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* 6814 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WATER TAKE BY PUMPS WITH NON-COMPLIANT METERS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Since 1 December 2020, how many litres of water have been taken from water sources in the Murray Darling Basin by pumps 500mm or larger that were not fully compliant with current metering rules at the time of that water take?

Answer—

NRAR is currently investigating alleged acts of non-compliance, and are unable to provide details of its investigations until it has established justifiable grounds to confirm levels of compliance with the Water Management Act 2000.

* 6817 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FINES UNDER 10KMH OVER THE LIMIT—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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) Please provide the following information for each month since January 2019:
- (a) What is the number of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding under 5km/h over the limit by:
- (i) State Electorate?
- (ii) Local Government Area?
- (iii) Postcode?
- (b) What is the dollar value of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding under 5km/h over the limit by:
- (i) State Electorate?
- (ii) Local Government Area?
- (iii) Postcode?
- (c) What is the number of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding between 5km/h and 10km/h over the limit by:
- (i) State Electorate?
- (ii) Local Government Area?
- (iii) Postcode?
- (d) What is the dollar value of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding between 5km/h and 10km/h over the limit:
- (i) State Electorate?
- (ii) Local Government Area?
- (iii) Postcode?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

- * 6819 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE—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) Of the \$30 million additional provided to boost the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance scheme last year:
 - (a) How much of the additional \$30 million was spent?
 - (b) How many people benefited from this boost?
 - (c) How much was the forecast budget for the entire Energy Accounts Payment Assistance program in the following financial years:
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (ii) 2020-21?
 - (d) How much was spent in the entire Energy Accounts Payment Assistance program in the following financial years:
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (ii) 2020-21?
 - (e) Under the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance program what is the average paid out per:
 - (i) Person?
 - (ii) Household?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme does not have a budget forecast as it is a parameter-driven program with customer approvals based on meeting eligibility criteria. In financial year 2020-2021, EAPA spend was 27 per cent higher compared to 2019-2020. 58,859 electricity and gas customers received over 366,000 EAPA vouchers in 2020-2021.

- * 6825 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—HIGH STREETS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Regarding the \$15 million in grants for local councils to develop high streets:
 - (a) How many local councils received a grant?
 - (b) What is the average grant to local councils?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available: www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greatpublic-spaces/streets/grants-for-councils.

- * 6826 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 TESTING—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) For every month since February 2020, please provide the following details:
 - (a) The average wait time for COVID-19 testing results between test occurring and the patient receiving the result?
 - (i) Please provide a break down by Local Health District?
 - (b) The number of lost tests?

- (i) Please provide a break down by Local Health District?

Answer—

From 21 January 2020 to 23 July 2021, NSW Health Pathology performed more than 4 million COVID-19 tests, with a median wait time for COVID-19 testing results of 19.6 hours. Information relating to private pathology providers is not readily available. I am advised fewer than 0.005 per cent of these (170 specimens) have been reported lost.

* 6827 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROADS AND TRANSPORT CAPITAL SPEND—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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) Please provide the disaggregated “public transport and roads” capital or infrastructure actual total dollar spent figure for the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-12, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (b) 2012-13, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (c) 2013-14, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (d) 2014-15, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (e) 2015-16, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (f) 2016-17, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (g) 2017-18, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (h) 2018-19, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (i) 2019-20, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?
 - (ii) Roads?
 - (j) 2020-21, separated into:
 - (i) Public transport?

(ii) Roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

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* 6864 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—TRANSFER DUTY—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) What is the amount of transfer duty that has been collected since 1 July 2011 to date from property sales and transfers in the suburbs of:

- (a) Box Hill?
- (b) Gables?
- (c) Schofields?
- (d) Tallawong?
- (e) Gregory Hills?
- (f) Gledswood Hills?
- (g) Leppington?
- (h) Denham Court?
- (i) Jordan Springs?
- (j) Ropes Crossing?
- (k) Edmondson Park?
- (l) Marsden Park?
- (m) Melonba?
- (n) Macquarie Park?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) \$78,050,317
- (b) \$65,747,769
- (c) \$136,433,576
- (d) Nil (Suburb gazetted 6 Nov 2020)
- (e) \$52,454,296
- (f) \$41,903,493
- (g) \$86,308,157
- (h) \$65,298,933
- (i) \$59,284,841
- (j) \$20,154,079
- (k) \$73,924,368
- (l) \$145,561,281

- (m) \$2,410,795
- (n) \$268,516,875

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* 7040 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—BUSINESS-BASED VACCINE PASSPORTS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) What discussions has the Minister had with business and industry organisations about the introduction of Vaccine Passports for their:
 - (a) Employees?
 - (i) What are the details?
 - (b) Customers?
 - (i) What are the details?
- (2) Does the Government support the introduction of business-based Vaccine Passports in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.
- (2) It is not the practice of the NSW Government to make policy announcements in responses to questions on notice.

