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Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Social housing

1. Equity Economics (2021) estimates that an annual investment of \$2.6 billion would deliver 5,000 additional units of social housing and create 14,000 jobs across the NSW economy. Investment in social housing would also avoid \$38.5 million a year in costs from women returning to a violent partner, and \$68 million a year due to women experiencing homelessness because of domestic and family violence. Why did the 2022 budget only include 320 number of new social housing dwellings?
2. When the NSW Government received an additional \$1 billion windfall in stamp duty (about \$125 per person in NSW) why was none of it allocated to addressing the urgent social housing shortfall?

Specialist Homelessness Services

3. Due to COVID, pressure on specialist domestic and family violence services in regional and remote areas has increased. There are exceptionally low vacancy rates in many regional centres. Why is there no specific funding to address this shortfall of crisis accommodation and social housing?
4. Specialist Homelessness Services remain in high demand, with most experiencing waitlists or delays in providing crisis support to our most vulnerable. Will the NSW Government commit to a 20% increase of funding across the board for Specialist Homelessness Services? If not, why not?

Questions from The Hon. Sue Higginson MLC

Bail refusals

5. How many people under the age of 18 have been refused bail in the last 12 months by:
 - (a) The NSW Police?
 - (b) The courts?
6. How many people under the age of 18 have been refused bail by police who then were subsequently granted bail by the Court in the last 12 months?
7. How many young people under the age of 14 have been refused bail in the last 12 months by:
 - (a) The NSW Police?
 - (b) The courts?
8. How many people under the age of 14 have been refused bail by police who then were subsequently granted bail by the Court in the last 12 months?
9. How do the NSW Police assess a refusal of bail for people under the age of 18?
 - (a) What information is considered during the assessment?
 - (b) Is there a minimum threshold of information that is required to make a refusal of bail?
 - (c) What mechanism is in place to ensure that the assessment prioritises the safety of the young person?
10. How do the NSW Police assess a refusal of bail for people under the age of 14?
 - (a) What information is considered during the assessment?
 - (b) Is there a minimum threshold of information that is required to make a refusal of bail?
 - (c) What mechanism is in place to ensure that the assessment prioritises the safety of the young person?
11. In the last 5 years, how many people under the age of 18 have been refused bail who are aged:
 - (a) 10?
 - (b) 11?
 - (c) 12?
 - (d) 13?

- (e) 14?
- (f) 15?
- (g) 16?
- (h) 17?

Diversion Programs

12. What diversion programs are currently operating in NSW for people under the age of 18?
- (a) How many enrollments have there been in each program over the last 12 months?
 - (b) How many First Nations people under the age of 18 have been enrolled in diversion programs in the last 12 months?
 - i. How many 10 year olds?
 - ii. How many 11 year olds?
 - iii. How many 12 year olds?
 - iv. How many 13 year olds?
 - v. How many 14 year olds?
 - vi. How many 15 year olds?
 - vii. How many 16 year olds?
 - viii. How many 17 year olds?
 - (c) What is the cost of these programs?
 - i. In total, per annum?
 - ii. For each program, per annum?

Mental Health Assessments

13. What assessment occurs when sending a person under the age of 18 from a detention facility to a specialised mental health facility?
- (a) Who conducts the assessment?
 - (b) How many mental health assessments have occurred in relation to people under the age of 18 in custody over the past 12 months?

- (c) How many mental health assessments have occurred in relation to people under the age of 14 in custody over the past 12 months?

Youth Detention Facilities

- 14. How many young people under the age of 14 in detention facilities are First Nations?
 - (a) How many are in each of the 6 youth detention centres?
 - i. How many First Nations people under the age of 14 are in each facility?
- 15. How many Youth Justice staff are employed at each NSW Police Local Area Command?
 - (a) What role do Youth Justice Staff have in determining bail decisions?
- 16. What is the average cost for youth detainees aged:
 - (a) 10 years?
 - (b) 11 years?
 - (c) 12 years?
 - (d) 13 years?
 - (e) 14 years?
 - (f) 15 years?
 - (g) 16 years?
 - (h) 17 years?
- 17. What is being done to improve effective cultural practice in custody for First Nations people under the age of 18?
- 18. Why are people in detention under the age of 18 not given unsupervised access to the internet?
 - (a) Is there software used on computer resources in youth detention facilities that monitors use and internet history?
 - (b) Do staff conduct direct, in person supervision of detainees using computer resources and the internet?
- 19. Do corrections staff in youth detention facilities wear body-worn cameras?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 20. What conditions must be met before a body search can be conducted on a person under the age of 18 who is in detention?

- (a) Are x-ray body scanners in use for youth detainees?
 - i. If yes, what are the associated costs of these scanners?
 - ii. If not, have these scanners been considered?
- 21. What are the safer placement options that are available to people under the age of 18 who have been convicted of a crime?
 - (a) Are there cultural awareness considerations in these safer placement options, particularly for First Nations people?
- 22. What are the operating costs for each of the 6 youth detention facilities in the last 12 months?

Intervention programs

- 23. Are community led responses and intervention programs preferred to government led responses and intervention programs where a young person lives in an at risk home environment?
 - (a) Have there been statistical assessments made about the success rates of government versus community led responses and intervention programs?
 - (b) Are communities consulted when considering whether a government or community led response and or intervention program is most appropriate?
 - (c) What Government and non-government agencies are involved in youth action meetings?
 - i. Are these agencies culturally and age appropriate for young people?
- 24. How many people under the age of 18:
 - (a) Are on remand today?
 - (b) Were on remand:
 - i. 12 months ago?
 - ii. 24 months ago?
 - iii. 5 years ago?
- 25. How many people under the age of 14:
 - (a) Are on remand today?
 - (b) Were on remand:
 - i. 12 months ago?
 - ii. 24 months ago?

- iii. 5 years ago?

Community partnership

26. What steps have been taken to improve partnering between DCJ, Youth Justice, communities and community organisations to end the over-representation of First Nations children and young people in child protection?
- (a) What changes are occurring with:
 - i. The Minister?
 - ii. The Department?
 - iii. Districts?
 - iv. Case workers?
 - (b) Have all DCJ employees been given guidance and directives to work in partnership and in accordance with the National Agreement?
 - i. What accountability processes are in place to make sure this happens?

Aboriginal Knowledge Circle

27. What advice has the Aboriginal Knowledge Circle provided on potential legislative reforms?
- (a) How is this being communicated transparently by the Minister's office to Aboriginal communities?

Family is Culture implementation

28. Is the Government going to implement all 126 recommendations of the Family is Culture review?
- (a) Will the Government establish an Independent Child Protection Commission?
29. Why has DCJ not worked with AbSec to create a co-developed implementation plan?
30. How many times has the Family is Culture Executive Working Group met?
- (a) When was the last meeting?
 - (b) Are there regularly planned meetings?
 - i. If not, why?
 - (c) Will DCJ ask AbSec or other peak bodies to sign-off on completed reform implementation?

31. Why have the Family is Culture progress reports been put on hold while legislative reforms are considered?
 - (a) Could the Family is Culture reports begin again and include updates on the legislative reform process?
 - i. Does DCJ require additional resources to continue the progress reports while the reforms are being considered?
 - (b) Will the Government consult with and seek feedback from AbSec and other peak bodies in the drafting of the Bill?

Closing the gap commitments

32. Will the Government review the disproportionately high funding that goes to non-Aboriginal service providers and adequately fund Aboriginal community-controlled child and family organisations that are best placed to care Aboriginal children and young people?
33. Will the Government continue to transition the case management of Aboriginal Children and young people in out of home care to Aboriginal organisations?

Restoration and permanency

34. How many of the 70 current matters that the Guardianship Taskforce has involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families?
35. How many of the 70 matters involve guardianship for an Aboriginal child being allocated to a non-relative, or a non-Aboriginal family member?
36. Will DCJ give similar financial investment to a permanency taskforce that looks at restoration of children to their families and communities, given the recommendations around restoration in FIC (in particular recommendations 106, 107, and 108, which all required partnership with Aboriginal stakeholders)?

Questions from The Hon. Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)

Child Protection

37. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many of the 90,000 children not seen by the department following a Risk of Significant Harm Report:
 - (a) Were definitely seen by another organisation or agency as a follow up to the ROSH report?
 - (b) May not have been seen by anyone, including because no records exist or because the department does not know?
38. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many children are currently in the care of NGOs which are covered by the government's short-term indemnity scheme, and how many children are in the care of NGOs not covered by the government's scheme?
39. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many children were in alternative care arrangements as at the specific day you took this question on notice, being Wednesday 2 March 2022?
40. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, please provide all minutes of the government's Aboriginal Knowledge Circle, given it has been confirmed that minutes are taken but not published.
41. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many young people are forced to vacate their foster care home when they turn 18?
42. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what was the collective financial contribution to young people who left care because they turned 18, in their first year after leaving care?
43. How many unique young people received direct financial support from the department?
44. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many young people in care became homeless because they turned 18 and were forced to vacate their foster care home?
45. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many unique young people who exited out-of-home care received any kind of support from the department last year?
46. How many unique young people received no support from the department?
47. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, in 2020-21, there were 179 Aboriginal children subject to guardianship orders. How many of these orders were made in respect of non-Aboriginal guardians?

48. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, please provide a list of the separate categories of aftercare support, the yearly expenditure against each category, and the number of children receiving support under each category.
49. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, please provide the cost modelling undertaken by the department for extending care to 21. If there are issues with the data, please describe those issues alongside the data, rather than refusing to provide the information altogether.
50. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what is the largest number of children being cared for by a single out-of-home care provider, including the department?
51. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what is the largest number of children being cared for by a single out-of-home care provider, excluding the department?
52. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, please provide a list of the top ten out-of-home care providers, ranked by number of children, and the number of children in their care, at a point in time in the last 12 months.
53. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, previous information provided to the committee suggested that around 49 per cent of children exiting alternative care arrangements exited to a 'different arrangement' including supported independent living, other funded placements etc. Please provide a categorised breakdown of the specific arrangements for these children who exit alternative care arrangements.
54. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, please provide the data available to the department relating to the number of young people exiting out-of-home care who do and do not have leaving care plans completed, listed by NGO. For smaller providers with less than 10 children exiting care each year, please indicate if you believe their data would identify individual children. For other providers, please provide the information.
55. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, please provide the suspension data and the attendance data for children in out-of-home care.
56. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, over the last 12 months, what is the longest period a young person stayed in alternative care arrangements before being transferred to intensive therapeutic care?
57. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what is the total cost of alternative care arrangements for each district over the past 12 months?

58. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, how many individual nights of alternative care arrangements were charged to each district over the past 12 months?
59. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what is the number of unique children who have been in alternative care arrangements over the last 12 months, by district?
60. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, regarding staff who supervise young people in alternative care arrangements, how many over the last 12 months have been departmental staff and how many have been NGO staff?
61. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what is the total yearly amount spent on ACAs, the number of children who benefited, and the number of nights purchased, for the last two financial years?
62. Per your previous non-answer to a question taken on notice, what is the highest and lowest per-night cost of alternative care arrangements for the last two financial years, respectively?
63. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, currently, how many unique caseworkers employed by the Department have:
 - (a) Less than one year experience
 - (b) Between one and two years' experience
 - (c) Between two and three years' experience
 - (d) Between three and four years' experience
 - (e) Between four and five years' experience
 - (f) More than five years' experience
64. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, how many Department staff in child protection-related roles left their employment within 12 months of commencing?
65. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, how many Department staff in child protection-related roles left their employment within 24 months of commencing?
66. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, what proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care are in the care of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
67. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, how many children between the ages of 10-13 are in juvenile detention?
68. How many of these children are Aboriginal and what percentage do they make up?

69. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, please provide a breakdown of the expenditure on guardianship allowances over the last three financial years.
70. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, in 2021/22, how many young people received financial aftercare assistance between the ages of 18 and 25?
71. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, over the last 12 months, what is the longest period that a child has spent in alternative care arrangements?
72. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, over the last 12 months, what is the rate at which children in ACAs attend school?
73. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, how many Department caseworkers and management staff submitted workers compensation claims in:
- (a) 2019/20
 - (b) 2020/21
 - (c) 2021/22
74. Per your previous non-answers to supplementary questions relating to stress-related leave: the Department must be aware of the quantity and categories of leave types taken within its agencies – otherwise the whole-of-government workforce profile data could not exist. In relation to department child protection caseworkers and management staff, how many took a period of stress-related leave in:
- (a) 2019/20
 - (b) 2020/21
 - (c) 2021/22
75. Per your previous non-answers to supplementary questions relating to stress-related leave: the Department must be aware of the quantity and categories of leave types taken within its agencies – otherwise the whole-of-government workforce profile data could not exist. In relation to department child protection caseworkers and management staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took less than six months leave:
- (a) 2019/20
 - (b) 2020/21
 - (c) 2021/22

76. Per your previous non-answers to supplementary questions relating to stress-related leave: the Department must be aware of the quantity and categories of leave types taken within its agencies – otherwise the whole-of-government workforce profile data could not exist. In relation to department child protection caseworkers and management staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took more than six months but less than 12 months leave:
- (a) 2019/20
 - (b) 2020/21
 - (c) 2021/22
77. Per your previous non-answers to supplementary questions relating to stress-related leave: the Department must be aware of the quantity and categories of leave types taken within its agencies – otherwise the whole-of-government workforce profile data could not exist. In relation to department child protection caseworkers and management staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took more than 12 months leave:
- (a) 2019/20
 - (b) 2020/21
 - (c) 2021/22
78. Per your previous non-answer to a supplementary question, how many cultural care plans were in place in the past financial year?
79. How many were done by DCJ, how many were done by non-Aboriginal NGOs, and how many were done by Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
80. Is the Department going to achieve the re-report target rate of 32.3% by next year?
81. What is the average length of time from entry into care to a guardianship order?
82. What is the current number of children in statutory care with an approved open adoption case plan goal?
83. How many of these children have been in the open adoption process for more than 2 years?
84. What is the average length of time from removal by DCJ to the Children’s Court making a final order with a case plan goal of open adoption?
85. What is the average length of time from entry into care to an adoption order?

86. How many children exiting OOHC since 1 July 2017 had their permanency goal met within 2 years?
87. There are now 4 additional OOHC residential care models in addition to the 2 original models (Intensive Therapeutic Care ITC; and Intensive Therapeutic Temporary Care ITTC 12 weeks): Alternate Care Arrangement ACA, Individual Placement Arrangement IPA, Short term Emergency Placement STEP, Interim Care Model ICM. How many children are currently in each of these six placement types?
88. Are children in ACA, IPA, STEP and ICM placements counted and reported as RC in NSW OOHC data?
 - (a) If not, then how/where are they counted and reported?
89. How many children in ACA, IPA, STEP and ICM placements are with non-accredited agencies?
90. Do the facilities operating under ACA, IPA, STEP and ICM arrangements fall under the NSW Official Community Visitors Scheme, and if not, why not?
91. What is budgeted for family preservation and targeted early intervention 2022-23?
 - (a) How much of this is allocated to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations?
92. In 2021-22 the Department budget for family preservation (\$129M) and targeted early intervention programs (\$164M) was a total of \$293M. How much was spent on OOHC (combined government and non-government total figure) in 2021-22?
93. What is the total budget for NSW OOHC in 2022-23?
94. On 15 June 2021 it was announced that \$12M in funding would be allocated to scale up initiatives aimed at increasing the number of adoptions and guardianships, including through the establishment of a Permanency Taskforce:
 - (a) How much of this funding has been spent to date?
 - (b) What has the funding been spent on?
 - (c) What is the percentage increase in guardianship and open adoption orders since the announcement of the Taskforce?
95. Does the government have a policy regarding reimbursement of agencies for damage to property where damage has occurred in the course of delivering government-funded services, particularly the provision of residential care for children with complex needs and behaviours?
 - (a) If so, please provide the details of the policy.

Short Term Indemnity Scheme

96. What is the government doing to ensure NSW child welfare organisations have access to the insurance necessary for their continued operations, for potential claims of sexual and physical abuse which took place prior to 2017?
97. How many child welfare organisations in NSW are currently relying on the government's short term indemnity scheme?
98. Will the government extend its short term indemnity scheme to ensure child welfare organisations in NSW have the necessary insurance coverage under the limited scheme beyond 2022?
 - (a) If so, for how long will it be extended?
99. Has the government modelled the impact of any child welfare organisation ceasing operations because of potential claims of historical abuse not covered by the government's short term indemnity scheme?
100. What is the government doing to ensure child welfare organisations which are critical to the State's child protection system do not cease operating simply because of a lack of necessary insurance coverage?
 - (a) What assurances can the Minister provide to these organisations?

Disability Services- Ageing and Disability Commissioner

101. Prior to the Ageing and Disability Commissioner giving evidence on Tuesday 30 August, were you specifically aware of the budget concerns facing the Ageing and Disability Commission?
102. Have you specifically lobbied the Secretary of your Department, the Treasurer or his department secretary, or any other person, to secure the ongoing funding repeatedly requested by the Ageing and Disability Commissioner?
103. Has the Department ever provided you with a briefing note regarding the budget concerns repeatedly raised by the Ageing and Disability Commissioner?
 - (a) If so, on what date(s) were these provided?
104. Will the government guarantee that the Ageing and Disability Commission will receive the funding necessary to fulfil its statutory functions?

105. Prior to the Ageing and Disability Commissioner giving evidence on Tuesday 30 August, were you specifically aware of the declining visitation rates within your Official Community Visitor Scheme?
106. Given the Official Community Visitor Scheme is a ministerial scheme, what target visitation rate do you expect?
107. Prior to the Ageing and Disability Commissioner giving evidence on Tuesday 30 August, were you aware of the increasing demand on the services of the Ageing and Disability Commission due to increased awareness and prevalence of elder abuse?

Tomaree Lodge and Stockton Centre – Short-term Use

108. The department has stated multiple times under oath that using the Tomaree Lodge site for short-term emergency accommodation “would require significant investment” in the sewerage system. This indicates that specific assessments must have been carried out, otherwise the department could not accurately claim the required expenditure would be “significant.” Please provide the details of these specific assessments, including the nature of the assessment and the date on which it was undertaken.
109. What would the total cost be to rectify the sewerage system issues at Tomaree Lodge to allow its short-term use as emergency accommodation?
110. Are there any taps, toilets, sinks or showers on the Tomaree Lodge site which currently provide running water?
111. Given the sewerage system at Tomaree Lodge was working last year, can you confirm the date the sewerage system was turned off?
112. Could the sewerage system be turned back on by the Department without any investment in the pipes/system?
113. How many buildings on the Tomaree Lodge site currently have access to an operational sewerage system?
114. How many buildings on the Tomaree Lodge site could have access to an operational sewerage system without any capital investment?
115. How many buildings on the Tomaree Lodge site could have access to an operational sewerage system with less than \$100,000 in capital investment?

116. Are there any other services at Tomaree Lodge that need to be fixed to make one, or all, of the homes on the site habitable?
- (a) If so, what work needs to be undertaken?
 - (b) And at what cost?
117. What specific assessments were undertaken into the Stockton Centre's sewerage, water and electricity systems, to determine that significant investment would be required? In each instance, please provide the nature of the assessment and the date on which it was undertaken.
118. How many buildings at the Stockton Centre currently have access to power?
119. How many buildings at the Stockton Centre currently have access to water?
120. How many buildings at the Stockton Centre currently have access to an operational sewerage system?
121. How many buildings at the Stockton Centre currently have access to power, water and an operational sewerage system?

Disability Employment in the Public Sector

122. Does the government as a whole, or any department/agency, keep a breakdown of the types of disability in the public sector – such as sensory, physical, intellectual disability?
123. What percentage of employees with disability were recruited as such, what percentage were existing employees who subsequently acquired their disability, and what percentage were existing employees who subsequently identified as having disability?
124. What specific actions are planned to address the government's failure to meet its own disability employment target of 5.6 per cent?

Former ADHC Properties

125. How many former ADHC properties are still owned by the government?
126. Who currently owns the properties, the Minister, the Department, ADHC, another agency, or a mix of these?
127. Can you provide a list of the properties?
128. Do you know how each of the properties are being used now?
- (a) Vacant
 - (b) Used by a non-government disability service provider

- (c) Used by another agency
- (d) Social housing
- (e) Rented via the private market

129. Have any former ADHC properties been sold since the closure of ADHC?
130. Are any former ADHC properties currently on the market?
131. What is the process of listing these properties for sale?
132. What revenue does the government currently make with these properties?
133. Where does that revenue go?
134. What are the future plans for these properties?
135. What is the Department planning for these properties?

Accessible Government Communications

136. What is the government doing to ensure digital communications – including government websites – are fully accessible to everyone, including people with intellectual disability?
137. The Council for Intellectual Disability has called for critical government information to be made available in ‘easy read’ format – simple text and imagery to explain information easily. What plans does the government have to ensure all key documents are provided in ‘easy read’ across government websites?

Election commitments

138. What commitments directly effecting young people were made in your portfolio?
139. Which of those election commitments have been implemented?
 - (a) Please list for each when it was implemented and the cost of implementation?
140. What election commitments have not yet been implemented?
 - (a) Please list for each why it is outstanding and the expected date of implementation?

Closing the gap

141. At the Budget Estimates hearing on 15 March 2022 the Hon Ben Franklin MLC said “there is a ministry for regional youth because of the significant difference in everything from health issues to educational outcomes to employment opportunities between urban and regional youth”. (Hansard page 19). How do you propose to close the gap in relation to:

- (a) Health issues?
- (b) Educational outcomes?
- (c) Employment opportunities?

142. What actions are you taking, as Minister responsible for Youth NSW and as Minister administering the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014 to close the gap in Western Sydney in relation to Health issues?

- (a) Educational outcomes?
- (b) Employment opportunities?

Youth Advisory Council

143. Have you met with the Youth Advisory Council?

- (a) If yes, what was discussed?
- (b) If not, why not and when do you intend to meet the Council?

Youth Parliament

144. Have you met with the NSW Youth Parliament?

- (a) If yes, what was discussed?
- (b) If not, why not and when do you intend to meet the Members?

145. In relation to the following Youth Parliament bills from the NSW Youth Parliament, what is the Government's response to each:

- (a) Aboriginal Affairs
- (b) Education
- (c) Energy and Environment
- (d) Inclusion and Diversity
- (e) Justice
- (f) Mental Health
- (g) Rural and Regional Affairs
- (h) Transport, Roads and Infrastructure
- (i) Women's Affairs

Grants

146. What grants have been provided by your department over the last year to support young people in the following areas:
- (a) Bushfire-affected areas
 - (b) Flood-affected areas
 - (c) COVID-19 lockdown areas

Regional NSW Youth Action Plan

147. What involvement did your department have in the development of the Plan?
148. Do you believe the NSW Government should also develop a Metropolitan NSW Youth Plan?
- (a) If yes, when will the Plan be developed?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Youth employment

149. What support is provided by your department to ensure young people are aware of their rights at work and know what to do if they are underpaid or mistreated at work?

Empowering youth

150. What support is provided by your department to support youth participation?

Regional youth taskforce

151. Have you met with the Taskforce?
- (a) If yes, what was discussed?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Youth survey

152. Does your department conduct any surveys of young people?
- (a) If yes, what topics were surveyed over the past two years?
 - (b) If yes, are the findings of the surveys publicly available?
 - (c) If yes, what was the cost of the surveys?
 - (d) If not, what resources are available so that the department understands what young people want the government to do?

Grants

153. What is the total amount of funding provided to youth organisations in 2021/22?
154. What is the total amount of funding estimated to be provided to youth organisations in 2022/23?
155. Of the grants provided by your department over the past year, what proportion, and what amount, were provided to youth organisations in regional LGAs?
 - (a) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Western Sydney LGAs?
 - (b) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Metropolitan LGAs?
 - (c) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Hunter LGAs?
 - (d) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Illawarra LGAs?
156. What coordination does your department undertake within the Cluster to ensure maximum value for money from grants paid to support youth in NSW?
157. What coordination does your department undertake with other Clusters to ensure maximum value for money from grants paid to support youth in NSW?

Youth spending

158. What spending in your department is focused on assisting young people?
159. Lockdown was particularly hard for young people, who are normally establishing their independence and developing important skills and lifelong friendships in education settings. What is the Government doing to support young people in the longer term?
160. In relation to the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative, what funding is available for young people in metropolitan areas that weren't affected by flooding?
 - (a) What involvement did DCJ have in the design and implementation of the initiative?
161. The impacts of COVID-19 were very real and immediate during the lockdowns but the longer term effects are still unknown. What monitoring will the Government do to ensure that those kids who suffered so much during their HSC preparations in 2020 and 2021 are not forgotten in years to come?

Youth Opportunities grants

162. Can you explain the assessment and approvals process for Youth Opportunities grants?

163. Are you aware that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has found that pork barrelling could constitute corrupt conduct in certain circumstances, and recommended that guidelines concerning grants funding be issued pursuant to a statutory regulation?
164. What measures have you put in place to ensure transparency and probity in the delivery of Youth Opportunities grants?
165. Over the last two years \$3.357m has been allocated to Youth Opportunities grants.
- (a) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in Western Sydney LGAs?
 - (b) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in metropolitan LGAs?
 - (c) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in Hunter LGAs?
 - (d) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in Illawarra LGAs?
 - (e) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Opposition-held electorates?
 - (f) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Government-held electorates?
 - (g) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Crossbench-held electorates?

Youth unemployment- South-West Sydney

166. What is the current youth unemployment rate in South-West Sydney?
- (a) What actions and programs are being taken by your department to close the gap between the youth unemployment rate in South-West Sydney and the NSW average?

Youth Justice Programs

167. How many young people have been referred to the 'A Place to Go' program, broken down by the following years
- (a) 2022
 - (b) 2021
 - (c) 2020
 - (d) 2019
168. How many young people have been referred to a Youth Justice Conference, broken down by the following years

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2019

169. How many young people have been referred to the NSW Koori Court, broken down by the following years

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2019

170. How many young people have been referred to the Broadmeadow Children's Court program, broken down by the following years

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2019

171. How much funding has been allocated to the establishment of the Maranguka Hub in the 2022-23 financial year?

172. How much funding has been allocated to the Youth Action Meeting (Central North Police District) Coordinator in the 2022-23 financial year?

- (a) Is there an allocation of future funds for the Youth Action Meeting Coordination?
 - i. If so, how much funding has been allocated?

Historical complaints

173. How many complaints around historical abuse or ill treatment under the care of Youth Justice have been made to the Department of Families, Communities and Justice?

Third-party contractors or consultancies

174. For every agency, department, or state-owned corporation within your portfolio, please provide the following:

- (a) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in communications services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (b) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in PR services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (c) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in marketing services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (d) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in Government relations or lobbying services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (e) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in industry or peak body membership, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,

- iv. Total cost paid
- (f) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in policy or strategy development, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (g) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in project management, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (h) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in accounting and audit, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (i) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in legal services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (j) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in any other services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,

- iii. Service provided,
- iv. Total cost paid

Temporary Accommodation

175. Could the Minister please provide an exact figure (total) for the number people in Temporary Accommodation:

- (a) at its peak so far in 2022
- (b) Total number of individuals who accessed temporary accommodation, per month from March 2022 to date

176. Could the Minister please provide the exact number of people in Temporary Accommodation who were previously sleeping rough from January 2022 to date?

177. How many individuals accessed Temporary Accommodation in:

- (a) 2022 to date

178. How many people exited Temporary Accommodation in 2022?

- (a) Of those how many entered:
 - i. Social Housing
 - ii. Together Home packages
 - iii. Some form of rental assistance

179. Could the Minister provide figures relating to the number of women who utilised Temporary Accommodation from 1 July 2021 to date?

- (a) How many of these women were over 55?

180. How many women who utilised temporary accommodation from 1 July 2021 to date have entered social housing or permanent tenancy?

181. Could the Minister provide details of people who accessed Temporary accommodation, from 1 January 2022 by:

- (a) allocation zone; and
- (b) geographic region

Social Housing Waiting List

182. Could the Minister please provide the number of people on the social housing waiting list for the following months in 2021/22 and 22/23:

- (a) November 2021
- (b) December 2021
- (c) January 2022
- (d) February 2022
- (e) March 2022
- (f) April 2022
- (g) May 2022
- (h) June 2022
- (i) July 2022
- (j) August 2022

183. How many people on the social housing waiting list are currently experiencing homelessness?

184. Could the Minister please provide the number of people on the priority social housing waiting list for the following months in 2021/22:

- (a) January 2021
- (b) February 2021
- (c) March 2021
- (d) April 2021
- (e) May 2021
- (f) June 2021
- (g) July 2021
- (h) August 2021
- (i) September 2021
- (j) October 2021
- (k) November 2021
- (l) December 2021

- (m) January 2022
- (n) February 2022
- (o) March 2022
- (p) April 2022
- (q) May 2022
- (r) June 2022
- (s) July 2022
- (t) August 2022

185. How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2021?
186. How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2021?
187. How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2022 (to date)?
188. How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2022 (to date)?
189. Could the Minister please provide an updated breakdown of the social housing waiting list by allocation zone?
190. What is the median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the priority social housing waiting list in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
 - (b) FY 2022/23 (to date)
191. What is the median wait time for people to access social housing for those on the social housing waiting list in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
 - (b) FY 2022/23 (to date)

NSW Homelessness Services

192. How many people have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services in NSW during:
- (a) FY 2020/21
 - (b) FY 2021/22

- (c) FY 2022/23 (to date)
193. How many women have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services in NSW during:
- (a) FY 2020/21
 - (b) FY 2021/22
 - (c) FY 2022/23 (to date)
194. Please provide the number of callers or clients by age and gender of people who interacted with Link2home during 2022:
- (a) Clients aged 55-65 years
 - (b) Clients aged 65- 75 years
 - (c) Clients aged 75 and over
195. How many complaints has the Ministers office received from tenants in social housing during the following months:
- (a) July 2021
 - (b) August 2021
 - (c) September 2021
 - (d) October 2021
 - (e) November 2021
 - (f) December 2021
 - (g) January 2022
 - (h) February 2022
 - (i) March 2022
 - (j) April 2022
 - (k) May 2022
 - (l) June 2022
 - (m) July 2022
 - (n) August 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

196. How many complaints has DCJ received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021
- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022
- (j) April 2022
- (k) May 2022
- (l) June 2022
- (m) July 2022
- (n) August 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

197. What is the total number of correspondence from social housing tenants the Minister's office has received in 2022?

- (a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to?
- (b) Does the Minister respond to all correspondence?
- (c) What is the average wait time for a response?

DCJ

198. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DCJ?

199. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Organisation Chart for Housing, Disability and District Services of DCJ

Social Housing Tenants

200. At the present time how many social housing tenants are there in NSW?

- (a) How many tenants have:
 - i. Requested transfers?
 - ii. Left social housing to private tenancy?
 - iii. Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
 - iv. Been evicted from social housing?

201. In 2022 how many social housing tenants are there in NSW?

- (a) How many tenants have:
 - i. Requested transfers?
 - ii. Left social housing to private tenancy?
 - iii. Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
 - iv. Been evicted from social housing?

202. Of those social housing tenants that have requested a transfer how many were granted in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22?

- (a) What is the breakdown as to why these transfers were requested?
- (b) How many of these properties were then reallocated to different tenants within six months?
 - i. How many properties deemed unsafe or unsatisfactory were then reallocated, without any significant work completed, to new tenants?

NSW Social Housing Tenants

203. What is the broad breakdown of reasons tenants were evicted from social housing in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22

- (a) How many tenants were evicted from properties that were later sold during:
 - FY 2011/12
 - FY 2012/13

FY 2013/14
FY 2014/15
FY 2015/16
FY 2016/17
FY 2017/18
FY 2018/19
FY 2019/20
FY 2020/21
FY 2021/22
FY 2022/23 (to date)

(b) How many tenants were relocated from properties that were later sold during:

- i. FY 2011/12
- ii. FY 2012/13
- iii. FY 2013/14
- iv. FY 2014/15
- v. FY 2015/16
- vi. FY 2016/17
- vii. FY 2017/18
- viii. FY 2018/19
- ix. FY 2019/20
- x. FY 2020/21
- xi. FY 2022/23 (to date)

204. How many tenants have submitted appeals or requested hearings from NCAT relating to their social housing tenancy?

205. What is the total amount that has been spent on legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 relating to defending cases heard at NCAT?

206. How many tenants have DCJ taken to NCAT during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date)?

207. What is the total amount that has been spent on legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 relating to taking tenants to NCAT?

Tenant Satisfaction Survey

208. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the most recent tenant satisfaction survey or report?

- (a) Who was this report shared with?
- (b) When was the Minister briefed on this report?

Minister's Office

209. Could the Minister please provide photos of Ministerial office fit-out upgrades between 1 October 2021 and 1 August 2022?

210. Could the Minister please provide a total cost of office fit-outs and upgrades for her specific Ministerial office in the last 12 months?

211. What is the total cost for the upkeep and purchasing of art for the Minister's office?

212. What was the total cost of the following from March 2022 – August 2022:

- (a) Office fit outs
- (b) Office Upgrades
- (c) Moving or relocation services
- (d) Plants
- (e) Business Cards
- (f) Stationary
- (g) Art
- (h) Book cases or other office furniture

213. How much has the Minister for Families and Community Services office been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 (to date.)

214. How much did the Minister's office spend on functions in 2022?

215. How much did the Minister's office spend on board room lunches in 2022?

Briefings

216. Has the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly? If so, can the following be provided:

- (a) The subject matter of the briefing.
- (b) The location and date of the briefing.
- (c) Who proposed the briefing?
- (d) Attendees of the briefing by level/position?

217. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following - by Department or agency:

- (a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- (b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.
- (c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.
- (d) How many are graphic designers.
- (e) How many are media managers.
- (f) How many organise events.

Board Appointments

218. Can the Minister provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members she had made since her appointment?

219. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?

220. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?

221. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?

222. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?

Commissioned Reports and Reviews

223. Since 1 July 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:

- (a) Date commissioned.
- (b) Date report handed to Government.
- (c) Date of public release.
- (d) Terms of Reference.

(e) Committee members and/or Reviewers.

224. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.

225. Please provide the background and credentials of the Review personnel.

226. Please provide the remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel

227. Please provide the cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.

228. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?

229. What is the current status of each report?

230. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so?

Promotional merchandise – DCJ

231. What was the DCJ total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23.

232. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.

233. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.

Advertising and information campaigns –DCJ

234. What was the DCJ total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2021-22 and for the current financial year to date.

235. What advertising and information campaigns did the DCJ run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:

(a) When approval was first sought.

(b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.

(c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.

236. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.

Executive Travel – DCJ

237. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Chief Executive of DCJ or the Deputy Secretary - Housing, Disability and District Services since 1 July 2021 be provided including:

- (a) Flights for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
- (b) Ground transport for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
- (c) Accommodation for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- (e) Any available photographs documenting the Secretary or Deputy Secretary travel should also be provided.

Ministerial Travel

238. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Minister since 21 December 2021 be provided including:

- (a) Flights for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
- (b) Ground transport for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
- (c) Accommodation for the Minister, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- (e) Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.

Executive Office Upgrades - DCJ

239. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the DCJ Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).

Ministerial Functions

240. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 21 December 2021, can the following be provided:

- (a) List of functions.
- (b) List of all attendees.
- (c) Function venue.
- (d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).
- (e) Details of any food served.
- (f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.
- (g) Any available photographs of the function.
- (h) Details of any entertainment provided.

Glebe Estate

241. How many properties are currently unoccupied in the Glebe estate?

Incident in Redfern Social Housing

242. Is the Minister aware of a tragic incident involving a resident who passed away at 55 Walker St Redfern?

- (a) How long was the body left to decompose in the unit?
- (b) At what date and time was LAHC first contacted about this incident?
- (c) At what date and time was the Minister's office first contacted about this incident?
- (d) At what date and time was LAHC made aware of the incident?
- (e) At what date and time was the body removed from the apartment?
- (f) At what date and time was the apartment completely cleaned?
- (g) How many complaints did LAHC receive regarding this incident?
- (h) How many complaints did the Minister's office receive regarding this incident?

- (i) Which cleaning service was contracted to carry out the cleaning?
 - i. What PPE or other equipment was provided to cleaners?

243. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the standard operating procedures or LAHC policies regarding a deceased resident in LAHC housing?

Disability Employment

244. What is the percentage and total number of people who identify as having a disability who currently employed by:

- (a) Department of Communities and Justice
- (b) Advocate for Children and Young People
- (c) Office of the Children's Guardian
- (d) Ageing and Disability Commission

245. What is the percentage and total number of senior managers who currently identify as having a disability employed by:

- (a) Department of Communities and Justice
- (b) Advocate for Children and Young People
- (c) Office of the Children's Guardian
- (d) Ageing and Disability Commission

246. Across the NSW Public Sector what is the percentage and total number of employees who currently identify as having a disability?

247. What is the percentage and number of senior managers who currently identify as having a disability throughout the NSW Public Sector?

248. What is the trend in distribution of workforce (distribution index) for people with disability throughout the NSW Public Sector?