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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?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes. I have written to the Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia requesting that the National Farmers Federation (NFF) be invited to present the results of their recently completed report on income protection options (Future-Proofing Farming, Collaborating to manage risk and build resilience) to all jurisdictions at a future meeting of the Agriculture Ministers Meeting.
- (b) NSW DPI has raised the report and its recommendations with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and at the Agriculture Senior Officers Committee (AGSOC). The report will be further discussed at a future AGSOC meeting.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Comparison of year on year expenditure as annual research and development expenditure is subject to seasonal conditions, identical to that of the primary producers we support. As such, during the period in question, NSW DPI incurred in excess of \$1 billion in costs as detailed in the relevant budget papers.
- (2) As above, the level of investment in R&D also creates fluctuations in staffing levels. During the period in question, NSW DPI has maintained scientific and technical staff levels in excess of 600 plus staff (800 when considering casuals and contractors).
- (3) Both the budget and actual allocation for Research and Development can be found in Budget Paper 2 – Outcome Statement 2021-22.
- (4) Please refer to answer above to question 3.
- (5) Please refer to answer above to question 2.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The purpose of the NSW mobile speed camera program is to deter motorists from speeding at all times, not only when they see speed enforcement.

Best practice evidence shows that this is achieved through less visible enforcement, operating randomly across a large number of locations. This unpredictability of speed enforcement that could occur any time or anywhere, encourages drivers to comply with speed limits at all times. This reduces the risk of a speed-related crash across the entire road network, and associated trauma.

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

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* 6944 TREASURER—BUSINESS INTERESTS OF GREENSILL CAPITAL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 6603, please provide information regarding contact by the Minister or his office with the following people concerning the business interests of Greensill Capital:
 - (a) Julie Bishop via:
 - (i) Emails?
 - (ii) Letters?
 - (iii) Text messages?
 - (iv) Other electronic communications?
 - (b) David Cameron via:
 - (i) Emails?
 - (ii) Letters?

- (iii) Text messages?
- (iv) Other electronic communications?
- (c) Lex Greensill via:
 - (i) Emails?
 - (ii) Letters?
 - (iii) Text messages?
 - (iv) Other electronic communications?
- (2) What did the contact and representations outlined in Question (1) involve?

Answer—

I have nothing further to add to my previous answer.

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7169 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—VACCINATION REDIRECTION—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) In regards to the redirection of vaccines from regional New South Wales to West and South West Sydney to vaccinate year 12 students:
 - (a) Please provide the number of vaccine doses per state electorate from which they were redirected?
 - (i) If state electorate is not available, please provide by Local Government Area (LGA). If LGA is not available please provide by a similar local geographical breakdown?

7170 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—REINFECTION RATE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Please provide the COVID-19 re-infection rate that NSW Health is seeing, by Local Government Area (LGA)?
 - (a) If LGA is not available, please provide by a similar local geographical breakdown?

7171 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—VACCINATION REDIRECTION—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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 - (i) If state electorate is not available, please provide by Local Government Area (LGA). If LGA is not available please provide by a similar local geographical breakdown?

7172 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—TRANSFER DUTY—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many individuals paid, and what is the monetary amount collected, for transfer duty for property sales in the 2021/22 financial year to date in the following property value brackets:
 - (a) \$0 to \$14,000?
 - (b) \$14,000 to \$32,000?

- (c) \$32,000 to \$85,000?
 - (d) \$85,000 to \$319,000?
 - (e) \$319,000 to \$1,064,000?
 - (f) \$1,064,000 to \$3,194,000?
 - (g) Over \$3,194,000?
- (2) How many individuals paid, and what is the monetary amount collected, for transfer duty for property sales in the 2020/21 financial year in the following property value brackets:
- (a) \$0 to \$14,000?
 - (b) \$14,000 to \$31,000?
 - (c) \$31,000 to \$83,000?
 - (d) \$83,000 to \$310,000?
 - (e) 310,000 to \$1,033,000?
 - (f) \$1,033,000 to \$3,101,000?
 - (g) Over \$3,101,000?
- (3) How many individuals paid, and what is the monetary amount collected, for transfer duty for property sales in the 2019/20 financial year in the following property value brackets:
- (a) \$0 to \$14,000?
 - (b) \$14,001 to \$30,000?
 - (c) \$30,001 to \$81,000?
 - (d) \$81,001 to \$304,000?
 - (e) \$304,001 to \$1,013,000?
 - (f) \$1,033,000 to \$3,040,000?
 - (g) Over \$3,040,000?
- (4) How many individuals paid, and what is the monetary amount collected, for transfer duty for property sales in the 2018/19 financial year in the following property value brackets:
- (a) \$0 to \$14,000?
 - (b) \$14,001 to \$30,000?
 - (c) \$30,001 to \$80,000?
 - (d) \$80,001 to \$300,000?
 - (e) \$300,001 to \$1 million?
 - (f) \$1 million to \$3 million?
 - (g) Over \$3 million?

7173 TREASURER—ICARE—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Disaggregated by local government area, how many individuals did iCare send correspondence entitled “Your workers compensation may have been inaccurate” to?
- (a) How many responses has iCare received to the correspondence?
 - (b) How many have been returned to sender?
- (2) Does iCare track how many individuals contacted Acacia Psychology as available on the correspondence?

- (a) If so, how many individuals contacted the service following the receipt of the correspondence?
- (3) Has iCare contacted trade unions to assist with identifying injured workers that may have been underpaid as part of the pre-injury average weekly earnings (PIAWE) remediation program?
- (a) If so:
- (i) When were trade unions first contacted?
- (ii) Please provide a list of trade unions contacted?
- (4) Has iCare contracted any external entities to assist with contacting injured workers or other stakeholders (such as trade unions) as part of the PIAWE remediation program?
- (a) If so:
- (i) What are names of the entities contracted?
- (ii) What is the value of each contract?
- (iii) When the entities first contracted?
- 7174 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE NSW POLICE FORCE—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Did the NSW Department of Health provide the NSW Police Force with the details of the people that breached public health orders by attending a gathering at a residence after a funeral at Pendle Hill on the 19th July 2021?
- (a) If the details of the individuals who attended the unlawful gathering were not provided:
- (i) Why were these details not provided to the NSW Police Force by the NSW Department of Health?
- 7175 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—ACTION TAKEN BY NSW POLICE IN BREACH OF HEALTH ORDERS—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What specific actions have been taken against the people who, in defiance of public health orders, attended a gathering at a residence following a funeral at Pendle Hill on the 19th July 2021?
- (a) If actions have not been taken against the individuals involved in this clear breach of public health orders:
- (i) Why have no actions been taken?
- 7176 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—FOOD POISONING—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) How many instances of food poisoning occurred in New South Wales for each reportable period in the following years:
- (a) 2015?
- (b) 2016?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) 2018?
- (e) 2019?
- (f) 2020?
- (g) 2021?

(2) Has the Government met its target of reducing food poisoning incidents by 30 per cent, as set out in the NSW Government Food Safety Strategy 2015 – 2021?

(a) If not, why not?

7177 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—SCORES ON THE DOORS—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) When was the program known as Scores on the Doors, a retail food safety program, introduced in New South Wales?

(2) Does the Minister believe the program is effective in promoting food safety in New South Wales?

(a) When was the program last reviewed?

(b) Is the program mandatory?

(i) If not, why not?

(c) If the program is not mandatory, will the Minister make it mandatory?

(i) If not, why not?

(d) How many councils currently participate in the program by:

(i) Number?

(ii) Percentage?

(e) Can the Minister provide a list of councils who currently do not participate in the program?

(f) Have any councils refused to participate in the program?

(i) If so, please provide a list of those councils?

7178 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BUILDING OCCUPATION—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) Who owns the building currently occupied, amongst other agencies, the NSW Food Authority located at 6 Ave of the Americas, Newington, NSW, 2127?

(a) What is the current value of the property?

(b) Is the Minister aware of any plan to dispose the property?

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