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* 5596 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—TEENS TRANS REVIEW—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) Does the Minister believe that no effort should be spared to ensure the best quality health treatment for our youth and the best information for treatment?
 - (a) If so, why won't the Minister accept the Federal Health Minister's invitation to engage in the 'teens trans review'?
 - (i) Is the Minister concerned of what might be discovered?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health is committed to ensuring that trans and gender diverse children and adolescents can access the high-quality health services they need. The Federal Health Minister has not invited me to engage in a 'teens trans review'.

* 5597 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—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—

- (1) Since June 2019, has the Minister had any official meetings with The Hon. Julie Bishop or any representative of Julie Bishop and Partners?
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* 5598 PREMIER—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—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 Premier—

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* 5599 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—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 Regional Transport and Roads—

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* 5600 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—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—

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* 5601 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—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 Energy and Environment—

- (1) Since June 2019, has the Minister had any official meetings with The Hon. Julie Bishop or any representative of Julie Bishop and Partners?
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Answer—

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I disclose my meetings consistent with my obligations.

* 5602 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—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 Local Government—

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* 5608 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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* 5609 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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* 5610 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

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* 5611 ATTORNEY GENERAL—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

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* 5612 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

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* 5613 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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* 5614 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

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* 5615 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

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* 5616 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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* 5617 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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* 5618 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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* 5619 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—
The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

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Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) No.

* 5620 SPORT, MULTICULTURALISM, SENIORS AND VETERANS—JULIE BISHOP REPRESENTATIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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13 MAY 2021

(Paper No. 497)

* 5629 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIREARMS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many occasions have police engaged in self-harm using their police issued firearm or other weapon in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2016?
 - (b) 2017?
 - (c) 2018?
 - (d) 2019?
 - (e) 2020?
 - (f) 2021 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

A review of NSW Police Force records identified that there have been two occasions in this period in which officers have used police-issued weapons for self-harm. One was in 2018 and one was in 2020, both using a police issued firearm and tragically resulting in death.

27 MAY 2021

(Paper No. 507)

- * 6552 PREMIER—TERMINATION OF STAFF MEMBER IN THE OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

As the Minister responsible for the administration of the Members of Parliament Act 2013, and given that staff resources in the Office of the Leader of the Opposition are provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, in relation to the confirmation from the Leader of the Opposition on 26 May that a senior shadow ministerial staffer ceased his employment with the Office of Deputy Opposition Leader on the evening of May 25 in relation to the distribution of a dirt file to the NSW Parliamentary Press Gallery:

- (1) What were the terms of his termination?
- (2) Did he resign or was he dismissed?
- (3) If he was dismissed, what were the terms of that dismissal?
- (4) Did he receive a redundancy – and what was the total size of that redundancy?
- (5) Did he receive a severance payment?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet does not have anything to do with the employment of staff in the Deputy Leader of the Opposition's Office as per Part 2 of the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

This is a matter for the Presiding Officers, the Clerks and the Department of Parliamentary Services as per Part 3 of the MOPS Act.

28 MAY 2021

(Paper No. 508)

- 6555 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—SAFEWORK INSPECTORS—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many SafeWork Inspectors are currently employed by the NSW Government?

- 6556 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COMPENSATION FOR NUCOAL INVESTORS—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, and Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

I refer the Minister to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General's letter to Mr and Mrs Lantry on the 05/08/2020. In this letter the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General informed Mr and Mrs Lantry that the Government has reserved its position on the outstanding matters raised in the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice report entitled 'Mining Amendment (Compensation for Cancellation of Exploration Licence) Bill 2019' and will communicate further information as and when appropriate.

- (1) Noting that it has been almost a year since the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General's letter to Mr and Mrs Lantry, can the Minister please provide an update as to what the Government is doing to address the outstanding matters of the committee's report including the issue of compensation for innocent shareholders?

6557 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—LEARNING SUPPORT—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What are the current qualifications for a learning support officer?
- (2) What mandatory training must learning support officers undertake?
- (3) How many learning support officers are there across NSW public schools?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliament