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* 6581 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—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) Given that the Minister for Health confirmed on June 2, in an answer to an earlier question from the Hon Rev Fred Nile MLC that the Government *"supports practice that is consistent with advice from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) on care and treatment for children and adolescents with gender dysphoria"*:

(a) What contingencies has the government made to pay potential future compensation claims to people who later regret taking government-sanctioned childhood medical advice to have irreversible body and life-altering therapies performed by them?

Answer—

(1) Specialist and multidisciplinary assessment and support guides individualised decision making and care of children and adolescents with gender dysphoria who seek medical treatment.

As with all medical treatment, treatment for gender dysphoria can only be commenced after obtaining informed consent. Clinicians have a duty of care to obtain informed consent including disclosing material risks such as side-effects and long-term consequences.

Where there is disagreement amongst the child, their parents or the clinical team, the Family Court has jurisdiction to consider the matter, in the child's best interests. As with any medical treatment, if treatment is provided negligently (including where there is a failure to obtain informed consent), a patient may commence legal proceedings.

* 6582 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—SUICIDE RATES NSW—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Sydney Local Health District for the period of:

(a) 2018-2019?

(b) 2019-2020?

(2) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the South Western Sydney Local Health District for the period of:

(a) 2018-2019?

(b) 2019-2020?

(3) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District for the period of:

(a) 2018-2019?

(b) 2019-2020?

(4) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District for the period of:

(a) 2018-2019?

(b) 2019-2020?

(5) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Western Sydney Local Health District for the period of:

(a) 2018-2019?

(b) 2019-2020?

- (6) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (7) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Northern Sydney Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (8) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Central Coast Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (9) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Hunter New England Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (10) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Northern NSW Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (11) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Mid North Coast Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (12) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Southern NSW Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (13) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (14) What was the rate of suicides per 100,000 in the Western NSW Local Health District for the period of:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
- (15) What was the rate of suicide per 100,000 persons in regional NSW in:
 - (a) 2007 – 2008?
 - (b) 2008 – 2009?
 - (c) 2009 – 2010?
 - (d) 2010 – 2011?
 - (e) 2011 – 2012?

- (f) 2012 – 2013?
 - (g) 2013 – 2014?
 - (h) 2014 – 2015?
 - (i) 2015 – 2016?
 - (j) 2016 – 2017?
 - (k) 2017 – 2018
 - (l) 2018 – 2019?
- (16) What was the rate of suicide per 100,000 persons in the Far West Local Health District in:
- (a) 2007 – 2008?
 - (b) 2008 – 2009?
 - (c) 2009 – 2010?
 - (d) 2010 – 2011?
 - (e) 2011 – 2012?
 - (f) 2012 – 2013?
 - (g) 2013 – 2014?
 - (h) 2014 – 2015?
 - (i) 2015 – 2016?
 - (j) 2016 – 2017?
 - (k) 2017 – 2018
 - (l) 2018 – 2019?
- (17) How many FTE specialised mental health trained staff were employed in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in:
- (a) 2007 – 2008?
 - (b) 2008 – 2009?
 - (c) 2009 – 2010?
 - (d) 2010 – 2011?
 - (e) 2011 – 2012?
 - (f) 2012 – 2013?
 - (g) 2013 – 2014?
 - (h) 2014 – 2015?
 - (i) 2015 – 2016?
 - (j) 2016 – 2017?
 - (k) 2017 – 2018
 - (l) 2018 – 2019?
- (18) How many FTE specialised mental health nurses were employed in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in:
- (a) 2007 – 2008?
 - (b) 2008 – 2009?
 - (c) 2009 – 2010?

- (d) 2010 – 2011?
 - (e) 2011 – 2012?
 - (f) 2012 – 2013?
 - (g) 2013 – 2014?
 - (h) 2014 – 2015?
 - (i) 2015 – 2016?
 - (j) 2016 – 2017?
 - (k) 2017 – 2018
 - (l) 2018 – 2019?
- (19) How many FTE specialised mental health allied health professionals were employed in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District in:
- (a) 2007 – 2008?
 - (b) 2008 – 2009?
 - (c) 2009 – 2010?
 - (d) 2010 – 2011?
 - (e) 2011 – 2012?
 - (f) 2012 – 2013?
 - (g) 2013 – 2014?
 - (h) 2014 – 2015?
 - (i) 2015 – 2016?
 - (j) 2016 – 2017?
 - (k) 2017 – 2018
 - (l) 2018 – 2019?

Answer—

(1-16) Information on suicides in individual local health districts is published annually in the NSW Health Stats website, using Australian Bureau of Statistics data. Data for 2018-19 will be included in the next update. The NSW Suicide Monitoring System is using Police and Coronial data to develop earlier estimates of suicide rates, including rates for individual local health districts.

(17-19) Data from 2018 on the number of mental health staff at state level are published via Mental Health Services in Australia (AIHW), and from 2013 in the Report on Government Services. No data is available prior to 2013.

* 6583 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WILCANNIA WEIR UPGRADE—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In regards to the Wilcannia Weir upgrade, in July 2019 when Stage 1 was completed, the Minister announced that the project had been handed over to Water NSW for "rapid delivery" of the project. In the July 2019 Addendum to the Wilcannia Weir Business Case thirteen project milestones were identified to progress the project to the calling of tenders for construction within 2 years (see page 28 of the Addendum found here: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf/file/0019/235045/Wilcannia-Weir-Business-Case-Addendum.pdf>):
 - (a) Which of these milestones have been completed?
 - (i) What date were they completed?
 - (b) Which of these milestones has commenced, but have not yet been completed?

- (i) When is it expected they will be completed?
- (c) Is the Government on track to award the construction tender by July 2021 or is there an updated timeline for completion?
 - (i) If there is an updated timeline, what is it?
 - (ii) What is the reason for the updated timeline?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The concept design for the weir and fish passage has been completed along with concept cost estimates. Detailed environmental studies are well progressed, with the Environmental Impact Statement to be exhibited in November 2021.
- (b) Wilcannia Weir Replacement design and impact assessments milestones are currently well advanced and nearing completion, including the site investigations, concept design, and cost estimates.
- (c) As a result of the site investigations completed so far, the environmental assessment pathway has changed from a Review of Environmental Factors (REF), as was stated in the Business Case, to an Environmental Impact Assessment. Construction on site will commence once planning approvals are obtained.

* 6584 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—FORMER SHOALHAVEN ANGLICAN COLLEGE SITE—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Other than plans for the construction of the Budawang School on part of the site of the former Shoalhaven Anglican School site:
 - (a) What are the current plans for the use of the site?
 - (b) What are the current plans for the use of the facilities?
- (2) Is there a forecast year for when the remainder of the site or buildings is likely to be used for an expansion of public school facilities?
- (3) Is the site or are the buildings and facilities available for lease for commercial or educational uses?
- (4) What are the anticipated annual care and maintenance costs for the site?

Answer—

During development of the project to relocate Budawang School to the former Shoalhaven Anglican School site the project team considered how the location of the school at the Milton site on Croobyar Road might cater for any future development of educational facilities. This is not unusual for school projects and is undertaken to ensure future proofing the area for education facilities.

However, there are currently no plans to build additional education facilities or a new school at this site.

Updates on the project to relocate Budawang School are shared with the local community and made available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au.

* 6585 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MILTON ULLADULLA ENROLMENT FORECASTS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What are the enrolment forecasts for Milton Public School for each of the years:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2025?
- (2) What are the enrolment forecasts for Ulladulla Public School for each of the years:

- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2024?
- (d) 2025?
- (3) What are the enrolment forecasts for Ulladulla High School for each of the years:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2025?
- (4) If enrolment forecasts are not available, on what basis will decisions be made about the requirement for additional educational facilities in the Milton Ulladulla region?
 - (a) Is there any form of trigger that initiates planning for new education facilities?
- (5) Is there any planning forecast or other form of document that suggests a year after which additional education facilities will be required in the Milton Ulladulla Area?

Answer—

- (1-3) Student population projections are not publicly available.

Details regarding the Department's approach to school enrolment projections can be found on the School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) website:

https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-build-schools/school-enrolment-and-population-projections.html#content_1

- (4) Demand for school infrastructure has to be assessed on a relative-need basis across the whole state. When planning for public education facilities, consideration is given to the needs of a local area or region, population and enrolment projections, and changes in land use and supporting infrastructure, to ensure that every child in NSW has a well-resourced local public school to attend.

Further details regarding how decisions have been made in the Milton/Ulladulla area can be found in the Budawang School Relocation project update:

https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/infrastructure/projects/b/budawang-ssp/Budawang_SSP_Project_Update_Apr_2021_v4FINAL.pdf

- (5) SINSW uses short term enrolment projections and long-term population projections to guide future investment decisions, including the location and scale of building works to meet service needs. These projections are informed by census data and dwelling population projections provided by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in conjunction with local councils. Projections and enrolment trends are regularly reviewed and updated and as such there is not one specific year after which education facilities are required to be updated.

SINSW will continue to monitor population trends in the Milton/Ulladulla area to ensure appropriate educational infrastructure is provided for the community.

* 6586 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL COUNSELLORS - MURRAY—
The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many full time psychologists have been employed in schools in the electorate of Murray?
- (2) How many full time counsellors have been employed in schools in the electorate of Murray?
- (3) How many full time student support officers have been employed in schools in the electorate of Murray?
- (4) Please identify which schools in the electorate of Murray do not have a dedicated full time:
 - (a) Psychologist?

- (b) Counsellor?
- (c) Student support officer?

Answer—

All NSW public schools receive a school counselling service allocation based on student enrolment data and indicators of student need. This service allocation may be provided by a school counsellor(s) or school psychologist(s). All schools are also able to engage with the NSW Government's telepsychology service.

The current school counselling service allocation for all schools in the Murray Electorate is 14.35 FTE.

As part of an \$88.4 million investment by this government, every NSW public high school will have a full-time school counselling allocation, as well as a full-time student support officer by June 2023. These positions are being phased in over time.

The following high schools in the Murray Electorate already have a full-time (or above) school counselling allocation: Murrumbidgee Regional High School and Yanco Agricultural High School. The remaining full-time allocations will be in place by June 2023.

A full-time student support officer is in place at Coomealla High School, Deniliquin High School, Finley High School, Leeton High School, Murrumbidgee Regional High School, and Yanco Agricultural High School. Two additional support officer positions are under recruitment.

* 6587 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL COUNSELLORS - KIAMA—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many full time psychologists have been employed in schools in the electorate of Kiama?
- (2) How many full time counsellors have been employed in schools in the electorate of Kiama?
- (3) How many full time student support officers have been employed in schools in the electorate of Kiama?
- (4) Please identify which schools in the electorate of Kiama do not have a dedicated full time:
 - (a) Psychologist?
 - (b) Counsellor?
 - (c) Student support officer?

Answer—

All NSW public schools receive a school counselling service allocation based on student enrolment data and indicators of student need. This service allocation may be provided by school counsellor(s) or school psychologist(s). All schools are also able to engage with the NSW Government's telepsychology service.

The current school counselling service allocation for all schools in the Kiama electorate is 9 FTE.

As part of an \$88.4 million investment by this government, every NSW public high school will have a full-time school counselling allocation, as well as a full-time student support officer by June 2023. These positions are being phased in over time.

The Government has already delivered on this commitment in the Kiama electorate, with all high schools having a full-time school counselling allocation.

To date, two full time student support officers have been employed in two out of the three high schools in the Kiama electorate. A third student support officer, at Albion Park High School, is due to start in July 2022.

* 6588 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—KANGAROO MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL - ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION—The Hon. Mark Pearson 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) Google search identifies Jason Wilson as a community facilitator with the Department and fails to find an organisation named Western Region.

- (a) Can the Minister explain why Jason Wilson is listed on the Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel as representing Aboriginal Communities and an organisation named Western Region?
- (2) Can the Minister please explain in what capacity Jason Wilson represents Aboriginal Communities?
 - (a) How has he been chosen and endorsed by those communities?
- (3) Is it Departmental best practice in collaborating with Aboriginal communities that a person employed by a government department also acts as a representative of Aboriginal Communities?

Answer—

- (1-3) I am advised a response to these questions was provided in the March 2021 Energy and Environment Budget Estimates document 'Answers to questions on notice' on page 48. Refer to www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/Pages/budget-estimates.aspx.

* 6589 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—KANGAROO MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL - MEMBERSHIP OF DR STEVEN MCLEOD—The Hon. Mark Pearson 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) Can the Minister explain why Dr Steven McLeod is listed as being a representative of the Australasian Wildlife Management Society (AWMS) on the panel when my office failed to find any record of Dr McLeod as either a board member, staff member or life member?
- (2) Can the Minister advise in what capacity Dr McLeod represents the AWMS on the panel when my research indicates that Dr McLeod is a senior research scientist with the NSW Department of Agriculture with the task of working on kangaroo population counts?
- (3) Can the Minister explain why Dr McLeod is listed as representing AWMS on the panel and not the Department for Agriculture?

Answer—

- (1-3) I am advised a response to these questions was provided in the March 2021 Energy and Environment Budget Estimates document 'Answers to questions on notice' on page 47. Refer to www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/Pages/budget-estimates.aspx.

* 6590 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—BUDGET ESTIMATES ANSWERS—The Hon. Mark Pearson 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) In relation to the Ministers answer to question on notice page 27 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
 - (a) Can the Minister please advise if he has taken the concern regarding the more accurate use of technologies to provide population estimates and is investigating this?
 - (i) If so, who is involved?
 - (ii) What is the expected duration of the investigation is?
 - (iii) What is the cost of the investigation?
 - (iv) How is the investigation being undertaken?
 - (v) What pilot studies are proposed to determine the accurate application of any new technological methods employed?
 - (vi) When is it proposed to start using technology to provide population estimates?
- (2) In regards to the Ministers answer to supplementary question 223 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
 - (a) Has the department investigated the error in the red and grey kangaroo population amendments?
 - (i) If so, what is the explanation?
 - (b) Can the Minister explain how this mistake happened?

- (c) Why is the document not checked as these mistakes can lead to incorrect quotas?
- (3) In regards to the Ministers answer to supplementary question 219 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021 in relation to the Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management plan 2016-2021 version 1:
- (a) Can the Minister provide an answer to part c noting the correct survey year is 2016?
- (4) In regards to the Ministers answer to supplementary question 222 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
- (a) Can the Minister explain how according to the Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2017-2021 (first edition (190709) page 52: Table A20: Summary of commercial take: western grey kangaroos, the Western Grey Kangaroo population:
- (i) Increased by 72% in 2012?
- (ii) Increased by a further 116% in 2013?
- (5) Considering the Ministers answer to supplementary question 225 At Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
- (a) Does the Minister agree that it is well past time for the estimation of kangaroo populations to be made transparent and subject to independent review by international experts”?
- (6) In regards to the Ministers answer to supplementary question 226 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
- (a) Can the Minister please explain how Wallaroos can increase at approximately 90% per year over three years with a breeding rate of only 8-10%?
- (b) Can the Minister please explain why in a drought prone country the Department of Planning and Industry (DPI) does not apply the gold standard around the world?
- (7) In regards to the Ministers answer to supplementary question 231 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
- (a) Can the Minister ensure that all transect reports for Western Plains are made publicly available?
- (8) In regards to the Ministers answer to supplementary question 232 at Budget Estimates 2020-2021:
- (a) Can the Minister please make available the SEED portal data as it should be publicly accessible?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a, i–vi) The Department is aware drones may be able to survey kangaroo populations in the future. Broadscale kangaroo surveys by drone are not yet viable in NSW due to limited drone technology and operating conditions under Australian aviation laws.

The Department is also aware of heat sensing technology that can be used in conjunction with drones for animal surveys.

It is not investigating drone technology to detect and count kangaroos at this time.

(2)

(a) Yes, the Department investigated the error.

(i) The document referred to had significantly lower population values for the years leading up to 2001 compared to the values in the published quota reports. The Department has removed this single page document from its website because it was misleading.

(b) The error appears to have been administrative and occurred around 2001. The single page document was old and remained on the website without context, so it is difficult to determine the cause of the problem.

- (c) A comparison of the quota values in the single page document with those in the published quota reports shows that the quotas were almost all correct when compared with the published full quota reports.
- (3)
- (a) My answer to 219 cited the 2020 quota report because there are no wallaroo population estimates (for any year) on page 6 of the *Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2017–2021*. The 2017 and 2020 quota reports present the wallaroo population estimates from the 2016 and 2019 aerial surveys of the Northern Tablelands respectively. They are on page 6 in both reports. The published version of the 2020 quota report is the only version that has been published. Both the 2017 and 2020 quota reports present population estimates for each of the three commercial zones (Glen Innes, Armidale, and Upper Hunter) with wallaroo harvesting and a total population estimate across the three zones.
- (4)
- (a)
- (i-ii) These surveys were conducted in years with above average rainfall. As a result, food resources are expected to have been non-limiting. Consequently, populations could be increasing at close to their biological maximum rate (note that the approximate 10 per cent maximum figure is not accurate. There are many studies that have indicated rates of increase well above this figure).
- Also, during the western plains fixed wing surveys, surveyors do not distinguish between western grey kangaroos and eastern grey kangaroos. The proportion of each species is calculated using ratios developed by Cairns in 1999–2000. When the two species' populations are considered together, the rates of increase are more modest, at 24 per cent from 2011 to 2012 and 49 per cent from 2013–2014.
- (5)
- (a) The Department plans to review its historic commercial kangaroo management data and then evaluate the need for an external expert review of any of the data.
- (6)
- (a-b) The Department's understanding is the maximum rate of increase of wallaroos can exceed 8-10 per cent per annum.
- A 90 per cent increase over three years represents an annual rate of increase of 24 per cent. Also, the Department counts wallaroos during surveys primarily designed for precise eastern grey kangaroo estimates. This is likely to result in greater variation in the wallaroo population estimates between surveys.
- (7)
- (a) The Department has not produced 'transect reports' for any of its kangaroo surveys.
- (8)
- (a) The SEED portal data is publicly accessible <https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/commercial-kangaroo-harvest-management-program-zones>.
- If you have further trouble accessing the data from the SEED Portal please contact the Kangaroo Management Program at kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au.

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* 6591 TREASURER—WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOLLOWING ASSAULTS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of serious violent assaults in 2020/21?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?
- (2) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of serious violent assaults in 2019/20?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?
- (3) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of sexual assaults in 2020/21?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients ?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?
- (4) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of sexual assaults in 2019/20?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?

Answer—

I am advised by icare of the following:

The mechanisms of injuries resulting in claims are coded using the Type of Occurrence Classification System (TOOC). The TOOC includes codes for assaults by a person or persons and exposure to workplace or occupational violence, but does not include codes that specifically identify serious violent assaults or sexual assaults. It also does not provide absolute clarity on who caused or perpetrated an assault, and in particular, does not identify ‘other visitors in the workplace’.

Treasury Managed Fund

Mechanism of injury	FY20/21	FY19/20
29 Being assaulted by a person or persons: - deliberate kicks, bites, punches, pushes etc - assault with or without a weapon - being assaulted with hand tools, objects or weapons wielded by another person	1,553	1,405

82 Exposure to workplace or occupational violence:	331	267
- victim of assault or threatened assault by a person or persons other than work colleagues		
- victim of single act of assault or threatened assault by work colleague or colleagues		
- being a victim of, or witnessing bank robberies, hold-ups and other violent events		
- verbal threats, abuse by a person or persons other than work colleagues		
Total	1,884	1,672

Nominal Insurer

Injury year	Corporate	Small/medium employer	Total
2019	343	297	640
2020	336	183	519
2021	291	144	435
Grand total	970	624	1,594

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(Paper No. 530)

6699 ATTORNEY GENERAL—ANIMAL ABUSE AND CHILD ABUSE—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) Studies show a strong link between animal abuse and other forms of violence, including child abuse and domestic and family violence. In recognition of this, some overseas jurisdictions have made animal abuse a more serious crime – with higher penalties – if it also involves domestic violence, or if the act of animal cruelty occurred in front of a child:

(a) Will the Minister consider introducing similar laws in New South Wales?

(i) If not, why not?

6700 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—BOWRAVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Has the Principal of the Bowraville Central School been told that the school should not engage in attempts to de-gender language, as per government policy?
- (2) Has the Principal of the Bowraville Central School apologised to parents upset by the contents of his recent newsletter comments on de-gendered language?
- (3) What strategies is Bowraville Central School using to lift its student academic results?
- (4) Has Bowraville Central School been subject to the Education Department's Tailored Support Program?
- (a) If so, what are the details?

6701 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SEXUALITY AT SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Are the HSIE classrooms at Sylvania High School still displaying Minus18 posters reading:
- (a) "So when exactly did you decide to be straight?"
- (b) "When are you going to tell your parents that you're straight?"
- (c) "I don't mind if you're straight, just don't flaunt it in public?"
- (2) Does the Minister approve of Minus18 posters?

- (3) Can the Minister explain how Minus18 posters are relevant to school education in New South Wales?
- (4) Why has student sexuality become a frontline concern for so many teachers and schools in New South Wales during the Minister's term in office?

6702 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) For each Local Government Area in Sydney what is the:
 - (a) State plan?
 - (b) District plan?
 - (c) Council response for increases in the number of residential dwellings in the forward planning period?
 - (i) In each case where the Council number is lower, how is the Government seeking to rectify the deficit?

6703 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHERS ROLES IN SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When did the Department of Education last instruct teachers that:
 - (a) Their role in schools is “In Loco Parentis”, that is, teachers are only acting in place of parents, not as the parents of students?
 - (i) Has this instruction lapsed?
 - (b) Section 4(b) of the New South Wales Education Act specifies that “The education of a child is primarily the responsibility of the child's parents”?

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