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\*172 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE IN ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number of children in Out of Home Care spending the night in Alternative Accommodation each year for the last five years?
  - (a) Of these, how many were in each type of Alternative Accommodation?
  - (b) Of these, how many were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
- (2) What is the total number of children each year over the past five years spending the night in Alternative Accommodation?
  - (a) Of these, how many were in each type of Alternative Accommodation?
  - (b) Of these, how many were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
- (3) What is the highest number of children spending the night in Alternative Accommodation on any given night for each year over the last five years?
  - (a) Of these, how many were in each type of Alternative Accommodation?
  - (b) Of these, how many were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
- (4) What is the average number of children per year spending the night in Alternative Accommodation for each year over the last five years?
  - (a) Of these, how many were in each type of Alternative Accommodation?
  - (b) Of these, how many were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?

Answer—

I am advised that FACS uses alternative care arrangements as a last resort, and only in emergency situations.

There are currently significant efforts underway to reduce the amount of children and young people in alternative care arrangements and to increase permanency for all children and young people within NSW.

I am advised that FACS closely monitors the use of alternative care placements, and significant work has and will continue to be implemented to reduce the need for them.

\*173 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN NSW—Mr Shoebridge 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 Transport and Roads—

In response to LC Question 0047 you advise that "information about historic bridges is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website". A search of the website has been unsuccessful in locating the answers to these questions.

- (1) Where specifically on this website is there information detailing:
  - (a) The specific bridge replacement programs referred to in Question 0047?
  - (b) The total cost for the demolition of the Sportsman's Creek Bridge as requested in Question 0047?
  - (c) The total cost for the proposed demolition of historic Windsor Bridge as requested in Question 0047?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
  - (a) Roads and Maritime Services has not transferred ownership, and has no plans to transfer ownership, of any of these bridges.
  - (b) The removal of the old Sportsman's Creek Bridge was completed in April 2019 and cost \$1.9

million.

- (c) The cost to remove the existing Windsor Bridge is \$2 million.

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- 273 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—PARTISAN POLITICAL AND NRA POLICIES—Mr Shoebridge to ask 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?

- 274 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—OVERSIGHT OF PARKLEA PRISON—Mr Shoebridge to ask 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?

- 275 TREASURER—MERCER ADMINISTRATION—Mr Mookhey to ask 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?

David Blunt  
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