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- 1459 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL COUNCIL ENGINEERS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What are the reasons that the Government does not require local councils in New South Wales to have a professional engineer as a member of their senior staff?

- 1460 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL BENEFIT-TO-COST RATIO—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When was the Minister first informed that the benefit-to-cost ratio of the CBD and South East Light Rail had decreased from 2:4 to 1:4?

- 1461 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NIGHTRIDE BUS SERVICE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What were the funding levels for the NightRide bus service in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2013-14
- (d) 2012-13

- (2) How many services in total did the NightRide bus service provide in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2013-14
- (d) 2012-13

- (3) How many assaults took place on the NightRide bus service in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2013-14
- (d) 2012-13

- 1462 EDUCATION—BOTTLED WATER FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales has the Department of Education instructed to only provide bottled water to students?

- (a) Please include a list of school names.

- (2) How many public schools in New South Wales are in areas where there is no local water supply for human consumption or where the local water supply is considered unsafe for human consumption?

- (a) Please include a list of school names.

- (3) How many public schools in New South Wales have been issued with boil water notices

- (a) Please include a list of school names and how many times a boil water notice has been issued to each school.

- 1463 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL DISABILITY ACCESS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

In relation to the Government's plans regarding the CBD and South-East light rail:

- (1) What action has been taken to ensure the CBD and South-East light rail network will be accessible for commuters with a disability?
- (2) Will the network be wheelchair accessible?
 - (a) If not, why not?

- 1464 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY BLACKOUT AND POWER OUTAGE REPORTS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many blackouts or power outages did Essential Energy report in the following years?
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2015
 - (c) 2014
- (2) How many blackouts or power outages did Endeavour Energy report in the following years?
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2015
 - (c) 2014
- (3) How many blackouts or power outages did Ausgrid report in the following years?
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2015
 - (c) 2014

- 1465 EDUCATION—BROKEN HILL HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the existing maintenance backlog at Broken Hill High School be filled?
- (2) Please provide the current summary of recommended maintenance work at Broken Hill High School?

- 1466 EDUCATION—WAGGA WAGGA HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the existing maintenance backlog at Wagga Wagga High School be filled?
- (2) Please provide the current summary of recommended maintenance work at Wagga Wagga High School?

- 1467 EDUCATION—TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the existing maintenance backlog at Tamworth High School be filled?
- (2) Please provide the current summary of recommended maintenance work at Tamworth High School?

- 1468 ENVIRONMENT—PEST AND WEED MANAGEMENT—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What was the annual expenditure on Pest and weed management for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date, in national parks and reserves? Please provide expenditure per financial year.

- 1469 PREMIER—ANOTHER SLICE OF LIFE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

In relation to awarding Another Slice of Life Australia Pty Ltd grant funding of \$80,000 in 2010 and \$150,000 in 2013 under the Government's Community Building Partnership program (South Coast electorate) for the construction of a workshed and other facilities at the location of the organisation's sustainable living and vegetable gardens:

- (1) Did the applicant declare that they or key members of the organisation have an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest with the relevant State Member of Parliament?
 - (a) If so, how was the conflict of interest dealt with?
- (2) Did the applicant indicate that any purchase of capital equipment would have a life expectancy of 15 plus years, as required under the 'Guidance Notes' for the 2013 program?
- (3) Given that the project funded by the 2013 grant was finalised in 2014 and the use for which it was built subsequently ceased in 2016, what requirements are in place to ensure the community is receiving value for money for grant-funded projects that are ended after such a short period of time?
- (4) Was there any requirement for either of the projects funded under the program to benefit the community for a certain timeframe?
 - (a) If so, what was the timeframe?
- (5) Is the Government concerned that the facilities for which funding was provided under the program were built on private land that is owned by the husband of the Managing Director of Another Slice of Life Australia Pty Ltd, given that the land in question is now advertised for sale, including these additional facilities, for a price of \$410,000, an increase of almost seven times the purchase price of \$61,000 paid in 2007?
 - (a) If so, what action will the Government take to investigate this matter and the role of the relevant State Member of Parliament in assessing and allocating the funding of these projects?
- (6) What provisions are in place to ensure community funding grants provided by the Government are not able to be used in any way that would allow a private individual to benefit financially from any improvements that grant funds may have made to a private property or land holding?

- 1470 ENVIRONMENT—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the operation of Dolphin Marine Magic at Coffs Harbour under licence from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to rescue and rehabilitate dolphins, whales, seals and other fauna:

- (1) How many of the dolphins rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (2) How many of the whales rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (3) How many of the seals rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?

- (b) remain in captivity?
- (c) perished?
- (4) How many of each of any other fauna species rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (5) How many of the dolphins rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (6) How many of the whales rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (7) How many of the seals rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (8) How many of each of any other fauna species rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?

1471 HEALTH—HEALTH STATISTICS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What was the number of potentially avoidable deaths for people under 75 per 100,000 population in 2016?
- (2) What was the number of potentially avoidable deaths for women under 75 per 100,000 population in 2016?
- (3) What was the number of potentially avoidable deaths for men under 75 per 100,000 population in 2016?
- (4) What is the percentage of adults who drink more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day?
- (5) What is the percentage of males who drink more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day?
- (6) What is the percentage of females who drink more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day?
- (7) What is the proportion of the New South Wales population aged over 14 years who has used an illicit drug in the preceding 12 months in 2016?
- (8) What was the percentage of children who were overweight or obese in 2016?
- (9) What was the proportion of people aged 16 and over who smoked in 2016?
- (10) What was rate of readmission for patients with mental health conditions at New South Wales public hospitals within 28 days of a previous admission in 2016?
- (11) What percentage of patients receive community follow-up within seven days of discharge from a New South Wales public mental health unit in 2015/16?
- (12) What is the proportion of public mental health patients who reported that they were employed in

2015-16?

- (13) In 2016 what was the infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for Aboriginal children in New South Wales?
- (14) What was the percentage of potentially preventable hospitalisations as a proportion of total hospital admissions in 2015-16?
- (15) What was the rate of potentially preventable hospitalisations for Aboriginal people per 100,000 population in 2015-16?

1472 HEALTH—PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the percentage of patients seen in emergency departments within the clinically recommended time for each of the triage categories in the following time periods, listed by triage category?
 - (a) Apr-Jun 2016?
 - (b) July-Sept 2016?
 - (c) Oct-Dec 2016?
 - (d) Jan-Mar 2017?
- (2) In 2015-16 what was the percentage of elective surgery patients who were admitted within 30 days?
- (3) In 2015-16 what was the percentage of elective surgery patients who were admitted within 365 days?
- (4) What was the median wait time for non-urgent category patients who received elective surgery in April to June 2016?
- (5) What was the rate of staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections in New South Wales public hospitals in 2016, measured per 10,000 occupied bed days?

1473 ENVIRONMENT—RECYCLED WATER—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What was the volume of water recycled across the Sydney Water network in 2015-16?

1474 ENVIRONMENT—AIR QUALITY—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In each of Sydney, the Hunter and Illawarra how many days of exceedences of the relevant air quality standard occurred in 2015-16 for:
 - (a) Nitrogen Dioxide?
 - (b) Sulfur Dioxide?
 - (c) Carbon Monoxide?
 - (d) Ozone?
 - (e) PM10?
 - (f) Lead?

1475 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES PARKS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In 2016 how many people visited State, National or Urban Parks in New South Wales?

1476 PREMIER—NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL WORKFORCE—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

In 2016 what was the percentage of Aboriginal people working in the New South Wales Public Service?

- 1477 PREMIER—HOMELESSNESS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- (1) In 2016 what was the number of people in New South Wales that were homeless?
 - (2) What was the reduction in the number of homeless people between 2010 and 2016?
- 1478 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NSW GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What was the total for New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mt CO₂e) in 2016?
 - (2) What was the total by sector for New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mt CO₂e) in 2016?
- 1479 SPORT—ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- In 2016 how many people aged 15 and over participated regularly (three times per week) in a sport or physical activity?
- 1480 ARTS—CULTURAL EVENT PARTICIPATION—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- In 2016 how many people in New South Wales aged 15 and over attended cultural events and venues?
- 1481 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION—Mr Donnelly to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- Will the Minister outline the timetable for the commencement of the flood mitigation work that is being undertaken on the Wakehurst Parkway, arising from the construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest?
- 1482 HEALTH—WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION—Mr Donnelly to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Will the Minister outline the timetable for the commencement of the flood mitigation work that is being undertaken on the Wakehurst Parkway, arising from the construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest?
- 1483 WOMEN—MEDICALLY ASSISTED PREGNANCY TERMINATIONS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Is it a fact that 1,800 women have been given access to medical abortions over 18 months who are charged \$250 for the abortion drugs?
 - (2) Is it a fact that some women still had viable pregnancies and excessive bleeding, taking these abortion drugs?
 - (3) Will the Minister conduct a detailed investigation into this procedure where there is no face-to-face contact with a qualified doctor so as to ensure there is no harm to the mental or physical health of these women?

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