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*1282 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIREARMS LICENCES—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many new firearm licence/permit applications were received by the NSW Firearms Registry between 1 January 2020 and 24 April 2020 for the following:
 - (a) Category A/B licence?
 - (b) Category C licence?
 - (c) Category D licence?
 - (d) Category H licence?
 - (e) Minor's permit?
- (2) How many of each category of new licence/permit applications in Question 1 had been fully processed by the Firearms Registry by 24 April 2020?
- (3) How many renewal firearm licence/permit applications were received by the NSW Firearms Registry between 1 January 2020 and 24 April 2020 for each category:
 - (a) Category A/B licence?
 - (b) Category C licence?
 - (c) Category D licence?
 - (d) Category H licence?
 - (e) Minor's permit?
- (4) How many of each category of renewal licence/permit applications in Question 3 had been fully processed by the Firearms Registry by 24 April 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

The figures below reflect a total of 4,744 new firearms licence applications for individuals between 1 January 2020 and 24 April 2020 broken down by licence category. A firearms licence may be issued for several categories.

LICENCE CATEGORY	TOTAL APPLICATIONS	PROCESSED AS AT 24 APRIL 2020
A/B	7,546	901
C	159	11
D	13	1
H	696	72
General Permits	180	65
Minor's Permit	371	295

There was a total of 10,932 firearms licence renewal applications for individuals during the period 1 January 2020 to 24 April 2020. It is important to note that the structure of this question does not allow the NSW Police Force to provide an accurate picture of the number of transactions that continue to be processed within the Firearms Registry's average processing timeframes.

This is partly due to the fact that a single application may be linked to a request for a range of licence categories therefore the total number of applications which aren't 'fully processed' are lower. Additionally, there are a range of factors that can impact processing times, such as incomplete applications and the mandatory 28-day cooling off period.

An additional 5,705 new applications received prior to 1 January 2020 were also fully processed during this period.

*1285 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—FIREARM USED BY CORRECTIONS OFFICERS—Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the Heckler and Koch UMP 40 firearm used by Corrections Officers in NSW is reasonably capable of being raised and fired by one hand?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Heckler and Koch Universal Machine Pistol (UMP) 40, based on its calibre, make and model is designed to allow the firearm to be raised and fired one-handed. Corrective Services NSW officers are not trained to operate, nor do they use, this firearm one-handed.

*1286 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—CIVIL CASES BROUGHT AGAINST POLICE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What was the total cost to the NSW Police Force of defending civil cases brought against the force in:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2016?
- (2) How many civil cases were brought against the NSW Police Force in:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2016?
- (3) Of the cases in Question 2, how many were brought by current or former officers?
- (4) Of the cases in Question 2, how many were settled?
- (5) What was the total amount paid out per year in settlements?

Answer—

I am advised:

As this data is not held centrally, this information is not available.

The types of claims captured by the catchall 'civil cases' can include tort claims, hurt on duty claims, ex gratia claims, privacy claims, discrimination claims, workplace injury damages claims, workers compensation claims, motor accident, unfair dismissal, CTP claims, and many more. Each claim type is handled by a different business unit of the NSW Police Force (NSWPF).

Some of these units are internal to the NSWPF, while others are external or a hybrid internal/external, making it difficult to collate data within the Legislative Council's timeframes without a unreasonable and substantial diversion of NSWPF resources.

*1287 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FERRIES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What has the cost to taxpayers been for the storage at Rozelle Bay of the Lady Herron ferry since its

withdrawal from service in 2017?

- (2) What has the cost to taxpayers been for the storage at Mort Bay of the Lady Northcott since its withdrawal from service in 2017?
- (3) Why have the Lady Herron and Lady Northcott ferries been relocated from Sydney Harbour to Newcastle?
- (4) What is the cost to taxpayers for the relocation of these two ferries?
- (5) What is the planned future use of these two ferries?
- (6) What is the estimated cost of reintroducing these ferries into service?
- (7) Have these ferries been offered for preservation to Transport Heritage or maritime museums such as Sydney Heritage Fleet?
- (8) What is the estimated market value of each ferry?
- (9) Is the Government planning to scrap or dismantle these ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Lady Northcott and Lady Herron retired from regular passenger service in 2017 as the vessels no longer met business needs and were increasingly expensive to operate and maintain. There are no plans for the vessels to return to service as part of the public transport network. In 2018, Transport for NSW undertook a process to determine whether the vessels had heritage value, and whether there was a viable option to preserve the ferries through Transport Heritage NSW and other established heritage groups on Sydney Harbour.

