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***1189 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—PRISON ALLOCATION BASED ON GENDER—**Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Under NSW Corrections policy and practice, are prisoners allocated to male or female prisons on the basis of:
 - (a) Their biological gender?
 - (b) Their self-identifying gender?
 - (c) Any other consideration?
- (2) Is it possible in New South Wales for a male rapist identifying as a woman to serve time in a female prison?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. a. & b. A number of factors are considered when determining classification and placement of inmates including gender, gender identity, the crime, history of custody and the safety of the person and others. The Corrective Services NSW Custodial Operations Policy and Procedures, section 3.8 Transgender and intersex inmates is available on the internet: <https://www.correctiveservices.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/copp/transgender-and-intersex-inmates-redacted.pdf>

c. Whether the person has had gender reassignment surgery is also considered when determining classification and placement. (2) In addition to the factors set out in the answer to 1(a&b), the decision for placement of a sex offender identifying as a female would be informed by medical opinion. Consideration would be given as to whether the inmate has had complete gender reassignment involving physical surgery and an assessment of risk to other inmates.

2. In addition to the factors set out in the answer to 1(a&b), the decision for placement of a sex offender identifying as a female would be informed by medical opinion. Consideration would be given as to whether the inmate has had complete gender reassignment involving physical surgery and an assessment of risk to other inmates. Anthony

***1190 ATTORNEY GENERAL—RESCINDING OF AUSTRALIA DAY AWARE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS—**Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Further to the Minister's answer to question 1122, published on 1 April 2020 :

- (1) Why does the description of the domestic violence industry as a 'feminist cash cow' and paid domestic violence leave as 'a racket' warrant the loss of an Australia Day award?
- (2) What other statements, as made by award winners at local, State and Federal Government levels, does the Minister find unacceptable, thereby warranting loss of the awards?
- (3) What representations has the Minister made acting on his concerns in question 2 above or are the Minister's concerns limited solely to Ms Bettina Arndt?
- (4) Which domestic violence programs and policies in New South Wales are aimed at stopping powerful men from seeking to dominate women by taking away their rights of free speech, expression or opinion?
 - (a) What are the details of these policies?
 - (b) Why has the Minister introduced them?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of instances where court findings have been made against domestic violence perpetrators, after which the perpetrators have been found to be of 'good character' by New South

Wales sporting bodies under the legislative control and funding benefit of the NSW Government, thereby allowing the perpetrator to continue to participate in those sports?

(a) If so, what are the details?

- (6) What action in question 5 above has the Minister taken to stop domestic violence perpetrators from benefiting from NSW Government funding and sporting participation?

Answer—

1. – 2. I refer the Member to my response to Question on Notice 1122.

3. The values that underpin Ms Arndt's statements engender attitudes that are dangerous to women and their children, as indicated in my letter to the Governor General, which is included in my response to Question on Notice 1122.

4. The NSW Government's response to domestic and family violence is set out in the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021: Safer Lives for Women, Men and Children, available at: <https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/strategies-and-resources/nsw-domestic-and-family-violence/domestic-and-family-violence-blueprint>.

5. – 6. Decisions made by sporting bodies regarding sport participation should be referred to the Minister for Sport.

*1191 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) In view of the living conditions in the boarding facilities of Yanco Agricultural High School:

- (a) Why has the accommodation for both girls and boys not changed since 1994, with no improvements to the portable dorms?
- (b) Why have education department standards not been met post-1993 when the school went co-educational and 'temporary' second-hand demountable buildings were placed on-site for the girls?
- (c) Why is it the case that numerous 'temporary' buildings have no heating or cooling in the bathrooms and toilets, none of the buildings have insulation of any kind and mould builds up during winter and areas are closed off?
- (d) Why, given increased number of girls and the use of Mutch dorm for this purpose, have Year 7, 8 and 9 boys been reallocated to dorms with double bunks to accommodate numbers, with no access to desks to work at, contrary to boarding school regulations under the Draft Boarding Accommodation guidelines dated 25 March 2014?

(2) What was the outcome of the Minister's visit to Yanco on 20 March 2020?

- (a) Will a new permanent girls dormitory be built to house 120 students, allowing the boys to move back into the Mutch dormitory and eliminate the need for bunk beds for years 7, 8 and 9, and therefore meet the department's own accommodation guidelines?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The Department of Education works closely with the school to maintain current infrastructure and carries out regular maintenance at the school. I am advised that demountable dormitory accommodation currently occupied by students meets relevant workplace health and safety standards, and has reverse cycle air-conditioning. The Principal at Yanco Agricultural High School determines the composition of the male and females in each dormitory area, taking into account the Boarding Standards for Australian Schools and current enrolments.
- (b) Refer to answer to question 1a. All boarding facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School are maintained in compliance with Department policies.
- (c) Refer to answer to question 1a. Any matters raised by the school in relation to maintenance, including heating or cooling facilities and mould issues, are addressed by the Department, ensuring the safety of students is prioritised. It is not standard practise to provide heating or

cooling units in bathrooms and toilets in existing NSW school boarding facilities. All demountable dormitory accommodation at Yanco Agricultural High School contains insulation.

- (d) Students in Years 7-9 have mandatory study time of two hours on Monday to Thursday evenings, 90 minutes on Friday and one hour on Sunday using appropriate desks. In addition, students have access to a voluntary homework centre which offers 90 minute sessions each Monday to Thursday afternoon. Students have common recreation areas where they are able to utilise a variety of facilities.
- (2) The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, NSW Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning visited Yanco Agricultural High School on Friday 13 March 2020 and was accompanied by the Chief Operating Officer, School Infrastructure NSW. During the visit the school community discussed school matters including the boarding facilities. The Department continues to work closely with the school to maintain the current infrastructure.
 - (a) Refer to answer to question 1b. Any proposed future major capital works at Yanco Agricultural High School would be considered in the context of the education needs across the state and will be prioritised accordingly.

*1193 ATTORNEY GENERAL—MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL-MAKTOUM—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the finding of the High Court in London in March 2020 of domestic violence offenses against Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, including terrorising and physically intimidating his wife Princess Haya, kidnapping two of his daughters and denying their freedoms and dignity?
 - (a) Has the Minister read the judgement in this case?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the decision of Racing NSW, following the court findings in question 1 above, to declare Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum of 'good character' such that he can continue racing and breeding his thoroughbreds in New South Wales, deriving benefit from a NSW Government legislated and funded industry?
 - (a) Why did Racing NSW make this decision?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the extent of Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum's racing interests in New South Wales, including his 13 runners on the first day of the State-sponsored Championships at Randwick on 4 April 2020?
- (4) What action has the Minister taken in relation to questions 1, 2 and 3 above, to prevent a domestic violence perpetrator deriving benefit, both financially and sporting-wise, from NSW Government legislated, controlled and funded racing activities?
- (5) Why has the Minister intervened in the Arndt matter but not the Sheik Mohammed matter?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The matter in question occurred in an overseas court. It is outside the jurisdiction of the NSW Attorney General.
- (2) Decisions made by Racing NSW are matters for the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.
- (3) Issues relating to racing interests in NSW are matters for the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.
- (4) Issues relating to an individual's benefit from legislated, controlled and funded racing activities are matters for the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.
- (5) I refer the Member to my answer to LC Question on Notice 1122.

*1194 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—NSW SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FRAMERWORK / CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Does the Government as a matter of policy and also through the NSW School Excellence Framework still support direct and explicit instruction as the most effective teaching method for student results?

- (2) Why then did the Secretary, Department of Education, Mr Scott tell the Sydney Morning Herald on 29 March, in relation to the current home-based learning, "We will understand far better how students can learn on their own and what they learn best on their own, we will be rethinking the classroom experience"?
- (3) What evidence is available to the Government that home-based online learning achieves stronger results than direct and explicit instruction and that the New South Wales classroom experience needs to be rethought?
- (4) Is the Minister rethinking the current New South Wales classroom experience?
 - (a) If so, in what ways?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education, through its evidence-based publications (including What Works Best, Blue Haven Public School case study and cognitive load theory literature review, and classroom practice guide) continues to support explicit instruction as an effective teaching method which leads to improved student outcomes. These publications are available at www.cese.nsw.gov.au. The School Excellence Framework states that in schools that excel, all teachers are committed to identifying, understanding and implementing the most effective explicit teaching methods, with the highest priority given to evidence-based teaching strategies.
- (2) 2. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, about 90 per cent of students are completing their lessons remotely at home (correct at time of publication 29/03/2020). Mr Scott's comment refers to how schools can learn from the unique circumstances of COVID-19 to best support students' independent learning.
- (3) The Department will continue to provide support to teachers to use effective evidence-based teaching practices to meet the learning needs of their students. This includes explicit instruction, which is part of a balanced and flexible suite of teaching strategies that can be applied across contexts, including having students learning from home. The Department is working to provide professional learning and resource support around how explicit teaching (and other evidence-based teaching strategies) can occur when students are learning from home.
- (4) There may be learning opportunities from the current experience that could contribute to a strengthening of teaching practice in all NSW classrooms. These opportunities, as suggested by Mr Scott include, but are not limited to, the effective use of technology in teaching and learning and how students can successfully work independently as appropriate in the learning process.

