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\*273 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—PARTISAN POLITICAL AND NRA POLICIES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Is there a NSW Police policy or directive that prohibits members of the NSW Police displaying in their office at work partisan political advertising?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does NSW Police permit members of the NSW Police to display in their office at work materials, including souvenirs and mementos, from the National Rifle Association?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Do any members of the NSW Police at the NSW Firearms Registry openly display in their office at work partisan political advertising, including materials relating to guns and the recent NSW election?
  - (a) If so, what materials?
  - (b) What action has been taken in response to it?
- (4) Do any members of the NSW Police at the NSW Firearms Registry display in their office at work materials, including souvenirs and mementos, from the National Rifle Association?
  - (a) If so, what materials?
  - (b) What action has been taken in response to it?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Political Affiliations Guidelines states: "materials such as posters, bumper stickers, pamphlets etc that may reasonably be construed to be of a political nature must not be publicly displayed on, or distributed from, NSWPF premises or vehicles".

This policy is monitored and enforced by the Commander of the Firearms Registry

\*274 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—OVERSIGHT OF PARKLEA PRISON—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) What are the key performance indicators in place from the NSW Government for the operation of Parklea prison?
- (2) Is the contract for the operation of Parklea prison publicly available?
  - (a) If so, where?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) What are the current reporting requirements for the Parklea prison to the Minister for Corrections?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Schedule 11 – Performance Regime of the Parklea Correctional Complex – Management Deed prescribes the 25 Key Performance Indicators for the operation of Parklea by MTCBroadspectrum. Schedule 11 is available on the Corrective Services NSW website at [https://www.correctiveservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/Related%20Links/d\\_oing-business-with-csnsw/parklea-contract-documents/parklea-correctionalcomplex-management-deed.pdf](https://www.correctiveservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/Related%20Links/d_oing-business-with-csnsw/parklea-contract-documents/parklea-correctionalcomplex-management-deed.pdf).
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) The contract for the operation of Parklea prison is publically available on the Corrective Services NSW website as above.
- (3) Corrective Services NSW provides advice to the Minister for Corrections on major incidents at Parklea by the same means I am advised of major incidents at any NSW correctional centre whether the centre is operated by Corrective Services NSW or a private operator. Official Visitors are

appointed by the Minister for Corrections to visit adult correctional facilities to report on the conditions and the types of issues raised by inmates and staff. Official Visitors provide a written report to the Minister and the Inspector of Custodial Services every six months.

\*275 TREASURER—MERCER ADMINISTRATION—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Treasurer aware of speculation that Mercer Administration, who purchased Pillar Superannuation from the NSW Government, is considering moving jobs from the Illawarra?
- (2) What was the definition of "delivery of existing member services" the Government determined for the purposes of the 'regional commitment' provided by the then Treasurer in her second reading speech on the Superannuation Administration Corporation (Pillar) (Authorised Transaction) Bill 2016 on 6 May 2016?
- (3) Is the Treasurer aware of the 10 year 'regional commitment' to the Illawarra that the purchaser would need to fulfil was made during the passage of the Superannuation Administration Corporation (Pillar) (Authorised Transaction) Bill 2016?
- (4) Were commitments to guarantee Pillar Superannuation's continued presence in the Illawarra for 10 years sought and received from Mercer Administration during the sale transaction?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so,
    - (i) How was this commitment from Mercer Administration obtained?
    - (ii) On what date was it obtained?
  - (c) If so, in regard to the commitment from Mercer Administration:
    - (i) How many positions were covered by the 'regional commitment'?
    - (ii) How many employees were covered by the 'regional commitment'?
    - (iii) From what date did the 'regional commitment' take effect?
    - (iv) What penalties or sanctions is Mercer Administration subject to should they breach the 'regional commitment'?
    - (v) How many staff have accepted voluntary redundancies since the 'regional commitment' took effect?
  - (d) If so, has the Treasurer taken steps to satisfy himself that the 'regional commitment' has not been breached?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (e) If Mercer Administration has been found to be in breach of the 'regional commitment' provided as part of the purchase of Pillar Superannuation will the Government impose penalties or sanctions?
    - (i) If so, what form will these take?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
- (5) How many staff were employed by Pillar in the Illawarra as at 31 December 2015?
- (6) How many staff are currently employed by Mercer Administration to deliver services formerly provided by Pillar Superannuation?
- (7) Are there any current legislative or regulatory impediments to Mercer Administration ceasing its operations in the Illawarra?

Answer—

The NSW Government will monitor the proposed changes and ensure obligations stipulated in the Act are honoured.

**22 JULY 2019**

(Paper No. 54)

\*302 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Mookhey asked the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When did applications close for Round 6 of the Resources for Regions program?
  - (a) How many applications were received?
  - (b) How many applications were submitted by local government area?
  - (c) By local government area, who were the applicants?
  - (d) What was the total value of funds sought?
  - (e) Did approved projects satisfy the minimum 25% financial co-contribution?
    - (i) If not, which applicants were exempt from this requirement?
  - (f) On what date did you receive the recommendations for projects to be funded?
  - (g) On what date did you approve projects for funding?
  - (h) Do you recall committing on 30 April 2019 to announcing the successful projects "within the coming weeks"?
  - (i) How much longer do the 11 communities with successful projects have to wait for the announcement or announcements of those projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade.

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327 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS—Mr Veitch to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have water quality standards for the construction of roads and road works?
  - (a) If so what are they?
- (2) Has the RMS recommended any local council stop using water from a bore for road constructions as the water quality did not meet required standards?
  - (a) If so where and when?

328 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) have water quality standards for the construction of roads and road works?
  - (a) If so what are they?
- (2) Has the EPA recommended any local council stop using water from a bore for road constructions as the water quality did not meet required standards?
  - (a) If so where and when?

329 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS IN MAITLAND—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to cut any public sector jobs in Maitland?

- (a) If so, how many full-time equivalent positions?
  - (b) Please disaggregate by departments.
  - (2) Will the Government guarantee no public sector jobs currently located in Maitland will be transferred out of Maitland?
  - (3) Will the existing lease for 516 High Street Maitland be renewed when it expires on 31 December 2019?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If not, where will staff who currently work at 516 High Street Maitland be located?
    - (c) If they will remain at 516 High Street Maitland, how long will they remain there for?
  - (4) Can the Government assure the Maitland Community that Planning, Industry and Environment jobs currently located at Minerals House will remain in Maitland?
  - (5) Can the Government assure the Maitland Community that Planning, Industry and Environment jobs currently located at Minerals House will not be relocated to Newcastle?
- 330 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—ADULTS DETAINED IN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTRES—Mr Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) How many inmates over the age of 18 years were being detained in Juvenile Detention Centres across New South Wales on the 22nd July 2019?
  - (2) What is the policy for detaining inmates over the age of 18 years in Juvenile Detention Centres in New South Wales?
  - (3) What is the policy for segregating detainees in Juvenile Detention Centres in New South Wales?

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