This process established that the ferries were not of heritage value and that there was not a viable option to preserve the vessels as heritage assets. As a result, through the retendering of the Sydney Ferries contract in 2019, Transport for NSW sought the services of a marine broker to dispose of the vessels through a sale on the commercial market. Scrapping of the vessels would only be considered should a buyer for the ferries not be found as part of the marketing and sale campaign. A facility in Newcastle was identified as a more suitable location to berth the ferries for a number of reasons.

The berth allows for colocation of the vessels and therefore consolidated access arrangements for buyers. There is also power available to assist buyers with their inspection. The cost of the storage, transfer and disposal process for the ferries have been negotiated directly with a number of suppliers and are considered to be commercial in confidence.

*1288 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EUROBODALLA HEALTH SERVICE SURGICAL AND CRITICAL CARE SERVICES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is it the case that in 2017, an inquiry by the Agency for Clinical Innovation of NSW Health undertook a review of Eurobodalla Health Service Surgical and Critical Care Services?
- (2) Did this Inquiry recommend that the High Dependency Unit be upgraded to a Close Observation Unit in line with the Moruya District Hospital role delineation?
- (3) Is it the case that in October 2018, a petition of over 3000 signatures was submitted to the NSW Legislative Assembly requesting:
 - (a) Immediate improvements to Accident & Emergency, Critical Care and Perioperative services by funding and upgrading the existing infrastructure and workforce?
 - (b) Development of a single new regional hospital for the residents of the Eurobodalla with services equal to those of the Regional and Base Hospitals within the Southern NSW Local Health District?
- (4) Why has there been no improvement to Accident & Emergency and Critical Care services at Moruya District Hospital within the last three years?
- (5) When will the Ministry for Health commence work on a single new Regional Hospital for the

Eurobodalla?

- (6) Will the single new regional base hospital for the Eurobodalla provide level 4 services equal to South East Regional Hospital Bega and Goulburn Base Hospital when it is completed?

Answer—

1. and 2. Yes. I am advised Moruya District Hospital operates four Close Observation Unit (COU) beds, in line with current role delineation and service terminology.

3. In late 2018, a petition was lodged by the Member for Bega with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on behalf of certain residents of the Eurobodalla Shire. This petition, along with my response, remains publicly available on the Parliament of NSW website.

4. A range of improvements to critical care at Moruya District Hospital have been undertaken over the last three years. I am advised this has included the appointment of a full-time Emergency Department (ED) Director to lead the Eurobodalla EDs, a Visiting Medical Officer commencing, and commencing a training program in the Diploma of Emergency Medicine. Nursing staffing has also been increased. Recent physical infrastructure improvements include the purchase of additional equipment and stock storage. Enhanced Point of Care Testing and a CT scanner have also improved diagnostics. The Southern NSW Local Health District is currently planning further enhancements, including reviewing the physical layout of the ED.

5. and 6. The District is developing the Eurobodalla Clinical Services Plan in line with the NSW Government process for the development of capital infrastructure. The Plan will confirm the range of health care services required and how these health services will be delivered now and into the future. The NSW Government is committed to commencing work on the new hospital in this term of government.

*1289 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ABORIGINAL WATER UNIT—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What functions are undertaken by the Aboriginal water unit in the Minister's Department?
- (2) How much does the Government spend each year on the unit in Question 1 above?
 - (a) What water locational discoveries has it made?
- (3) What contribution has Bradley Moggridge, a 'Kamilaroi water scientist' made to the unit in Question 1 above?
- (4) What is the basis of the 'Aboriginal water science' used by the unit in Question 1 above?
 - (a) How much of this know-how is drawn from oral history and how much from peer-reviewed university science?

Answer—

1. to 4.

These questions require a response from the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*1290 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COVID-19 MINISTERIAL DECISIONS—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Under the extraordinary powers granted to the Minister under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020, Division 5 Regulation-making power for exceptional circumstances, which regulations have been made by the Minister from 22 April 2020 to 27 April 2020?
 - (a) For what purpose were these regulations made?
 - (b) What are the relevant details for each regulation?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my answer to LC Question on Notice 1181, which relates to the period up until 27 April 2020.

I am advised:

No regulations have been made to date, including between 22 April 2020 and 27 April 2020, under s 366 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986. All Regulations are published in the Government Gazette, available at: www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

*1291 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—COVID-19 MINISTERIAL DECISIONS—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Under the extraordinary powers granted to the Minister under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020, 2.8 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203, which Ministerial orders have been made by the Minister from 22 April 2020 to 27 April 2020?

- (a) For what purpose were these orders made?
- (b) What are the relevant details for each order made?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to the Question on Notice 1248.

*1292 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—COVID-19 MINISTERIAL PAROLE DECISIONS—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) Under the extraordinary powers granted to the Corrections Commissioner under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020, 2.5 Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 No 93, which orders have been made for parole for which inmates from 22 April 2020 to 27 April 2020?

- (a) What were the reasons for each order?
- (b) How is parole supervision being administered?
- (c) What was the inmate originally convicted for?
- (d) How long was that sentence?

Answer—

(1) Nil

*1294 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HEALTH IMPACTS OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RELATED TO COVID19—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What modelling has been undertaken by or is available to the Government's health and economic experts on the likely health impacts of a deep economic downturn and high rates of unemployment in New South Wales?

(2) What do these forecast scenarios show in relation to:

- (a) Death rates?
- (b) Drug and alcohol addiction?
- (c) Various forms of mental illness?
- (d) The health consequences of:
 - (i) Increased crime rates?
 - (ii) Family and relationship breakdown?
 - (iii) Other forms of social fragmentation?

- (e) Other personal health consequences?
- (f) Other public health consequences?

Answer—

1. to 4.

The NSW Government recently announced a \$2.3 billion stimulus package to help protect communities and jobs affected by COVID-19. The package will include \$700 million for NSW Health. More information is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/news/health-boost-and-economic-stimulus>

The Government has also announced a specific mental health support program to help lessen mental health impacts of COVID-19 and improve long-term capacities for mental health services. The NSW Government funding will supplement other mental health initiatives already being rolled out by Federal Government. This includes targeted funding to support the mental health of children, young people and families, increasing the capacity of helplines and support to address domestic violence.

I am advised NSW Health does not prepare modeling on the basis of these specific criteria.

*1295 PREMIER—HEALTH IMPACTS OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RELATED TO COVID19—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

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Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

*1296 TREASURER—HEALTH IMPACTS OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RELATED TO COVID19—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer—

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Answer—

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***1297 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS WITHOUT COVID19 CASES—**Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Which local government areas in New South Wales have not had a single recorded Covid-19 infection?

Answer—

(1) Information on the distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in NSW by local government area is updated daily and publicly available on the NSW Health website.

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***1298 PREMIER—GIPA APPLICATIONS—**Mr Borsak asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) Why doesn't the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) provide an email address or means of electronic payment for Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA) applications?

(a) Is this approach consistent with DPC's pledge to deliver world class public service?

Answer—

The Government Information (Public Access) Act (NSW) was amended in 2018 following a statutory review of the Act in 2017.

Section 41 was amended to allow agencies the discretion to accept applications lodged electronically (in a form the agency considers appropriate) without having to seek prior approval to do so from the Information Commissioner.

I am advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet is currently working with the Department of Customer Service to procure a customer payment platform to facilitate electronic lodgement of applications.

*1303 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SECTION 126A EXEMPTIONS—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 1183, why have Section 126A exemptions been granted to the Sydney City Steam 'gay sauna venue for men' and Bodyline Spa and Sauna 'gay venue for men'?
 - (a) In the granting of the exemptions, what evidence was provided to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board as to how men prove their homosexuality prior to entry?
 - (b) What was the purpose of the exemptions?
- (2) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 1183, why have Section 126A exemptions been granted to the Lesbian Space Community Legal Centre 'women-only venue program'?
 - (a) In the granting of the exemption, what evidence was provided to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board as to how women prove their homosexuality prior to joining the program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Section 126A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (the Act) allows for exemptions that apply to special needs programs, activities or facilities which promote access for certain groups of people affected by unlawful discrimination. Section 126A exemptions are certified by the Attorney General if satisfied that the purpose or primary purpose of a program or activity is the promotion of access, for members of a group of persons affected by any form of unlawful discrimination to which the Act applies in an area of discrimination to which the Act applies, to facilities, services or opportunities to meet their special needs or the promotion of equal or improved access for them to facilities, services and opportunities.
 - (a) Anti-Discrimination NSW does not make the decision to grant an exemption under s 126A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
 - (b) See answer to 1. above. 2. See answer to 1. above.

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1417 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—BUSHFIRE CHARITY FUNDING—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What is the total amount per charity that has so far been distributed following the 2019/2020 bushfires?
- (2) What is the total amount per charity that remains to be distributed following the 2019/2020 bushfires?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to assist charities in delivering financial assistance to fire-affected communities?

1418 TREASURER—ICARE PROCUREMENT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the names of businesses who undertook printing for Insurance and Care NSW (icare) in financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19?
 - (a) What was the value of the printing awarded to each business?
- (2) What are the names of businesses who are undertaking printing for icare in the financial year 2019/20 to date?
 - (a) What is the value of the printing awarded to each business?

- (3) Has icare procured any goods and/or services from IVE Group Limited in financial years 2017/18 or 2018/19?
- If so, what goods and/or services were procured?
 - What were the value of the goods and/or services procured?
- 1419 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GROW YOUR MIND PROGRAM STAFF QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- Has the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) accredited a teacher wellbeing program from the 'Grow Your Mind' company?
 - If so, what are the details?
 - What 'Grow Your Mind' staff qualifications and expertise did NESA base this decision on, beyond those listed in published Grow Your Mind staff profiles, referring to the following qualifications:
 - Alice Peel with a "background in public health, positive psychology and mindfulness"?
 - Kristina Freeman, "a passionate acupuncturist" with a "background in Chinese Medicine and Health Science"?
 - Jane Hunt "having babysat in her teens and nannied through her twenties" and having a "Diploma in Visual Communications and Graphic Design"?
 - Lisa Taylor, a "podcast producer" who once taught "primary ethics at her son's school"?
 - Annabelle Bailey, a former primary school teacher?
 - Emma Clohesy, described as "the Playdough Lady" with expertise in playdough play with her own children?
 - Did NESA check the academic and professional qualifications of these people to be teaching wellbeing and "mental health education"?
 - If so, what did these checks show?
- 1420 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INCLUSION POLICY FOR CONSULTANT'S—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- Does the Department of Education's inclusion policy extend to the employment practices of consultants working in Government schools?
 - Are consultant bodies checked to ensure they do not deliberately discriminate against classes of people in their employment practices, with such discrimination determining who enters schools and works with students, thereby setting a bad example of discrimination and exclusion?
- 1421 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—PROVIDERS OF WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- Which external providers to Government schools have been contracted by schools to provide wellbeing and mental health services?
- 1422 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OF SCHOOL PLANS TERMINOLOGY—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- Further to the Minister's answer to Question 1053, in the Strategic Directions of School Plans, how many NSW government schools mention the following terms:
 - Well-being?
 - Mental health?
 - Student happiness?
 - Mindfulness?
 - Growth mindset?
 - Emotional regulation?

- (g) Emotional intelligence?
- (h) Child welfare?

1423 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TRANSITION FROM HOME BASED LEARNING TO SCHOOLS DURING COVID-19—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What instructions have been issued to government schools, as they catch up from the home schooling period, to return to the basic elements of the curriculum for the remainder of the school year?
 - (a) When were the instructions issued by the Education Department?
 - (b) In detail, what do they say?

1424 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Are all the New South Wales services providing activities for children under the Active Kids program subject to Working With Children checks?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?

1425 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—ASSESSMENT OF WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM EFFICACY—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Given the substantial emphasis in government schools on student "well-being" and mental health programs:
 - (a) How does the Department measure success in these domains, other than students and parents answering self-reported survey forms?
 - (b) In 2018 and 2019, how many New South Wales school students were assessed as clinically mentally ill, broken down by year groups and the condition with which they were diagnosed?
 - (c) Other than in trying to make students feel happy, how does the Department's programs try to prevent mental health problems?
 - (i) How is success in this domain measured?
 - (d) According to departmental records, research and objectives, what causes mental health problems in students?
 - (e) According to departmental records, research and objectives, how can mental health problems in students be fixed?

1426 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CASUAL TEACHER'S ROLES DURING COVID-19—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Since the beginning of the Coronavirus contagion, what have been the arrangements for the payment of casual teachers in New South Wales government schools?
- (2) How were the calculations for payment in question 1 above made?
- (3) What has been the cost of the special arrangements in question 1 above?
- (4) What work have casual teachers been expected to perform as part of these special payment arrangements?

1427 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—CONSERVING DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS DURING RECESSION—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In this deep recession for New South Wales, has the Minister instructed the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Jim Betts, to abandon his policies for Diversity and Inclusion, the LGBTIQ Network, Rainbow Waratah, Mardi Gras cakes and celebrations etc, and

concentrate solely on economic development and job creation, as the people of New South Wales would expect ?

1428 TREASURER—CONSERVING DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS DURING RECESSION—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In this deep recession for New South Wales, has the Treasurer instructed the Head of Treasury to abandon departmental policies for Diversity and Inclusion, the LGBTIQ Network, Rainbow Waratah, Mardi Gras cakes and celebrations etc, and concentrate solely on economic growth and job creation, as the people of New South Wales would expect ?

1429 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 CASES ORIGINATING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Since the beginning of the Coronavirus contagion in New South Wales how many infections, in commuter to commuter transmission, have been identified as originating on the following public transport:
 - (a) Buses?
 - (b) Ferries?
 - (c) Trains?

1430 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COVID-19 CASES ORIGINATING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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1431 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—COVID-19 ROUTINE HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why are Government schools not undertaking temperature testing of students entering school premises at the beginning of every day?

1432 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 TRANSPORT IMPACT—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In response to the Coronavirus impact on transport in New South Wales, is the Government planning additional investments in cycleways?
 - (a) How will this assist people in Western and South-Western Sydney to get to work?

1433 TREASURER—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In the Government's \$20 million policy of financial assistance for international students announced by Mr Michael Pratt on 15 May 2020:
 - (a) What means testing arrangements apply given that international students in Australia are from a middle class background, supported by the ample resources of their parents?
 - (b) Why is this a New South Wales responsibility and not that of the Commonwealth, given that

immigration is a Federal power and higher education in Australia is federally funded?

1434 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GROW YOUR MIND PROGRAM STAFF QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Further to the Minister's Answer to Question 1379, why has the Grow Your Mind Program been allowed into 60 New South Wales government schools to teach, according to the Program, "mental health education", when its own publications list its staff qualifications as follows:
 - (a) Alice Peel with a "background in public health, positive psychology and mindfulness";
 - (b) Kristina Freeman, "a passionate acupuncturist" with a "background in Chinese Medicine and Health Science";
 - (c) Jane Hunt "having babysat in her teens (and) nannied through her twenties" and having a "Diploma in Visual Communications and Graphic Design";
 - (d) Lisa Taylor, a "podcast producer" who once taught "primary ethics at her sons' school";
 - (e) Annabelle Bailey, a former primary school teacher; and
 - (f) Emma Clohesy, described as "the Playdough Lady" with expertise in playdough play with her own children?
- (2) According to Departmental records, what formal qualifications and experience do these people have in the field of mental health?

1435 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—COVID-19 - MINISTERIAL PAROLE DECISIONS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Under the extraordinary powers granted to the Corrections Commissioner under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020, 2.5 Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 No 93, what parole orders have been made from 11 May 2020 to 18 May 2020?
- (2) For which inmates were these orders made?
- (3) What reasons were there for the orders?
- (4) How is parole supervision being administered?
- (5) For what crime was each paroled inmate originally convicted?
 - (a) How long was their sentence?

1436 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—COVID-19 - MINISTERIAL DECISIONS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Under the extraordinary powers granted to the Minister under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020, 2.8 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203, what Ministerial orders have been made between 11 May 2020 and 18 May 2020?
 - (a) For what purpose was each order made?
 - (b) What are the relevant details for each order?

1437 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ASBESTOS LITIGATION—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister provide all figures in respect of current and former employees of Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Trains Link, State Transit, Sydney Ferries, RailCorp, Sydney Metro and any related former entity, who are known to have:
 - (a) Engaged or had parties representing them engage in litigation against or made any claim against any of the above entities in relation to the contraction of asbestos related diseases?
 - (b) Engaged or had parties representing them engage in litigation against or made any claim against any of the above entities in relation to becoming deceased as a result of an asbestos related disease?

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Clerk of the Parliaments

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