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7057 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PFIZER RE-ALLOCATION TO SYDNEY FROM REGIONAL NSW—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Given the New South Wales Government's decision to re-direct regional Pfizer vaccines to Year 12 students in Sydney, how many Pfizer doses have been re-allocated from each of the follow New South Wales Local Health Districts:
 - (a) Far West?
 - (b) Hunter New England?
 - (c) Mid North Coast?
 - (d) Murrumbidgee?
 - (e) Northern NSW?
 - (f) Southern NSW?
 - (g) Western NSW?
- (2) How many residents in each of the following Local Health Districts have had an existing vaccination appointment cancelled or postponed as a result of the New South Wales Government's decision to re-direct Pfizer vaccines to Sydney:
 - (a) Far West?
 - (b) Hunter New England?
 - (c) Mid North Coast?
 - (d) Murrumbidgee?

- (e) Northern NSW?
 - (f) Southern NSW?
 - (g) Western NSW?
- (3) How many Indigenous residents in each of the following Local Health Districts have had an existing vaccination appointment cancelled or postponed as a result of the New South Wales Government's decision to re-direct Pfizer vaccines to Sydney:
- (a) Far West?
 - (b) Hunter New England?
 - (c) Mid North Coast?
 - (d) Murrumbidgee?
 - (e) Northern NSW?
 - (f) Southern NSW?
 - (g) Western NSW?
- (4) By what date will the full allocation of Pfizer be restored to the following Local Health Districts:
- (a) Far West?
 - (b) Hunter New England?
 - (c) Mid North Coast?
 - (d) Murrumbidgee?
 - (e) Northern NSW?
 - (f) Southern NSW?
 - (g) Western NSW?

7058 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—CAPACITY OF NSW CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) What is the bed capacity for each Correctional facility in New South Wales broken down by facility:
- (a) Bathurst Correctional Centre?
 - (b) Broken Hill Correctional Centre?
 - (c) Cessnock Correctional Centre?
 - (d) Cessnock Correctional Centre?
 - (e) Clarence Correctional Centre?
 - (f) Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre?
 - (g) Cooma Correctional Centre?
 - (h) Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre?
 - (i) Dillwynia Correctional Centre?
 - (j) Emu Plains Correctional Centre?
 - (k) Francis Greenway Correctional Complex?
 - (l) Geoffrey Pearce Correctional Centre?
 - (m) Glen Innes Correctional Centre?
 - (n) Goulburn Correctional Centre?
 - (o) High Risk Management Correctional Centre?

- (p) Hunter Correctional Centre?
 - (q) John Morony Correctional Centre?
 - (r) Junee Correctional Centre?
 - (s) Kirkconnell Correctional Centre?
 - (t) Lithgow Correctional Centre?
 - (u) Long Bay Hospital?
 - (v) Macquarie Correctional Centre?
 - (w) Mannus Correctional Complex?
 - (x) Mary Wade Correctional Centre?
 - (y) Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre?
 - (z) Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre?
 - (aa) Mid North Coast Correctional Centre?
 - (bb) Oberon Correctional Centre?
 - (cc) Parklea Correctional Centre?
 - (dd) Shortland Correctional Centre?
 - (ee) Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre?
 - (ff) South Coast Correctional Centre?
 - (gg) Special Purpose Centre?
 - (hh) St Heliers Correctional Centre?
 - (ii) Tamworth Correctional Centre?
 - (jj) Wellington Correctional Centre?
- (2) What is the bed capacity for each Youth Justice Centre in New South Wales broken down by facility:
- (a) Acmena Youth Justice Centre?
 - (b) Cobham Youth Justice Centre?
 - (c) Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre?
 - (d) Reiby Youth Justice Centre?
 - (e) Riverina Youth Justice Centre?

7059 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 SCENARIO PLANNING IN MURRUMBIDGEE LHD—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Please provide details of any scenario planning done by New South Wales Health in the last 12 months in relation to potential or actual COVID outbreaks in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District?

7060 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 SCENARIO PLANNING IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY LHD—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Please provide details of any scenario planning done by New South Wales Health in the last 12 months in relation to potential or actual COVID outbreaks in the South West Sydney Local Health District?

7061 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 SCENARIO PLANNING IN SOUTHERN NSW—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Please provide details of any scenario planning done by New South Wales Health in the last 12 months in relation to potential or actual COVID outbreaks in the Southern NSW Local Health District?

7062 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 SCENARIO PLANNING—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Please provide details of any scenario planning done by New South Wales Health in the last 12 months in relation to potential or actual COVID outbreaks across all Local Health Districts?

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