premier and/or Treasurer in relation to Tirkandi Inaburra?

Family Preservation

- (72) In 2023, how many families and children and young people received family preservation services?
- (a) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (b) How many were non-Aboriginal?
- (73) What proportion of family preservation funded (excluding PSP Family Preservation) is directed to ACCOs compared to NGOs?

PSP Family Preservation

- (74) In 2023, how many Aboriginal families and children were assisted by PSP Family Preservation?
- (a) How many families were closed with successful outcomes?
 - (b) How many families were closed due to disengagement?
 - (c) How much funding was directed towards ACCOs to provide these services compared to non-Aboriginal agencies (including DCJ)?
 - (d) What is the current total funding amount (and proportion provided to ACCOs) compared to 2023?
- (75) In 2023, how many non-Aboriginal families and children were assisted by PSP Family Preservation?
- (a) How many families were closed with successful outcomes?

- (b) How many families were closed due to disengagement?

Risk of Significant Harm

- (76) What was the Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) response rate for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children as at December 2023?
- (77) What was the ROSH response rate for non-Aboriginal children as at December 2023?
- (78) What was the ROSH re-report rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children as at December 2023?
- (79) What was the ROSH re-report rate for non-Aboriginal children as at December 2023?

Correspondence

- (80) What is the average wait time for a response to ministerial representations from MPs and MLCs after the date in which it is received?
- (81) What is the total number of ministerial representations the Minister's office has received since the Minister's appointment?
 - (a) How many related to Families and Communities?
 - (b) How many related to Disability Inclusion?

DISABILITY INCLUSION

More Job More Care Evaluation

- (82) What date will the More Jobs More Care (MJMC) program evaluation completed by Apprenticeship Careers Australia last year be released publicly?
 - (a) If it will not be made public, why not?
- (83) Has the More Jobs More Care (MJMC) program evaluation completed by Yilabara Solutions been completed?
 - (a) What date will it be made public?
 - (b) If it will not be made public, why not?

Disability Royal Commission

- (84) Was the Minister aware prior to her Budget Estimates session that the joint recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission final report would be delayed to mid-2024?
- (85) What date was the Minister advised the Disability Royal Commission final report would be delayed to mid-2024?
- (86) In your last Answers to Supplementary Questions, it is advised: “The NSW Government intends to provide an initial response to the Disability Royal Commission in March 2024”. Will the Minister provide an initial response in March 2024?
- (a) If no, why the delay?
 - (b) What date will the final response be issued?
 - (c) Will an interim response be issued?
 - i. If yes, what date?
- (87) How many people comprise of the cross-agency taskforce that will help develop the NSW Government’s response to the Royal Commission?
- (a) What is the breakdown of the number of people from the Department of Communities and Justice, Ministry of Health and the Department of Education?
 - (b) How many are causal, contract/temporary and full-time?
 - (c) What is the total cost of the cross-agency taskforce?

Accessibility NSW

- (88) Will the Minister commit to ongoing funding for Accessibility NSW after 1 July 2024?
- (89) Has the Minister met with the Premier, Treasurer or other Minister/s in relation to ongoing funding for Accessibility NSW after 1 July 2024?
- (a) If yes, what date/s and who?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Disability Royal Commission Stakeholder Forum

- (90) How many advocates and stakeholders attended the Disability Royal Commission Stakeholder Forum on 23 October 2023?

- (a) What are the names of the advocates and stakeholders?
 - (b) Was each advocate and stakeholder invited or was the Forum publicly advertised?
 - (c) Where was the Forum held?
- (91) Is the Forum a one-off?
- (a) If no, what are the date/s of the next Forum sessions?

NSW Ageing and Disability Commission

- (92) What date will the new Commissioner of the NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner be appointed?
- (93) Has the recruitment process commenced for the new Commissioner commenced?
- (a) If yes, what date did the recruitment process commence?
 - i. Who has been engaged to undertake the recruitment process of the new Commissioner?
 - ii. How much is the recruitment process?
 - (b) If no, what date will the recruitment process commence?
 - i. How long will the recruitment process take?
- (94) Will an interim Commissioner be announced?
- (a) If yes, what date?
 - (b) If no, why not?
- (95) What is the funding breakdown of the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission in 2023-24?
- (a) How much of the funding is recurrent?
- (96) How many people are employed with the Commission?
- (a) How many are casual, contract/temporary and full-time?
- (97) How many Helpline consultants are there currently?
- (98) How many unallocated services are there currently?
- (a) Of these, how many are visitable residential out-of-home care services for children and young people?

- i. How many and what percentage were seen by an Official Community Visitor in the last 12 months?
- (b) How many are visitable disability accommodation services?
 - i. How many and what percentage were seen by an Official Community Visitor in the last 12 months?

NDIS Review

- (99) Why won't the Minister provide a date for the NSW Government's response to the NDIS Review?
- (100) In its submission to the NDIS Review, the NSW Government conducted high-level data analysis indicating that the average utilisation of NDIS plans for children in OOHC in NSW is lower than for non-OOHC participants. Will the Minister release the data analysis?
- (a) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that have NDIS plans?
 - i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?
 - *What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*
 - Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - *What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*
 - Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?
 - (b) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that are yet to be assessed for a NDIS plan?
 - i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?
 - *What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*
 - Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - *What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*
 - Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
 - iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?

(101) In the NSW Government's submission to the NDIS Review, it is noted that some children have no spends against their plans, many do not have support coordination, and many have significant underspends into their plan. What are the causes surrounding the lack of utilisation of the funds?

(a) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that have no spends against their NDIS plans?

i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?

• *What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*

➤ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

• *What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*

➤ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?

(b) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that do not have support coordination?

i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?

• *What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*

➤ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

• *What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*

➤ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?

(c) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that have significant underspends into their plan?

i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?

• *What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*

➤ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

• *What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?*

➤ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

- iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?

Staffing Numbers

- (102) What is the number of employees in the Department who have returned to the office on a full-time basis since the Premier reaffirmed this in June 2023?
- (103) How many employees have adopted a part-time office return and what are the common patterns observed?
- (104) Are there established, agreed-upon hours of work that facilitate collaboration and interaction among staff?
- (105) Is the information regarding staff office hours and occupancy rates regularly communicated to the Minister?
- (106) What is the current office occupancy rate?
- (a) How has it trended over the past 12 months?
- (107) What is the average work from home time during a standard work week?
- (108) Is there a systematic record-keeping process in place for tracking office occupancy rates?
- (109) In light of observed office occupancy trends, should members of the public expect to encounter multiple floors of unoccupied space when visiting government offices?
- (110) Does the NSW Government acknowledge a duty to the NSW taxpayers in efficiently managing and utilising office space, especially in light of current occupancy trends?

Discretionary Fund

(111) Does the Minister have a discretionary fund for Families and Communities and/or Disability Inclusion?

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| Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC |
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FAMILY AND COMMUNITIES

Children in out-of-home-care

(112) For each of FY 2019/2020, FY 2020/2021, FY 2021/2022, FY 2022/2023 and the current financial year, please provide the total number of children in out-of-home-care

- (a) of these, provide the number who
 - i. are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children
 - ii. have ever been engaged by police
 - iii. have ever been placed in custody
 - iv. have ever presented before a court

(113) Provide a breakdown of the number of Aboriginal children in high cost emergency arrangements (HCEAs) by: (a) Age band (b) Type of HCEA (c) Average and median duration of stay in HCEA

(114) For the 21-22, 22-23, 23-24 financial years, provide a clearly labeled table of information about each of the (a) Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) (b) Brighter Futures (c) Intensive Family Support Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion (d) Permanency Support Program (PSP) (with breakdowns for Preservation, Restoration and OOHC) including:

- (a) Total funding received by all providers
- (b) Total funding received by ACCOs
- (c) % of total funding received by ACCOs
- (d) The number of Aboriginal clients receiving services across all providers

(115) Provide a breakdown of the number of Aboriginal children in high cost emergency arrangements (HCEAs) by: (a) Age band (b) Type of HCEA (c) Average and median duration of stay in HCEA

(116) Provide targets for ACCO share of TEI funding in total and by district in the current financial year and the 24/25 financial year

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander access to perinatal care:

- (117) For FY20-12, FY21-22, FY 22-23 and the current financial year, please provide the number of specialised perinatal caseworkers providing services to expectant Aboriginal mothers
- (118) For FY20-12, FY21-22, FY 22-23 and the current financial year, please provide the number of expectant Aboriginal mothers who accessed specialised perinatal care
- (119) Provide an account of activities undertaken since August 2021 to achieve Recommendation 46 of the Family is Culture Report (a triage system for prenatal reports)
- (120) Has the DCJ engaged with ACCOs, AMS / ACCHOs or other Aboriginal organisations in the development of this triage system?
- (121) Why has Recommendation 47 of the Family is Culture report (, a system of post-removal support for Aboriginal mothers and fathers who have had newborn or infant children removed from their care) been put “on hold”?
- (a) Have any partnerships been established
 - (b) Has any work completed?
 - (c) When will work recommence?
- (122) In each of FY19-20, FY20-21, FY21-22, FY22-23, and the current financial year, provide the number of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal babies removed from their parents in hospital, by district
- (a) of these, provide the number who:
 - i. were removed within 1-3 days of their birth
 - ii. were removed within 4-7 days of their birth
 - iii. were removed within 8-14 days of their birth
 - iv. were children with disabilities
 - v. were the children of parents with disabilities
- (123) In FY21-22, FY22-23, and the current financial year, what has been the total expenditure on Pregnancy Family Conferencing by DCJ out of the \$38.6 million that was provided by the Government from 2021-2023?
- (124) Will a review of prenatal care provided to Aboriginal parents be conducted this year. If so, is this a DCJ and/or NSW Health initiative?

(125) What work has DCJ done with NSW Health in relation to new ways of working with Aboriginal families prenatally?

First Peoples with Disability

(126) Is there a representative voice for Aboriginal people with disabilities as part of the MAP group?

(127) What is the structure of the team responsible for Transforming Aboriginal Outcomes and what is being done to ensure their work transforms outcomes for First Peoples with disabilities?

(128) How is the department embedding in its ongoing work to meet Closing the Gap targets principles of independent governance, the five elements of the ATSI CPP, as well as the Aboriginal culture and placement principals, & that align with Australia's commitments under the UNDRIP, the CRPD & the National Disability Strategy?

(129) What is being done to reduce the number of unnecessary removals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with disabilities in line with the recommendations of the Productivity Commission?

(130) Will the minister commit to a NSW Disability Priority Reform that takes into consideration critical areas of opportunity and improvements for First People living with a disability, in line with the recommendations of the Productivity Commission?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Accessibility NSW

(131) How much funding does Accessibility NSW receive?

(a) Please provide a funding breakdown for each financial year since its commencement.

(132) What is the progress to date of the Government's commitment to ensure all government documents relevant to people with intellectual disability are published in Easy Read by 2025?

(133) Will Accessibility NSW be funded beyond 30 June 2024?

(a) If funding will not be provided past June 30, what agency or department will be responsible for making all of NSW Government websites and services available in Easy Read by 2025?

Health outcomes for people with disability

- (134) What actions has the Minister for Disability Inclusion taken to advocate for people with disability in regards to reducing fatalities and poor health outcomes?
- (135) Has the Minister for Disability inclusion met with the Minister for Health in regards to reducing fatalities and poor health outcomes?

Group homes

- (136) The Disability Royal Commission recommended phasing out group homes. Disability advocates have been calling for this for years. Is there any progress being made in this space, in relation to phasing out group homes or preparing for a potential phase out?
- (137) What is being done to support people with disability in NSW to live in accessible individualised housing rather than group homes?

Guardianship reform

- (138) What is the progress of the reforms to the NSW Guardianship framework?
- (139) Will this reform be in line with the recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission in relation to guardianship reform?
- (140) The Audit Office of NSW found that NSW Trustee and Guardian does not have sufficient oversight to ensure that its services are consistent with legislative principles which aim to promote positive client outcomes. It also found that key findings and recommendations from previous reviews remain unresolved. What is being done to ensure that these issues are being dealt with?
- (a) This report made several recommendations, some to be done by May 2024 and some to be done by November 2024. Are we on track to implement any of these recommendations by these times?
- (b) Is the government intending to implement any of them?

Alternative care arrangements

- (141) How many children and young people in alternative care arrangements are children and young people with disability?
- (a) How many are victims of family violence?
- (b) How many are First Nations children?

Beach accessibility

- (142) What funding streams are available to Councils or surf lifesaving clubs to get funding for removable wheelchair access maps or wheelchairs on beaches?
- (143) The Regional Tourism Activation Fund was criticised as a Nationals pork-barrelling measure, but it did provide Councils with an important stream through which to upgrade disability access on beaches. Given this Fund has not continued in this budget, what money has the Labor government allocated towards improving accessibility of beaches?
- (144) Byron Shire is the most visited tourist area in Australia, but it doesn't have a single accessible beach according to Accessible Beaches. Is there a reason the government hasn't taken action to ensure people with disabilities can access the beaches?

Procurement

- (145) How much money have the Departments and agencies under your control spent on products purchased from Hewlett Packard (inclusive of HP Enterprise businesses, HP end-user businesses, and any other businesses representing the Hewlett Packard brand) (HP):
- (a) Please provide this information for each financial year since 2018/19 including 2023/24 to 31 December 2023, divided by agency, and include a short description of the kinds of products purchased for each agency each year, including whether any money has been spent since 7 October 2023.
- (146) What policies and procedures are used to ensure that procurement is ethical and meets community standards?
- (147) If products are procured from Hewlett Packard (meaning any business representing the Hewlett Packard brand), what probity checks have been done to investigate whether HP is involved in the 'plausible genocide' taking place in Gaza?