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**21 APRIL 2021**

(Paper No. 481)

\* 5438 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—LINDFIELD LEARNING CENTRE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How much has been spent on the construction of gender neutral toilets at the Lindfield Learning Centre School over the past three years?
- (2) What age groups are these toilets available to?

Answer—

- (1) No additional scope was required to include the all gender toilets. The only distinguishing factor for the all gender toilets is signage.

The estimated total cost to deliver Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Lindfield Learning Village is available publicly in the NSW budget papers. The cost to deliver specific elements of this project are held Commercial in Confidence so as to not prejudice any future tender processes.

- (2) Kindergarten to Year 12.

\* 5439 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—LINDFIELD LEARNING CENTRE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What action has the Minister taken to sack the a) classroom teacher and b) school principal at the Lindfield Learning Centre responsible for allowing an anti-NSW Police poster to be displayed in a primary school classroom with the words “Pigs out of the country” (twice) and “White lives matter too much”?
- (2) What action is the Minister taking to outlaw political and ideological content in NSW schools, given the way in which Lindfield and other examples are breeding hatreds, disrespect and barbarism in NSW school students?

Answer—

- (1) This matter has been referred to the Department of Education's Professional and Ethical Standards (PES) Directorate for investigation.
- (2) The Department implements the Controversial Issues in Schools Policy in all NSW public schools. All schools are expected to follow the guidelines to ensure that schools are places of neutral discourse and learning. Teachers should not influence political views of students.

\* 5440 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—NAPLAN—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What arrangements have been made for the conduct of the 2021 NAPLAN tests in NSW schools?

Answer—

In 2021, 72% of NSW schools will sit NAPLAN Online and 28% of NSW schools will sit paper tests.

All NSW schools that are participating in NAPLAN Online in 2021 had an opportunity to participate in practice tests between 22 March and 23 April 2021.

To support schools to prepare for NAPLAN Online in May, training took place across the state in February/March 2021. Additional refresher training was also offered to school staff at the start of Term 2.

Schools can also access the training environment within the online assessment platform. The training environment replicates the NAPLAN Online test environment and assists with in-school training for NAPLAN Online administration.

Provisions in the event of COVID-19 interruptions during test weeks

In December 2020, Education Council agreed that for NAPLAN 2021:

- if a school has not been closed due to COVID-19 that NAPLAN be undertaken by all eligible students who are present at the school on the day; and
- the inclusion of an additional week during the security period to maximise school participation.

There are two test security weeks for NAPLAN this year, to accommodate potential interruptions to NAPLAN due to COVID-19.

If schools are temporarily closed due to COVID-19, NESA will work with these schools to amend their NAPLAN test schedule to ensure students have maximum opportunity to complete testing once these schools have reopened.

## 26 APRIL 2021

(Paper No. 484)

\* 5458 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—NSW POLICE DOGS AND HORSES—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many dogs are working for the NSW Police Force?
- (2) How many police dogs have been injured (requiring vet treatment) in the course of their police work in the last 3 years?
  - (a) For each injury:
    - (i) What was the nature of the injury?
    - (ii) What was the breed of dog?
- (3) Have any police dogs been killed in the line of duty in the last 3 years?
  - (a) For each death:
    - (i) What was the cause of death?
    - (ii) What was the breed of dog?
- (4) How many horses are there in NSW Police Force mounted unit?
- (5) How many police horses have been injured (requiring vet treatment) in the course of their work in the last 3 years?
  - (a) For each injury what was the cause and nature of the injury?
- (6) Have any police horses have been killed doing NSW police work in the last 3 years?
  - (a) For each death what was the cause of death?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 124
- (2) 29 police dogs across 32 separate incidents
  - (a) Belgian Malinois
    - Dog attack
    - Exhaustion
  - Dutch Shepherd
    - Broken tooth
  - English Springer Spaniel
    - Laceration
  - German Shepherd
    - Cut paw x 5
    - Heat exhaustion x 2

- Lump on ribs/skin x 3
  - Eye trauma
  - Broken toe
  - Tongue/mouth injury x 2
  - Dog attack
  - Substance exposure
  - Broken tooth x 3
  - Skin injury
- German Shepherd x Belgian Malinois
- Ligament injury
- Labrador
- Heat exhaustion x 2
  - Substance exposure
  - Poisoning from eating a rat bait
  - Ligament injury x 2
  - Cut paw

(3) No

(4) 29

(5) One

(a) Neck injury during sustained during training.

(6) One

(a) Following medical complications one horse was euthanised under the care of a veterinary surgeon.

## 27 APRIL 2021

(Paper No. 485)

\* 5482 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—WORKERS COMPENSATION—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What were the workers compensation premiums paid for or by the NSW Police Force in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (2) How many workers compensation claims have been made in the NSW Police Force in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (3) Of those claims made by staff in the NSW Police Force please provide a breakdown of:
  - (a) How many required time off work in the following financial years:

- (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
  - (b) How many attended work on suitable duties or reduced hours in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
  - (c) How many did not require time off work in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
- (4) Of those claims made by staff in the NSW Police Force please provide a breakdown of whether they were:
- (a) A physical injury in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
  - (b) A psychological injury in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
- (5) How many staff in the NSW Police Force are currently claiming workers compensation?
- (a) How many are not attending work?
  - (b) How many are attending work on suitable duties or reduced hours?
  - (c) How many did not require time off work?
  - (d) How many claims relate to physical injuries?
  - (e) How many claims relate to psychological injuries?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information relating to workers compensation claims and premiums is published in the NSW Police Force Annual Reports, which are publicly available.

\* 5483 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—WORKERS COMPENSATION—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What were the workers compensation premiums paid for or by Fire and Rescue NSW in the following financial years:
- (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?

- (2) How many workers compensation claims have been made in Fire and Rescue NSW in the following financial years:
- (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21 to date?
- (3) Of those claims made by staff in Fire and Rescue NSW please provide a breakdown of:
- (a) How many required time off work in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
  - (b) How many attended work on suitable duties or reduced hours in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
  - (c) How many did not require time off work in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
- (4) Of those claims made by staff in Fire and Rescue NSW please provide a breakdown of whether they were:
- (a) A physical injury in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
  - (b) A psychological injury in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018/19?
    - (ii) 2019/20?
    - (iii) 2020/21 to date?
- (5) How many staff in Fire and Rescue NSW are currently claiming workers compensation?
- (a) How many are not attending work?
  - (b) How many are attending work on suitable duties or reduced hours?
  - (c) How many did not require time off work?
  - (d) How many claims relate to physical injuries?
  - (e) How many claims relate to psychological injuries?

Answer—

I am advised information relating to workers compensation is available in the Fire and Rescue NSW Annual Report.

**12 MAY 2021**

(Paper No. 496)

5624 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—DEMERGER PROPOSALS FOR SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL AND THE COOTAMUNDRA GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Peter Primrose 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 Local Government—

- (1) In the Tumut & Adelong Times article titled “Council merger ‘was never going to work’” dated 11 May 2021, Minister Tudehope is reported saying:

*For the benefit of the House, the Minister committed at budget estimates to make the reports [Boundaries Commission reports and its recommendations into Snowy Valleys Council and the Cootamundra Gundagai Council demergers] public.*

- (a) On what date will the reports be made public?
- (2) On what date will the Minister make their statement/ decision in relation to the Boundaries Commissions reports into the possible demerger of these two councils?
- (a) Will it be done before the September 2021 council elections?
- (i) If not, why not?

5625 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COST OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE'—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What was the total cost to the New South Wales Government for the Government’s Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug “Ice”, under Commissioner Professor Dan Howard SC?

5626 PREMIER—COST OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE'—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

- (1) What was the total cost to the New South Wales Government for the Government’s Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug “Ice”, under Commissioner Professor Dan Howard SC?

5627 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CHILDREN GENDER DYSPHORIA—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Stockholm's Astrid Lindgren Children's hospital in Sweden is ceasing the routine treatment of gender dysphoric children with puberty blocking drugs and cross sex hormones due to infertility and cancer concerns?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that last week Australian gender clinicians from Westmead Hospital criticised the medicalisation of children's gender dysphoria?
- (3) In both cases the Health Minister was asked by the media for a response to these developments and declined to comment.
- (a) Why is the New South Wales government not speaking to the media about this important issue of child well-being?

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