*1195 ATTORNEY GENERAL—NSW WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FUNDING—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How much funding did the NSW Government provide in 2018/19 to the following members of the NSW Women's Alliance:
 - (a) ACON?
 - (b) Domestic Violence NSW?
 - (c) Immigrant Women's Speakout Association NSW?
 - (d) Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association NSW?
 - (e) Muslim Women Australia?
 - (f) No To Violence?
 - (g) NSW Council of Social Service?
 - (h) People with Disability Australia?
 - (i) Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia?
 - (j) Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre?
 - (k) Women's Health NSW?
 - (l) Women's Legal Service NSW?
 - (m) Women's Safety NSW?
 - (n) Youth Action?
- (2) How much funding did the NSW Government provide in 2019/20 to the following members of the NSW Women's Alliance:

- (a) ACON?
 - (b) Domestic Violence NSW?
 - (c) Immigrant Women's Speakout Association NSW?
 - (d) Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association NSW?
 - (e) Muslim Women Australia?
 - (f) No To Violence?
 - (g) NSW Council of Social Service?
 - (h) People with Disability Australia?
 - (i) Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia?
 - (j) Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre?
 - (k) Women's Health NSW?
 - (l) Women's Legal Service NSW?
 - (m) Women's Safety NSW?
 - (n) Youth Action?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the statement issued by the 14 members of the NSW Women's Alliance on 27 March 2020 advocating for "the early release of prisoners" in New South Wales, including those on remand?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of research showing 'generalist offenders', that is, those with a sustained criminal career, including prison sentences, to be much more likely to commit domestic violence offences than the general population?
- (5) Has the Minister read Australian Institute of Criminology report No. 580, September 2019, confirming the research findings in described in question 3 above?
- (6) Why is the Government funding groups that advocate for early prison release in view of research that suggests that this is a proven predictor of domestic violence offences, risking making women (and men, but mainly women) in New South Wales less safe?
- (a) Is the Minister considering defunding these groups given their advocacy for early parole?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice does not hold funding information across other Government agencies. Funding information for individual organisations may be sourced from Annual Reports of the former Department of Justice and Department of Families and Community Services. The Department of Justice Annual Report for 2018-19 is available at: <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/Annual%20Reports/departement-of-justice-annual-report-2018-19.pdf> The Department of Families and Community Services for 2018-19 is available at: https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/727851/FACS-Annual-Report-2018-19-Volume-3.pdf The Legal Aid NSW Annual Report for 2018-19 is available at: <https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/annual-report>
- (2) Funding information for 2019-20 will be available in the Department of Communities and Justice 2019-20 Annual Report.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Research from a broad range of sources informs the development of evidence-based domestic violence offender policy and programs in NSW, including to support the Premier's Priority to reduce domestic violence reoffending.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The NSW Government is committed to working for the people of NSW to deliver first class services and contracts a range of specialist service providers to deliver funded services on behalf of the NSW Government.

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- 1196 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH IN 2019—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1197 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1198 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—NSW HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1199 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EARLY-MID CAREER FELLOWSHIPS—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1200 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MEDICAL DEVICE COMMERCIALISATION TRAINING PROGRAM—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1201 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—NSW HEALTH PHD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1202 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH CAPACITY PROGRAM—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1203 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MEDICAL DEVICES FUND—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1204 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—BIOSPECIMEN COLLECTION GRANTS—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1205 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CLINICAL TRIALS NSW—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1206 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—BIOTECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ORGANISATION CONFERENCE—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1207 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CANBERRA TO EDEN TRAIN LINE—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 Transport and Roads—
- *1208 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—WORKSAFE NSW AND COVID-19—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) Social distancing and other measures to protect people from COVID-19 were introduced on 16

March 2020 by the Federal Government:

- (a) How many Safework inspections have been conducted from 16 March 2020 to date?
 - (b) How many inspections were carried out in the same period in 2019 being 16 March 2019 to 8 April 2019?
 - (c) What additional protections, including personal protective equipment PPE, are provided to Safework NSW inspectors who have visited work sites since 16 March, 2020?
 - (d) How many of these inspections resulted in notices being issued to workplaces or a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCUB)?
 - (e) How many of these inspections resulted in notices being issued to workplaces or PCUB due to social distancing restrictions not being followed?
 - (f) How many of these inspections resulted in notices being issued to workplaces or PCUB due to inadequate cleaning or hygiene procedures?
- (2) How many workplaces reported a case of COVID-19 at the workplace to Safework NSW?
- (a) Can the Minister provide the business names and addresses of workplaces or PCUB that reported cases of COVID-19?
 - (b) Did Safework inspect each of these workplaces after the workplace made a report of COVID-19?
 - (i) If so, how soon after the report were these workplaces inspected?
 - (ii) If not, why did Safework NSW decide not to investigate the site?
- (3) How many inspectors are currently employed at Safework NSW?
- (a) Does Safework NSW have inspectors and employees dedicated to COVID-19?
 - (b) If so, how many?
 - (c) What are their roles?
- (4) How many complaints has Safework NSW received related to the provision of additional PPE or social distancing in light of COVID-19?
- (a) How many of these were investigated by Safework NSW?
 - (b) How many resulted in a Safework NSW inspector attending a site?
- (5) What is the current total number of staff at Safework NSW?
- (a) How many are conducting inspector duties or visiting work sites?
 - (b) How do these numbers compare to staff numbers:
 - (i) On 1 January 2020?
 - (ii) On 1 October 2019?
 - (iii) On 1 July 2019?
 - (c) What proportion of staff is now working from home?
 - (i) Can the Minister provide a description of these arrangements?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) As at 9 April 2020, 14 inspections have been conducted in relation to COVID-19.
 - (b) nil COVID-19 related inspections for same period in 2019.
 - (c) SafeWork NSW's focus has been to avoid circumstances where Inspectors could be placed at risk of infection. As such additional job triaging processes have been put in place to minimise the need for workplace visits. Where visits are undertaken pre-attendance risk assessments are undertaken by the Inspector and Manager to ensure that it is safe to proceed with a site visit. Where possible alternate response options are being applied including telephone, video link, email or administrative responses. Inspectors have been briefed on the need to maintain social distancing and personal hygiene practices. All low risk or non-essential matters have been cancelled i.e. industry presentations. SafeWork NSW Inspectors have access to P2 Masks, latex gloves and protective eyewear as part of their general equipment. In addition to this standard PPE, Inspectors have been pre-authorised to purchase hand sanitiser/soap and other personal cleaning equipment as needed. Further to this additional cleaning products and PPE are available through the Department of Customer Service Procurement Team to ensure inspectors remain well equipped with supplies.

- (d) As at 9 April 2020, 24 notices were issued in relation to COVID-19.
 - (e) 2
 - (f) nil
- (2) NSW Health is the lead agency and has the most reliable data set of COVID-19 cases. SafeWork NSW has received 58 reports of confirmed cases, however, it does not follow that the confirmed cases were work related.
- (a) SafeWork NSW is unable to provide these details due to the confidentiality provisions of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011. The Chief Health Officer, NSW Health provides details of the location of COVID-19 cases.
 - (b) No, SafeWork NSW's focus has been to avoid circumstances where Inspectors could be placed at risk of infection. As such additional job triaging processes have been put in place to minimise the need for workplace visits. Where visits are undertaken pre-attendance risk assessments are undertaken by the Inspector and Manager to ensure that it is safe to proceed with a site visit. Where possible alternate response options are being applied including telephone, facetime, email or administrative responses.
 - (i) see 2(b) above.
 - (ii) Each request for service and incident report is triaged based on risk and accordingly a graduated response is implemented. Given the current COVID-19 situation, SafeWork NSW has a Statement of Regulatory Intent and the responses to workplaces has been adjusted accordingly. SafeWork NSW will endeavour where possible to address matters or requests remotely e.g. use of video conferencing, Skype, telephone contact.
- (3) As at 9 April 2020 there were 308 inspectors and further 22 vacancies are being recruited.
- (a) All SafeWork NSW (inspectors and clerical) are supporting the COVID-19 response.
 - (b) No Inspectors or clerical employees are dedicated only to COVID-19 related work. c. Inspectors, managers, directors and support staff.
- (4) As at 8 April 2020, 252 Requests for Service were received.
- (a) 32 received an Inspector Response.
 - (b) 14 resulted in an Inspector Visit.
- (5) As at 31/3/20, SafeWork NSW had a total of 520 staff. The number does fluctuate in response to vacancies and succession planning for known retirements.
- (a) See answer 3.
 - (b) as below and noting the number does fluctuate in response to vacancies and succession planning for known retirements.
 - (i) As at 31/12/2019, SafeWork NSW had a total of 519 staff (including 287 Inspectors).
 - (ii) As at 30/9/2019, SafeWork NSW had a total of 528 staff (including 293 Inspectors)
 - (iii) As at 30/6/2019, SafeWork NSW had a total of 534 staff (including 299 Inspectors).
 - (c) Safework offices remain open, however staff are encouraged to work from home wherever possible. Working from home is the preferred option, unless the role cannot be performed at home. Approximately 65 per cent of staff are working from home. This number is fluid due to the reactive nature of some regulatory work that must be undertaken within specified timeframes.
 - (i) These staff perform their normal duties, where possible, from their home and do not attend the office.

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- 1209 ATTORNEY GENERAL—HOME BUILDING DISPUTES REFERRED TO NCAT—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- 1210 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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- 1211 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COMPLAINT RESOLUTION TIME FRAMES—Mr Shoebridge 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 Local Government—
- 1212 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—
- 1213 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COVID-19 - MINISTERIAL DECISIONS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1214 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—
- 1215 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HEALTH COSTS OF BRAND NEW WOODHEATERS IN NSW—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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(Paper No. 232)

- 1216 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1217 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RSPCA FUNDING—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1218 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SOUTH COAST HARVEST ESTIMATES—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—
- 1219 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EDEN REGION SAWLOG WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENT—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—
- 1220 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—FIREFIGHTING BY FORESTRY CORPORATION—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—

- 1221 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—BLUE RIDGE HARDWOODS—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—
- 1222 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SALVAGE LOG SALES—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—
- 1223 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—THREATENED SPECIES REPORT IMPACTS—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—
- 1224 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EDEN REGION LOGGING—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—
- 1225 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MONA VALE EAST ROAD UPGRADES—Mrs Houssos 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 Transport and Roads—

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(Paper No. 235)

- 1226 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON ANIMAL CARE—Ms Hurst to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1227 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CLOSURE OF WOMBEYAN CAVES ROAD—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1228 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—CLOSURE OF WOMBEYAN CAVES ROAD—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 1229 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1230 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH IN 2019—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1231 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1232 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—NSW HEALTH AND MEDICAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 1280 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—COVID19 STAFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAIR TRADING AND SAFEWORK—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

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- 1286 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—CIVIL CASES BROUGHT AGAINST POLICE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1287 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FERRIES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
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- 1293 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—GREYHOUNDS WELFARE INTEGRITY COMMISSION—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1294 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HEALTH IMPACTS OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RELATED TO COVID19—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- 1295 PREMIER—HEALTH IMPACTS OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RELATED TO COVID19—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
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- 1297 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS WITHOUT COVID19 CASES—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 1298 PREMIER—GIPA APPLICATIONS—Mr Borsak to ask 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?
- 1299 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—HOUSING SALES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) In answer to Water, Property and Housing Budget Estimates, Question on Notice Number 38, from March 2020, it is stated that Place Management NSW has sold two properties within The Rocks precinct since 2016:
- (a) Which properties were they?
- (i) When were they sold?
- (ii) What was their sale price?
- (b) What were the proceeds of these sales put towards?
- (c) It is mentioned in the same answer that a further two properties are currently proposed for sale in The Rocks precinct. Which properties are they?
- (d) It is mentioned that there are two properties proposed for sale in the Darling Harbour precinct and one property proposed for sale in Pyrmont. Which properties are they?
- (e) Which of the proposed property sales are currently the subject of a lease agreement with any tenant?
- (f) Which of the proposed property sales, if not presently the subject of a lease agreement with any tenant, were the subject of tenancy agreements at any time in the last ten years?
- (g) What was the overall rental return from each of these properties in each of the past five years?
- (i) If this information cannot be provided for each property, can the Minister provide an overall rental return for all five properties in each of the past five years?
- (h) Given no business case is prepared for any proposed sale, what are the criteria against which these property sales are proposed or decided upon?
- (i) What would the proceeds of these proposed sales be put towards?
- 1300 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—SMART, SKILLED AND HIRED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- (1) What is the rationale for the Government ending the Smart, Skilled and Hired Youth Employment Program on 30 June 2020?

- (2) To what extent has the large number of young people accessing the program been considered in the decision to end it?

1301 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—NEW SOUTH WALES WATER DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In the past 12 months, how many meetings, whether face to face, via telephone, teleconference or video conferencing, have been held with the Minister for Energy and Environment to discuss issues of water flow, water quality and environmental impacts along the Murray River, noting that no appointments appear in either Ministerial diaries available as at 21 April 2020?
- (2) Has there been any work done in the Wagga Wagga City Council area to allow higher water flows which are not related to The Murrumbidgee Constraints Relaxation Project?
 - (a) If so, what does the work entail?
 - (i) What is the total cost of the project and expected completion date?
 - (ii) How much has been spent to date?
 - (iii) Where was the funding provided from?
- (3) With regard Stage 1 funding for Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Supply and Constraints Measures in the Murray-Darling Basin:
 - (a) Have all milestone reports due been completed and submitted?
 - (i) If not, which reports have not been submitted?
 - (i) When will they be submitted?
 - (b) Has all Federal Government funding that is dependent on report completion been received?
 - (i) If not, how much is outstanding?
 - (i) When is it expected to be received?
 - (c) As these are Stage 1 activities across three work streams; Murray Work Stream, Murrumbidgee Work Stream and Darling Work Stream:
 - (i) Have any locations and/or areas been approved prior to completion of the scheduled milestones and reports being received?
 - (i) If so, which locations and/or areas?
 - (ii) Have any locations and/or areas been rejected prior to completion of the scheduled milestones and reports being received?
 - (i) If so, which locations and/or areas?
- (4) As there is \$21 million budgeted for Stage 1 of the Murrumbidgee Constraints relaxation project out of the \$33.51 million total budget for the Murrumbidgee Work Stream, how much is budgeted for each remaining component of the stream from the remaining \$12.51 million?
- (5) In relation to the Irrigation Council meeting held on 5 February 2020, as advised in Budget Estimates on page 36 and Supplementary Questions 172:
 - (a) Was the meeting held at Parliament House?
 - (i) Did the meeting take place in a meeting room or Ministerial office?
 - (ii) What was the duration of the meeting?
 - (iii) How many people attended the meeting?
 - (b) Was the Minister for Water, Property and Housing formally invited to attend?
 - (i) If so, in what capacity, observer, guest speaker or contributor?
 - (ii) If so and the Minister did not attend, was a representative sent on the Minister's behalf?
- (6) As advised in Appendix 4 of Supplementary Question 174 entitled Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water Response, Menindee Lakes (Broken Hill) funding offer – Block Banks (\$2,850,000):
 - (a) How much of this funding has been utilised?
 - (b) As the block banks are being removed, as noted in the answer to Question 162, have any unused funds been allocated and authorised for use in the area for any other drought initiatives?
 - (i) If so, what are they?

1302 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—WORK SAFETY OFFENSES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many workplace deaths occurred in New South Wales for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020 to date?
- (2) How many inspections were carried out on commercial building sites in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Maitland, and Cessnock Local Government Areas (LGAs) for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020 to date?
- (3) How many inspectors work in the LGAs above as at 27 April 2020?
- (4) How many prohibition notices were issued by SafeWork NSW on commercial building sites in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Maitland, and Cessnock LGAs for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020 to date?
 - (d) In aggregate over these three periods, which companies received the majority of prohibition notices?
 - (i) What were their main offences?
- (5) How many improvement notices were issued by SafeWork NSW in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Maitland, and Cessnock LGAs for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020 to date?
 - (d) In aggregate over these three periods, which companies received the majority of improvement notices?
 - (i) What were their main offences?
- (6) Have any fines or other enforcement actions been issued due to the above or other non-compliance in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Maitland, and Cessnock LGAs last year?
- (7) How many inspections were made under Operation Scaff Safe last year across the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Maitland, and Cessnock LGAs?
 - (a) What were the biggest issues identified during the operation?
 - (b) How many prosecutions or fines came from non-compliance as a result of operation in the above LGAs?
- (8) During SafeWork's Falls from Heights blitz in 2018, how many inspections were made at building sites in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Maitland, and Cessnock LGAs?
 - (a) What non-compliance issues were identified?
 - (b) How many prosecutions or fines were issued in the above LGAs?
- (9) Does SafeWork see more safety problems on sites with smaller building and construction businesses?
 - (a) If so, what are the differences identified between smaller, Tier 1 and 2 builders?
- (10) There have been recent media reports of poor safety standards on some Newcastle building sites and that there is a real risk of a fatality. What action is SafeWork NSW taking to address these concerns?
- (11) Does SafeWork NSW enforce any of the Public Health Orders relating to COVID-19?

- (a) If so, how many enforcement action have been carried out?
- 1303 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SECTION 126A EXEMPTIONS—Mr Latham to ask 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?
- 1304 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—IT INVESTMENT AND CABABILITY IN SCHOOLS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) How much has the Government invested in computer technology in New South Wales government schools over the past ten years?
 - (2) In light of the investment in question 1 above, what factors have affected New South Wales government schools preparedness and capability of conducting high-quality online learning in 2020?
 - (3) Will the Minister now order a review of online learning capacity in New South Wales to learn from and improve on the 2020 experience?
- 1305 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—ABORIGINAL EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 126—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 1183:
 - (a) Why is there still Aboriginal unemployment in New South Wales given that 93 exemptions for thousands of jobs have been granted under section 126 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act (the Act), allowing discriminatory employment practices to proceed on the basis of skin colour?
 - (b) Is the Minister considering a blanket provision under the Act to allow employment discrimination in favour of Aboriginality and against non-Aboriginality, given the number of exemptions and permits granted for this purpose under section 126?
 - (c) Over the past ten years, which applications for exemption under section 126 have been rejected by the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board?
- 1306 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE FUNDING—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) For each of the past five years how much, if any, funding has the Government provided to the drug and alcohol service, counsellingonline.org.au?
- 1307 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GENDER EMPLOYMENT POLICY IN NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Why has the Government adopted a gender employment policy for 60 per cent female and 40 per cent male in senior leadership roles in the New South Wales Department of Education while also stating, "We have an obligation to address the gender imbalance in our teaching population, attracting and retaining more male teachers"?

- (2) Will any senior male leaders in this department be resigning to make the policy achievable?
(a) If so, who are they?

1308 ATTORNEY GENERAL—REJECTED ANTIDISCRIMINATION EXEMPTIONS—Mr Latham to ask 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, over the past ten years, which applications for exemption under Section 126A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act have been rejected by the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board?

1309 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SECTION 126A EXEMPTIONS FOR NSW FACS AND COURT ASSISTANCE SCHEMES—Mr Latham to ask 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:
(a) Why have section 126A exemptions been granted to the NSW Department of Family and Community Services, domestic violence line services to women only, and the Legal Aid, Liverpool, Macarthur, Redfern, Hawkesbury and Parramatta Domestic Violence Court Assistance Schemes when a significant number of men are victims of domestic violence and by virtue of the exemptions cannot access these services?
(b) What comparable services can men access?

1310 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SECTION 126A EXEMPTIONS FOR WRAN LEISURE CENTRE—Mr Latham to ask 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 has a Section 126A exemption been granted for a public facility, the Wran Leisure Centre, Villawood, run by the Canterbury/Bankstown Council, that excludes a large group of citizens and ratepayers, all men and non-Islamic women, from public participation?

1311 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SECTION 126A EXEMPTIONS IN THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING—Mr Latham to ask 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 has a section 126A exemption been granted to the NSW Department of Education and Training for the creation of 'work opportunities for women' when teaching is already a female-dominated profession, through to principal-level employment?
(2) Does the exemption cover this department's February 2020 policy announcement of reducing male representation in senior leadership roles to 40 per cent by 2025?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments