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(Paper No. 471)

\* 5345 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—NET ZERO EMISSIONS AND CLEAN ECONOMY BOARD—  
The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the role, remit, and mandate of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board?
- (2) Will the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board be introduced through regulation?
  - (a) If so, when will that regulation be introduced?
- (3) What will the makeup of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board be?
- (4) Will any members of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board be remunerated?
  - (a) If so, which positions, and how much?
- (5) What is the process of appointing members to the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board?
- (6) What is the process of appointing the Chair of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board?
- (7) How many candidates for Chair were evaluated before Malcolm Turnbull was chosen as the Chair of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board?
- (8) What KPIs will be placed on the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board?
- (9) How often will the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board report?
  - (a) Will those reports be made public?
- (10) What is the legislative underpinning of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board?

Answer—

The Board will provide strategic and expert advice on program design and funding proposals under the Net Zero Plan. It will also advise on opportunities to support industry to develop low emissions technologies and existing industries moving to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. This will help ensure the NSW Government meets its emissions reduction objectives while creating jobs and supporting strong economic growth.

The Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board will be established under section 34W of the Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987. A regulation will be made to ensure that the Board has effective governance arrangements to guide its operation. The regulation will be made before the Board is fully constituted and commences operation.

The Board will consist of a Chair, Deputy Chair and up to seven other members. Members will have expertise in at least one of the following fields: the electricity industry; powerfuels industry; transport industry; primary industries; manufacturing; technology and innovation; heavy industries; climate science; climate or related public policy; and finance.

The remuneration of the Board will be consistent with advice from the Public Service Commissioner. As a public servant, the Chief Scientist and Engineer will not be paid for his position on the Board.

Appointment of board members will occur following an external advertising process, with assessment by a formally constituted assessment committee.

The Government decided to appoint Mr Turnbull following my consideration of a broad list of potential experienced and eminent nominees identified by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The Board will be subject to appropriate governance arrangements.

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(Paper No. 473)

\* 5390 ATTORNEY GENERAL—ROTARY CLUB - ATTORNEY GENERAL—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Given the response from the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning to a Question without Notice asked on 18 March 2021 regarding the activities of disgraced Wagga Wagga Liberal MP Daryl Maguire, has the Minister conducted an audit of Daryl Maguire's contact with the Department of Communities and Justice, noting that the Wagga Koorringal Rotary Club had achieved, "Yet another successful application for funding to the Department of Education due to the efforts of Mr Maguire," with the club itself acknowledging that the \$53,741 grant it had received was an "unusual" sum of money?

(a) If so:

(i) What was the result of that audit?

(ii) Did the audit reveal any irregularities?

(iii) What actions did the Department take as a result of the audit?

(b) If not, will the Department now conduct an audit into the matter?

Answer—

(1) No.

(b) No.

**28 APRIL 2021**

(Paper No. 486)

5486 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—AFFORDABLE HOUSING—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) How many properties managed by not-for-profit community housing providers, and/or by private organisations, in New South Wales have been approved as affordable rental housing developments?

(2) In these approved developments, what is the affordable housing percentage discount of the current market rate?

(3) What mechanisms does the New South Wales Government have in place to ensure developments approved under the affordable housing scheme are rented at affordable housing rates?

5487 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—AFFORDABLE HOUSING—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) How many properties managed by not-for-profit community housing providers, and/or by private organisations, in New South Wales have been approved as affordable rental housing developments?

(2) In these approved developments, what is the affordable housing percentage discount of the current market rate?

(3) What mechanisms does the New South Wales Government have in place to ensure developments approved under the affordable housing scheme are rented at affordable housing rates?

5488 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—DARING IDEAS CHALLENGE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) How much did Department, of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) spend on its:

- (a) Daring Ideas Challenge?
- (b) Daring Pitch on 26 April?
- (2) For each exercise, what ideas were presented?
- (3) Which ideas from the Daring Pitch have been selected by DPIE for implementation?
- (a) What are the details?

5489 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is Ms Kirsten Ammann the classroom teacher at Lindfield Learning Centre responsible for the ‘Pigs Out Of The Country’ and ‘White Lives Matter Too Much’ poster?
- (2) Why is Ms Ammann telling parents at the school that the support she has received from the school and its principal for this exercise has been “amazing”?
- (3) Does the Minister accept that Lindfield Learning Village has ignored her views and those of the Minister for Police in this matter and that the school is adamant nothing wrong or undesirable has occurred in the Year 5-6 class?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that on her social media sites Ms Ammann lists herself as a ‘hippy’ studying photography at TAFE?
- (5) What are Ms Ammann’s qualifications to be a school teacher?
  - (a) Has Ms Amman been accredited by NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)?
  - (b) What are the details?
- (6) Is the Minister aware of Ms Ammann’s published support for Black Lives Matter, a self-proclaimed neo-Marxist organisation in the United States opposed to the nuclear family and supportive of gender fluidity teachings to children?
- (7) Does the Minister regard Ms Ammann as fit to be a teacher in New South Wales schools?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that Ms Ammann regards herself as a protege of Pasi Sahlberg in following the education philosophy that adults should not determine the curriculum for schools but rather “students’ own ideas and passions” should determine classroom content?
- (9) What action has the Minister taken to ensure that New South Wales schools do not function by the Sahlberg philosophy and that they teach according to Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) What Works evidence base?

5490 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—PUBLIC HOUSING—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What was the value of the outstanding maintenance backlog for public housing for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (2) How many requests for maintenance of public housing were received by Housing NSW in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (3) What programs are in place or being considered to address the maintenance backlog in public housing?

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- (4) What was the value spent on maintenance of public housing for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (5) How many public housing properties currently require maintenance?
- (6) How many requests for maintenance of public housing received by Housing NSW are currently outstanding?
- (7) Provide a breakdown of maintenance requests serviced by staff of Housing NSW or serviced by an external contractor?
- (8) What was the value of the contracts to service maintenance requests for public housing for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (9) How many public housing properties are there in each local government area?
- (a) How many have maintenance requests outstanding?
- 5491 TREASURER—ICARE ADVERTISING—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Between 1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020, iCare spent \$100,112 on advertising for a campaign named 'Blue Mountains'.
- (a) What was the purpose of the advertising?
- 5492 TREASURER—PROJECT MAWSON—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Is Treasury undertaking a project titled 'Project Mawson'?
- (a) If so, what is the purpose and scope of Project Mawson?
  - (b) When was it established?
  - (c) When is it due to conclude?
  - (d) What are its key outputs?
  - (e) What is the budget for the project?
  - (f) How much has been expended on the project to date?
  - (g) Which unit or division in the Treasury is responsible for the project?
  - (h) Is Treasury using any consultant or external provider in Project Mawson?
    - (i) If so, who are they are?
    - (ii) How much have they been paid to date?
    - (iii) What is the value of their contract?
- 5493 TREASURER—TCORP LOANS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Please list the local governments that received a T-Corp low-cost loan for community infrastructure projects?
- (a) What is the amount provided between April 2020 to date?
- (2) What is the interest rate applied to the loans provided to local governments by T-Corp?

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- (3) What eligibility criteria was applied to local governments in order to receive a loan from T-Corp?
- (4) Did T-Corp reject any applications for a T-Corp low cost loan from any local Government area (LGA)?
- (a) If so, which LGAs had applications rejected?
- (b) What projects were rejected by LGA?
- (c) What were the reasons for rejection for each project or application rejected?
- (5) Are low-cost loans still available to local governments?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If not, does the Government have any plans to reintroduce loans for local governments?
- (i) If so, when?
- 5494 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—REVENUE NSW—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) Does Revenue NSW use any automated debt raising or recovery systems to collect fine or tax revenue?
- 5495 CUSTOMER SERVICE—DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHER PROGRAM—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—
- (1) Regarding the Dine and Discover voucher program, please provide the following information disaggregated by state electorate (or if unavailable, by local government area):
- (a) The number of individuals registered?
- (b) The value of vouchers redeemed?
- (c) The number of businesses registered with the program?
- (2) Where a good or service purchased with a voucher is less than the \$25 voucher value, does the business still receive the full \$25 voucher?
- (a) If not, what is the total monetary amount received by businesses to date, disaggregated by state electorate (or if unavailable, by local government area)?
- (b) If not, how many vouchers have been used for purchases under the \$25 voucher value to date, disaggregated by state electorate (or if unavailable, by local government area)?
- 5496 TREASURER—PIAWE REMEDIATION PROGRAM—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- (1) How much did iCare spend on advertising the Pre-Injury Average Weekly Earnings (PIAWE) remediation program in the *Sydney Morning Herald*?
- (2) How much has iCare spent on advertising the PIAWE remediation program overall?
- (3) What specific outlets were used to advertise the PIAWE remediation program?
- (a) For each specific outlet:
- (i) What different platforms were used?
- (ii) How much was spent on each different platform?
- (b) For each specific outlet:
- (i) What different methods were used?
- (ii) How much was spent on each different method?
- (4) How many inquiries has iCare received in relation to the PIAWE remediation program following iCare's advertising campaign?

- (5) How many claimants have been repaid as part of the PIAWE remediation program to date, disaggregated by month?
- (6) What is the value re-paid to claimants as part of the PIAWE remediation program to date, disaggregated by month?
- (7) How many assessments under the PIAWE remediation program have been undertaken?
  - (a) How many were found to be an overpayment?
  - (b) How many were found to be an underpayment?
  - (c) How many found nil errors?
  - (d) How many are pending a decision?

5497 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REDUNDANCIES IN TRANSPORT FOR NSW—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many redundancies in Transport for NSW were paid out in the following financial years, disaggregated by employment classification:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (2) What was the value redundancies in Transport for NSW paid out in the following financial years, disaggregated by employment classification:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (3) How many redundancies were paid for by:
  - (a) Transport for NSW?
  - (b) Treasury?
  - (c) Other department?

5498 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—FIRST HOME BUYERS PROGRAMS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many First Home Buyers Grants have been disbursed in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (2) What is the monetary value of the First Home Buyers Grants disbursed in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (3) How many individuals received an exemption on transfer duty under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?



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- (c) 2020/21 to date?
  - (4) What is the breakdown between those receiving a:
    - (a) Full exemption?
    - (b) Partial exemption?
  - (5) What is the monetary value of exemptions on transfer duty under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme in the following financial years:
    - (a) 2018/19?
    - (b) 2019/20?
    - (c) 2020/21 to date?
  - (6) Of those claiming the First Home Buyers Grant in the 2020/21 financial year, how many are in the following age brackets:
    - (a) 18-24?
    - (b) 25-30?
    - (c) 31-35?
    - (d) 26-40?
    - (e) 41-45?
    - (f) 46-50?
    - (g) 50 and older?
  - (7) Of those claiming the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme in the 2020/21 financial year, how many are in the following age brackets:
    - (a) 18-24?
    - (b) 25-30?
    - (c) 31-35?
    - (d) 26-40?
    - (e) 41-45?
    - (f) 46-50?
    - (g) 50 and older?
  - (8) For the First Home Buyers Grants distributed in the 2020/21 financial year by local government area please provide a breakdown of:
    - (a) The number of grants?
    - (b) The value of each of the grants?

5499 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—INSPIRING AUSTRALIA—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question on notice number 5020:
  - (a) Which Minister is responsible for New South Wales funding of Inspiring Australia?
- (2) Will the Minister please provide an answer to question on notice number 5020?
  - (a) If not, why not?

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliament

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