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(Paper No. 544)

\* 6924 PREMIER—FULL LISTING OF ENTIRETY OF HEZBOLLAH AS A TERRORIST ORGANISATION—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—

- (1) Given the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) recommended on June 22 that the Federal Government list the entirety of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, which is an expansion beyond Australia's current listing of only Hezbollah's External Security Organization (ESO); and a full listing would bring Australia in line with nearly 20 countries including Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States as well as the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council:
  - (a) Has the New South Wales Government expressed a position or view to the Federal Government on a full listing of Hezbollah?
    - (i) If so, what is the New South Wales Government's position on the full listing of Hezbollah?
    - (ii) If not, why has it declined to provide advice or a state a position on Hezbollah?
  - (b) If it has expressed a position, has the Department of Premier and Cabinet sought official advice from NSW Police on the full listing of Hezbollah?
    - (i) What was the advice received?
  - (c) If it has expressed a position, has the Department of Premier and Cabinet sought official advice from NSW Police specifically from the NSW Police's Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command on the full listing of Hezbollah?
    - (i) What was the advice received?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Government is responsible for the listing of terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

The Minister for Counter Terrorism responds, on my behalf, to any requests the NSW Government receives seeking approval of a proposed listing.

\* 6925 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—FULL LISTING OF ENTIRETY OF HEZBOLLAH AS A TERRORIST ORGANISATION—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Given the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) recommended on June 22 that the Federal Government list the entirety of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, which is an expansion beyond Australia's current listing of only Hezbollah's External Security Organization (ESO); and a full listing would bring Australia in line with nearly 20 countries including Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States as well as the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council:
  - (a) What advice has NSW Police and NSW Police's Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command provided to the State Government on the full listing of Hezbollah and its impact on combating terrorist activity in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Government lists terrorist organisations under the *Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995*. The Department of Home Affairs facilitates the listing process and in doing so, consults with various law enforcement agencies across the states and territories. However, the Minister for Home Affairs is ultimately

responsible for the decision to list an organisation. The NSW Government and the NSW Police Force are supportive of listing any organisation where they meet the legislative requirements.

Questions relating to the listing of a group or organisation as a terrorist organisation should be directed to the Commonwealth Minister for Home Affairs.

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\* 6933 CUSTOMER SERVICE—LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBER SECURITY POLICY ROLL OUT—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many local government areas have implemented the Government-mandated Local Government Cyber Security Policy?
  - (a) Please provide a list of the local councils who have done this?
- (2) What support has been provided to local government areas to implement this policy?
  - (a) How has expenditure been allocated to this roll out?
  - (b) How many state government employed staff members have been allocated to supporting this roll out?
  - (c) What other support has been provided to local councils?
- (3) How many local government areas have sought extensions to implementing the Local Government Cyber Security Policy?
  - (a) Please provide a list of the local councils who have done this?
- (4) How many local government areas have been exempted from implementing the Local Government Cyber Security Policy?
  - (a) Please provide a list of the local councils who have done this?

Answer—

Cyber security is critical in ensuring the NSW Government provides secure, trusted and resilient services.

Cyber Security NSW is providing Local Government with support across all functions, including incident response, cyber security maturity uplift, training and awareness, risk and audit. One full-time equivalent employee has been allocated to support this roll out, additional resources are provided to assist Local Councils such as the recurring Councils Forum run by Cyber Security NSW.

Cyber Security NSW does not have the delegation to mandate a Cyber Security Policy on Local Government. Cyber Security NSW is developing a Cyber Security Guideline (the Guideline) for Local Government. Consultation and implementation of the Guideline is ongoing.

**10 AUGUST 2021**

(Paper No. 559)

7116 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HSC STUDENTS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) With regards to the decision to send HSC students on buses to Homebush/Olympic Park receive their COVID 19 vaccination:
  - (a) Was the Department of Education formally consulted when the program was originally devised?
    - (i) If so, when did discussions commence?
    - (ii) Who was involved in these discussions?

- (b) Was the NSW Teachers Federation involved in the original discussions?
- (c) Did the Department of Education formally refuse to participate in the program?
  - (i) If so, who conveyed this position to the Department of Health?
  - (ii) When did this occur?

7117 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—COVID-19 MICRO-BUSINESS GRANT ELIGIBILITY—  
Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) One of the eligibility criteria to receive the 2021 COVID -19 micro-business grant requires a business to have an aggregated annual turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000 for the year ended 30 June 2020. There are some businesses that opened up shop in 2021 and hence not eligible:
  - (a) What is the Minister doing to help these businesses?
- (2) Mona Vale Chamber of Business president Chris Kavanagh says that many small businesses might not qualify for the 2021 COVID -19 micro-business grant because the turnover is set too high. "There's a number of small businesses who work from home, they don't have a large turnover and they don't have staff and they fall through the cracks," Mr Kavanagh said:
  - (a) Will the Minister reassess the requirement for businesses to show an aggregated annual turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000 for the year ended 30 June 2020 so such businesses can meet the eligibility criteria for the 2021 COVID -19 micro-business grant?

7118 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—ABORTION ACCESS IN THE HUNTER, NEWCASTLE AND CENTRAL COAST—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In regards to training for GPs:
  - (a) Within the Central Coast Local Health District:
    - (i) How many GPs have received the requisite training to become certified prescribers of medical abortion pharmaceuticals?
  - (b) Within the Hunter New England Local Health District:
    - (i) How many GPs have the requisite training to become certified prescribers of medical abortion pharmaceuticals?
  - (c) What training is available for GPs within New South Wales to complete to become certified prescribers of medical abortion pharmaceuticals?
  - (d) What encouragement and/or incentive is provided by NSW Health to GPs to complete training to become certified prescribers of medical abortion pharmaceuticals?
- (2) In regards to GPs offering medical abortion:
  - (a) Within the Central Coast Local Health District:
    - (i) How many GPs offer medical abortion?
  - (b) Within the Hunter New England Local Health District:
    - (i) How many GPs offer medical abortion?
- (3) In regards to non-GP services offering medical or surgical abortion:
  - (a) Within the Central Coast Local Health District:
    - (i) How many services other than individual GPs offer either medical or surgical abortion? Please provide names of providers?
  - (b) Within the Hunter New England Local Health District:
    - (i) How many services other than individual GPs offer either medical or surgical abortion? Please provide names of providers?
- (4) In regards to access to information:

- (a) What work has been undertaken by NSW Health to make information about the answers to questions 2 and 3 available to the Pregnancy, Birth and Baby Hotline?
  - (b) What work has been undertaken by NSW Health to make information about the answers to questions 2 and 3 available to the public via NSW Health initiatives?
  - (c) What progress has been made since October 2019 to provide easily accessible information for people in New South Wales seeking an abortion?
  - (d) What further improvements are planned to NSW Health-provided and/or funded resources to ensure information is easily accessible for people seeking an abortion?
  - (e) Please provide information on dedicated funding allocated to develop information resources to improve access to abortion services?
- (5) Please provide information on the number of medical abortions undertaken within the Central Coast Local Health District for the following years:
- (a) 2016?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (b) 2017?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (c) 2018?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (d) 2019?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (e) 2020?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (f) 2021?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
- (6) Please provide information on the number of medical abortions undertaken within the Hunter New England Local Health District for the following years:
- (a) 2016?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (b) 2017?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (c) 2018?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?

- (d) 2019?
  - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
  - (ii) By age bracket?
- (e) 2020?
  - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
  - (ii) By age bracket?
- (f) 2021?
  - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
  - (ii) By age bracket?
- (7) Please provide information on the number of surgical abortions undertaken within the Central Coast Local Health District for the following years:
  - (a) 2016?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (b) 2017?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (c) 2018?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (d) 2019?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (e) 2020?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (f) 2021?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
- (8) Please provide information on the number of surgical abortions undertaken within the Hunter New England Local Health District for the following years:
  - (a) 2016?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (b) 2017?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (c) 2018?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?

- (ii) By age bracket?
  - (d) 2019?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (e) 2020?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
  - (f) 2021?
    - (i) By provider (public health, private health, NGO-provided and GP-provided)?
    - (ii) By age bracket?
- 7119 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CANOBOLAS RURAL TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
  - (1) With regards to Canobolas Rural Technology High School can you please advise:
    - (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
    - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
    - (c) How many permanent positions are currently unfilled?
    - (d) How long has the permanent principal position been unfilled for?
- 7120 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CONCORD HIGH DEMOUNTABLES—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
  - (1) How many demountables are currently at Concord High School, broken down by:
    - (a) Classrooms?
    - (b) Other demountable facilities?
- 7121 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CONCORD HIGH MASTERPLAN—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
  - (1) Will the Department of Education commit to releasing the Concord High Masterplan to the school community by 31 August 2021?
- 7122 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
  - (1) With regards to Concord High School can you please advise:
    - (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
    - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
    - (c) How many permanent positions are currently unfilled?
- 7123 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
  - (1) With regards to Grafton High School can you please advise:
    - (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
    - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
- 7124 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—



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- (1) With regards to Lithgow High School can you please advise:
- (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
  - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
- 7125 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MARY BROOKSBANK SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) With regards to Mary Brooksbank School can you please advise:
- (a) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
  - (b) How many times have absent teachers not been replaced so far in 2021?
- 7126 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MATHS TRAINS BRAINS – TOTAL SPEND—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) How much money in total has been allocated to the Maths Trains Brains advertising campaign?
- 7127 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MATHS TRAINS BRAINS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) How much money has been spent on the Maths Trains Brains advertising campaign thus far?
- 7128 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) With regards to Murrumbidgee Regional High School can you please advise:
- (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
  - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
  - (c) How many permanent positions are currently unfilled?
- 7129 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—NARRABRI HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) With regards to Narrabri High School can you please advise:
- (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
  - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
- 7130 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—ORANA HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) With regards to Orana High School can you please advise:
- (a) How many instances of minimal supervision have there been so far in 2021?
  - (b) How many times have classes been merged so far in 2021?
- 7131 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—RIVERSTONE HIGH – CAPTURE RATE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Further to your answer to Question on Notice 5941:
- (a) Could you please provide the capture rate figures for Riverstone High School for the following years:
    - (i) 2016?
    - (ii) 2017?
    - (iii) 2018?

(iv) 2019?

(v) 2020?

(vi) 2021?

7132 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL COUNSELLORS METHODOLOGY—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Could you please provide information on the proposed changes to the counsellor allocation methodology for 2022?

7133 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What changes will be implemented to the counsellor allocation methodology in 2022?

7134 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL STAFF VACCINATIONS SSPS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales school staff at Schools for Specific Purposes are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7135 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL STAFF VACCINATIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales non-teaching school staff are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7136 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – BLACKTOWN LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Blacktown Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7137 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – CAMPBELLTOWN LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Campbelltown Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7138 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Canterbury/Bankstown Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7139 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – CUMBERLAND LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Cumberland Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7140 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – FAIRFIELD LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Fairfield Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7141 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – LIVERPOOL LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Liverpool Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7142 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS – PARRAMATTA LGA—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers working at schools in the Parramatta Local Government Area are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7143 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS SSPS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers at Schools for Specific Purposes are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7144 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—TEACHER VACCINATIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales teachers are currently vaccinated as at August 2021?

7145 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—DEMOUNTABLES LIST—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Further to your answer to Question on Notice 6914:
- (a) Could you please provide an updated list of the demountables which have been installed on school grounds since day 1 of Term 1 2021 as at 10 August 2021, broken down by:
- (i) School?
- (ii) Type of demountable?

7146 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—PREMIER'S PRIORITIES IN EDUCATION—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Further to your answer to Question on Notice 6901:
- (a) How many Premier's priorities in Education are currently not on track to be met?

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliament