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* 6706 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BREEDING CODE OF PRACTICE—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) On 18 March 2021, the Legislative Council passed an amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Bill 2021, which if accepted by the Legislative Assembly would have required the Minister to publish a revised version of the ‘Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats’ before 31 May 2021:
 - (a) Was any work conducted by your office between 19 March and 9 June 2021 to undertake either consultation in relation to, or revision of, the ‘Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats’?
 - (i) If yes, which stakeholder organisations were consulted?
 - (b) Was any work conducted by the Department of Primary Industries between 19 March and 9 June 2021 to undertake either consultation in relation to, or revision of, the ‘Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats’?
 - (i) If yes, which stakeholder organisations were consulted?
- (2) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Bill 2021 was passed by both Houses on 10 June 2021, which directed the Minister to cause a revised version of the ‘Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats’ to be published before 31 August 2021:
 - (a) What consultation and/or opportunity for public comment is planned?
 - (i) How can interested stakeholders and members of the public get involved?
 - (b) Since 10 June 2021 to date, what consultation has been undertaken by:
 - (i) Your office?
 - (ii) The Department of Primary Industries?
 - (c) Please provide information on the specific stakeholder organisations consulted by:
 - (i) Your office?
 - (ii) The Department of Primary Industries?

Answer—

- (1) Formal stakeholder consultation on a revised Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats, as required under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act 2021, did not commence until the Bill passed both houses of Parliament.
- (2)
 - (a) The NSW Government is modernising and streamlining animal welfare laws and is committed to engaging with the community throughout the reform process. There will be an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on proposals for the new animal welfare laws shortly and there will be further rounds of consultation as the NSW Government develops the regulations and standards to support the implementation of the new Act.
 - (b)
 - (i-ii) Targeted consultation with key stakeholder groups includes industry, animal welfare and government stakeholders - Master Dog Breeders Association, Australian Federation of Livestock Working Dogs, Animal Care Australia, Dogs NSW, Cat Protection Society, Pet Industry Association of Australia, Cats NSW, Australian Veterinary Association, NSW Farmers, Australian National Kennel Council, Australian Association of Pet Dog Breeders, Australian Independent Cat Council,

Australian National Cats Inc., NSW Cat Fanciers, RSPCA NSW, AWL NSW, Police, Office of Local Government and Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission.

- (c) As above.

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6938 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-PERIL CROP INSURANCE PRODUCT—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to Department of Primary Industries (DPI) commitment to work with the Commonwealth regarding the development of a multi-peril crop insurance product:
- (a) Has the Minister spoken to his Federal counterpart on the matter?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (ii) If so, please provide the dates of meetings?
- (b) Have any meetings taken place between New South Wales and Commonwealth staff of the development of such a product?
- (i) If so, how many and what were the dates of such meetings?
- (ii) If not, why not?

6939 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What was the total expenses incurred by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) for research and development in the following financial years:
- (a) 2015-16?
- (b) 2016-17?
- (c) 2017-18?
- (d) 2018-19?
- (e) 2019-2020?
- (f) 2020-2021?
- (2) What was the full-time equivalent (FTE) involved in Research and Development within DPI for each of those financial years?
- (3) What was the budget versus actual allocation for research and development in the 2020-21 budget?
- (4) What is the amount allocated for Research and Development in the 2021-22 budget?
- (5) What is the FTE equivalent allocated in the 2021-22 budget for Research and Development?

6940 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS – SAFETY AND REVENUE—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile 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) If mobile speed cameras truly do save lives then why not increase their number at key dangerous points with warning signs so as to slow down drivers rather than allow them to speed without heed?
- (a) How much revenue has been generated since the removal of warning signs for mobile speed cameras?
- (i) How does this compare to previous years with warning signs for mobile speed cameras?

6941 TREASURER—STAMP DUTY REVIEW—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) The Treasurer has made statements to the effect of reviewing the manner in which stamp duty is applied in order to ease the burden on first home buyers getting into the market. I note that these statements have not translated into the State Budget:
 - (a) Does the Treasurer intend on reviewing stamp duty or are there other measures being considered for first home buyers?

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