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* 7020 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—CHIEF COMMISSIONER BROWN—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Which New South Wales greyhound meetings has Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission (GWIC) Chief Commissioner Brown attended in person in the following years:
 - (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
- (2) What is the Chief Commissioner's remuneration in this role?

Answer—

- (1) A response to this question was made under Question on Notice LC 6561.
- (2) Commissioner remuneration is published in Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission annual reports.

* 7021 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—GREYHOUND WELFARE INTEGRITY COMMISSION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 6561, with regards to the Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission (GWIC) requirement for vicious dogs to be taken to Council pounds for assessment:
 - (a) What checking of local government staff has GWIC undertaken to ensure every Council in New South Wales has someone qualified to make these assessments?
 - (b) When was this requirement first communicated to greyhound industry participants in New South Wales?
 - (c) What data is available to GWIC on the proportion of vicious canines taken to Council pounds that are put down?
 - (i) What does this data show?

Answer—

The Commission has formally responded on matters relating to its Rehoming Policy in its 30 June 2021 response to supplementary questions as part of the Select Committee Inquiry into the Commission.

* 7023 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—VACCINES FROM REGIONAL NSW—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) What Health advice did the Government receive to justify its decision to transfer Pfizer vaccines from country New South Wales to HSC school children in Greater Sydney?
 - (a) What did the advice say?
- (2) How many vaccines are being transferred?
 - (a) What locations have they come from?
 - (b) What health services have they come from?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice LC 7024.

* 7024 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—VACCINES FROM REGIONAL NSW—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What Health advice did the Government receive to justify its decision to transfer Pfizer vaccines from country New South Wales to HSC school children in Greater Sydney?
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Answer—

On 5 August 2021, the Australian Government announced that NSW will receive 180,000 Pfizer doses that will be used to rebalance the supply which was redistributed from rural and regional areas of NSW.

* 7025 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—LOCKDOWN EXTENSION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In regards to the Minister to comments this week by the Chief Health Officer declaring that, “we know that lockdowns work:”
 - (a) Why has the Sydney, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollondilly and Illawarra lockdown failed to work, having been extended from two weeks to at least nine?

Answer—

COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially fatal condition. The Delta variant of COVID-19 poses additional challenges due to its highly infectious nature.

Restrictions, including stay-at-home requirements, help to prevent the rapid escalation of COVID-19 transmission and hospitalisations during an outbreak, particularly while many people in NSW have not yet been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Restrictions will be eased as soon as it is safe to do so.

* 7026 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—COVID-19 VACCINATED PUBLIC SERVANTS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

- (1) Does the Government intend to introduce a policy of requiring all New South Wales public servants to be COVID-19 vaccinated?

Answer—

It is not the practice of the NSW Government to make policy announcements in responses to questions on notice.

Information about COVID-19 vaccination in NSW is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw>

* 7028 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—COVID-19 VACCINATED POLICE AND EMERGENCY WORKERS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Does the Government intend to introduce a policy of requiring all New South Wales police and emergency service workers to be COVID-19 vaccinated?

Answer—

It is not the practice of the NSW Government to make policy announcements in responses to questions on notice.

Information about COVID-19 vaccination in NSW is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw>

* 7029 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—VACCINES FROM REGIONAL NSW—
The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What Health advice did the Government receive to justify its decision to transfer Pfizer vaccines from country New South Wales to HSC school children in Greater Sydney?
 - (a) What did the advice say?
- (2) How many vaccines are being transferred?
 - (a) What locations have they come from?
 - (b) What health services have they come from?

Answer—

This question falls under the responsibility of my colleague, the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon Brad Hazzard.

* 7030 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) MANUFACTURING GRANTS—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) Regarding the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Manufacturing Grants, how many businesses:
 - (a) Applied for the grant?
 - (b) Were rejected?
 - (c) Were awarded a grant?
- (2) How much of the total \$5 million has been awarded?
- (3) For the businesses awarded a grant, how many:
 - (a) Are proposing to pivot and retool in the future to produce PPE?
 - (b) Are already producing PPE?
 - (c) Have their primary PPE manufacturing operations based outside of New South Wales?
 - (d) Have their primary PPE manufacturing operations based in New South Wales?
 - (e) Are non-employing businesses?
 - (f) Are employing businesses?
- (4) How many jobs have been created as part of the grant program?
 - (a) Please provide a break down by grant recipient?
- (5) How many jobs have been retained as part of the grant program?
 - (a) Please provide a break down by grant recipient?
- (6) Please provide a list of every PPE manufacturing contact given out by the receiving company?
 - (a) For each company listed please provide the below details:
 - (i) How much money the Government provided?
 - (ii) What goods were manufactured?
 - (iii) What goods were brought?
 - (iv) When was the PPE ordered?
 - (v) When was the PPE delivered?

- (vi) Where was the PPE manufactured?
- (vii) Was the PPE manufactured in Regional New South Wales?

Answer—

Ten NSW manufacturers have received a share in \$5 million of NSW Government funding to produce personal protective equipment (PPE). The program ran to budget and supported domestic and international markets through COVID-19 and boost local jobs. The Program to Support Domestic Manufacturing of Personal Protective Equipment in NSW was designed to meet increased demand for PPE from industry and the community.

Throughout the application process, companies provided sensitive information and releasing this could reveal commercial-in-confidence information. Questions on specific company information should be directed to the relevant companies. Information on the application process is available on the Business NSW website.

* 7031 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GRIFFITH—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Concerns have been raised over the wellbeing of a newborn lamb brought in to interact with primary school children at St Patrick's Primary School Griffith on 26 July 2021, after pictures of the visit were posted on the school's Facebook page:
 - (a) Are you aware if there has been any investigation into this incident?
 - (i) If so, what was the outcome?
 - (b) Is there a lower limit on the age of an animal that can be brought to visit a New South Wales school?
 - (i) If so, what is this limit?
 - (c) How many animals are brought to primary schools each year from 'petting zoos' and other animal visits?
 - (d) What practices and policies does the Department of Education have in place to ensure the wellbeing of animals visiting schools?

Answer—

I am advised there has not been an investigation into the named incident.

The NSW Department of Education interprets the requirements of the *Animal Research Act 1985* (NSW) and the Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes. The Department offers advice for schools on the Animals in schools website at <http://nswschoolanimals.com/> and provides information about school responsibilities related to the use of animals for educational purposes in the Animal Welfare Policy – Schools on the Department's website at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0029>.

There is no lower limit on the age of an animal that can be brought to visit a NSW school, and schools are not required to collect data relating to the numbers of animals brought into schools.

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7197 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL DISSATISFACTION—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 Local Government—

- (1) The Snowy Valley Council's Community Satisfaction Survey only had 14 per-cent of residents from all over the Snowy Valleys Council area who rated the performance of the council as "good" or "very good" whereas 62 per-cent responded 'highly dissatisfied' with management of the council:

- (a) The Snowy Valley Council has rated below the New South Wales Regional Council average and is the lowest performing Council in the database:
- (i) What actions does the Minister intend to take to address the dissatisfaction of the constituents in the Snowy Valley Council?
 - (ii) Will the Minister consider changing direction by following the Independent Boundaries Commission's findings and recommend that the Snowy Valleys Council be demerged?
- 7198 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REGIONAL COUNCIL MERGERS—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 Local Government—
- (1) The Independent Boundaries Commission recommended to demerge Snowy Valleys Council after a 3 year process involving three separate proposals, public hearings, a record number of public submissions, and overwhelming community support for the demerger: 88 per-cent in the former Tumbarumba Shire, and 51 per-cent in Tumut:
 - (a) Why has the Minister refused to accept the independent Boundaries Commission recommendations to demerge Snowy Valleys Council?
- 7199 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—NSW HEALTH FUNDING ADVICE ON SEX TOYS AND ANAL SEX—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) I refer the Minister to the NSW Health Website entitled 'Play Safe'- playsafe.health.nsw.gov.au. This website provides advice on Covid-19 safe sex, mutual masturbation and sex toy cleaning advice. Additionally, there is a public forum with such topics as 'what is your favourite sex toy' and 'flavoured condoms yay or nay'. A government moderator on this forum also provides advice on how to perform anal sex:
 - (a) Is the Minister aware of this website?
 - (b) How much has this website cost the New South Wales taxpayer?
 - (c) Who approved this website?
 - (d) What provisions has NSW Health taken to prevent minors from accessing this material?
 - (e) Will the Minister remove this website as a matter of urgency?
 - (f) What safety provisions are in place to prevent paedophiles from accessing this forum designed for young Australians?
- 7200 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—SHOALHAVEN ZOO—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) In answers to questions on notice published on 9 August 2021, the Minister indicated that, at a recent audit of Shoalhaven Zoo, corrective action was raised in respect to the 'nutrition, hygiene and health' and 'records and procedures':
 - (a) When did the audit of Shoalhaven Zoo take place?
 - (b) Did Shoalhaven Zoo have advance notice that the audit was taking place?
 - (c) With respect to the corrective action raised relating to 'nutrition, hygiene and health', please provide details of:
 - (i) The specific non-conformances that the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) found at the audit, including which animals the non-conformances related to?
 - (ii) Whether the corrective action request was classified as 'minor', 'major' or 'critical'?
 - (iii) The specific corrective action that Shoalhaven Zoo was required to undertake?

- (d) With respect to the corrective action raised relating to ‘records and procedures’, please provide details of:
 - (i) the specific non-conformances that the DPI found at the audit?
 - (ii) whether the corrective action request was classified as ‘minor’, ‘major’ or ‘critical’?
 - (iii) the specific corrective action that Shoalhaven Zoo was required to undertake?
- (e) How long have Shoalhaven Zoo been given to undertake the corrective action?
- (f) When is the next inspection of Shoalhaven Zoo expected to take place?

7201 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—WORKPLACE INCIDENTS AT SHOALHAVEN ZOO—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) In answers to questions on notice published on 9 August 2021, the Minister indicated that SafeWork NSW has received notifications in relation to four workplace incidents at Shoalhaven Zoo in the last five years (excluding the 2020 lion attack):
 - (a) What are the details of each of these four notifications?
 - (b) Were these notifications a result of a report from a member of the public or an employee of Shoalhaven Zoo?
 - (c) Why did these notifications not result in a full investigation or prosecution action?

7202 CUSTOMER SERVICE—SUPPORT PACKAGES—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) For the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
 - (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
 - (c) Number of successful recipients for each State Electorate?
 - (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?
- (2) For the COVID-19 Micro Business Grants, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
 - (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
 - (c) Number of successful recipients for each State Electorate?
 - (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?
- (3) For the COVID-19 Business Grants, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
 - (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
 - (c) Number of successful recipients for each State Electorate?
 - (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?
- (4) For the JobSaver program, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
 - (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
 - (c) Number of successful recipients for each State Electorate?
 - (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?
- (5) For the payroll tax reduction measure, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?

- (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
- (c) Number of successful recipients for each State Electorate?
- (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?

7203 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—SUPPORT PACKAGES—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) For the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
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- (4) For the JobSaver program, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
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 - (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?

7204 TREASURER—SUPPORT PACKAGES—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) For the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, please provide:
 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?
 - (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
 - (c) Number of successful recipients for each State Electorate?
 - (d) Total dollar amount provided for each State Electorate?
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 - (a) Number of successful recipients for each Local Government Area?

- (b) Total dollar amount provided for each Local Government Area?
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- (3) For the COVID-19 Business Grants, please provide:
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7205 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HEAVY VEHICLE SPEEDING CAMERA OFFENCES—The Hon. John Graham 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) For each month from January 2016 to June 2021 inclusive:
- (a) How many speeding infringement notices were issued through the mobile speed camera program for offences in heavy vehicles?

7206 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SOUTH EAST SYDNEY BUS CHANGES—The Hon. Mark Buttigieg 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) What are the results of the Government community consultation survey that was conducted for the South East Sydney Bus Changes?
- (2) Can you please provide all results of the Government community consultation survey that was conducted for the South East Sydney Bus Changes?
- (a) If not, why not?

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