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\* 7098 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—BLUE WREN FARM—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) Why has the Government granted \$146,980 to the Blue Wren Farm in Mudgee for the creation of a Barn Restaurant?
  - (a) What funding program was the money allocated from?
  - (b) Who initiated the grant?
- (2) Why can't the Blue Wren Farm as a profitable enterprise fully fund its own business expansion and capital works into the Barn Restaurant?
- (3) What role did the Member for Dubbo play in securing the government money for Blue Wren Farm?
- (4) Was there a competitive process in the determination of funding?
- (5) In the 2020/21 financial year, what other private enterprises in New South Wales have received government funding for capital works and facility expansion?
  - (a) What are the details?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.

\* 7101 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN—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) On what basis has the Government changed its vaccine rollout to include children over the age of 16?
- (2) What studies and/or clinical trials have taken place to confirm the safety of COVID-19 vaccinations for children over the age of 16?

Answer—

(1-2) The Australian Government leads the national COVID-19 vaccine program.

Supporting regulatory documents relating to the Therapeutic Goods Administration's provisional approval of COMIRNATY for use in individuals 12 years and older can be found on the TGA website.

\* 7103 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—DEFENCE STRATEGY—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey 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) Given the answer to Question on Notice 6866:
  - (a) Why did you announce funding for the Defence Strategy on 12 November 2020 and 22 June 2021 if the Defence Strategy does not fall under your portfolio?

Answer—

The referred media releases include measures across the entire Industry and Trade portfolio. While some sector strategies are part of the Jobs and Investment portfolio, the funding was approved as part of a larger package and therefore referenced.

\* 7104 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—CYBERCRIME OFFENCES IN NSW—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Given that question on notice number 6871 answered on 5 August 2021 reported that “State Crime Command receives and triages approximately 1,000 referrals per month in relation to cybercrime, many of which are sent to Police Area Commands and Police Districts for investigation” and “over the past 18 months the Cybercrime Squad has charged 34 people for 510 offences”:
- (a) What is the break-down of the 510 offences by offence category?
- (b) Did any of the 510 offences relate to racist or online abuse?
- (i) If yes, how many?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The number of offences will vary over time, as new offences may be recorded against an individual previously charged, or they may be withdrawn. The top seven applicable offences for the last 18 months include:
- Possess identify information with the intention of committing, or facilitating the commission of an indictable offence.
  - Dealing with identity information with the intention of committing, or facilitating the commission of an indictable offence.
  - Fraud – Dishonestly obtains financial advantage, or causes financial disadvantage by deception.
  - Knowingly dealing with the proceeds of crime with intent to conceal that it is proceeds of crime.
  - Knowingly dealing with the proceeds of crime.
  - Recklessly dealing with the proceeds of crime.
  - Participating in a criminal group.
- (b) No

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7279 CUSTOMER SERVICE—TOLLS—The Hon. John Graham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Which Minister is responsible for the Toll Relief Program?
- (2) Under agreement or understanding permits the provision of tolling data to Service NSW by toll collecting companies including, but not limited to, Linkt?
- (3) Which private companies provide tag-level tolling data to Service NSW?
- (4) Which other Government agencies have access to Linkt and other providers’ tolling data?
- (5) What is the basis of the arrangement between Service NSW and these providers?
- (a) Is this arrangement in written form?
- (i) If it is in written form, what is the title of the document?
- (ii) If it is in written form, please provide a copy of the document?
- (6) Are there constraints on Service NSW use of Linkt data?
- (a) If so, what are these constraints?

- (7) How often is tolling data provided to Service NSW?
- (8) In what format is tolling data provided to Service NSW?
- (9) Is data provided to Service NSW in summary format (that is, de-identified and aggregated), for instance for monitoring or decision and policy making?
- (a) If so, please provide the most recent summary data?
- (10) With respect to the Large Recreational Vehicle Toll Rebate scheme, how does the money flow between the Government, Transurban and/or Linkt and the claimant?
- (11) How many claims were paid under the Large Recreational Vehicle Toll Rebate scheme in respect of each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021- to date?
- (12) What is the total paid to claimants under the Large Recreational Vehicle Toll Rebate scheme in respect of each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021- to date?
- (13) Under what arrangement does Service NSW access toll data from:
- (a) Sydney Harbour Bridge?
- (b) Harbour Tunnel?
- (14) Is this data made available from Linkt or another source?
- (a) If it is from Linkt:
- (i) Is the Minister aware of whether Transurban also has access to Bridge and Tunnel data?
- (b) If not from Linkt:
- (i) How is this data provided to Service NSW?
- (15) Are there any constraints on Service NSW use of Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel toll data?
- (a) If so, what are these constraints?
- (16) From the data available to Service NSW, how many tags paid at least one toll on the Sydney toll roads it serves for:
- (a) Consumer tags in the following financial years:
- (i) 2019-20?
- (ii) 2020-21?
- (b) Commercial tags in the following financial years:
- (i) 2019-20?
- (ii) 2020-21?
- (c) All tags in the following financial years:
- (i) 2019-20?
- (ii) 2020-21?
- (17) What is the toll level (in dollars) of the tag with the highest toll burden in 2020-21 among:
- (a) Commercial account holders?
- (b) Consumer account holders?

- (18) What is the toll level (in dollars) of the tag with the highest toll burden among all tags in the following financial years:
- (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?

7280 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HOSPITALISED PROTESTERS—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) On 25 August 2021 numerous media outlets attributed the following quotes to Minister Hazzard:

*In regard to the demonstration, can I just say, you'd have to be reasonably certain that a number of those people who have ended up in our hospitals were at that large demonstration, Mr Hazzard said.*

*"A demonstration is completely wrong when you are in the middle of a pandemic and to think there were people who went along in vast numbers and actually thought it was okay to go and demonstrate against the sorts of safeguards that have been put in place is just ridiculous.*

*"I have no doubt that there are probably people sitting in our hospital system at the moment requiring our health staff to put their lives at risk to look after them when they thought that it was okay to go along to a demonstration."*

- (a) How many people that have attended hospitals with the COVID-19 virus have been confirmed as attending any demonstrations?
  - (i) What demonstration did they attend?
  - (ii) What date did they attend hospital?
  - (iii) Which hospital did they attend?
- (b) How many people who have contracted the COVID-19 virus have contracted it from any outdoor venue?
  - (i) What was the venue?
  - (ii) What date did they contract the virus?
- (c) Was the Minister in possession of any confirmed reports of people contracting the virus at any demonstration prior to making these comments?

7281 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PRIORITY VACCINE PROGRAM FOR POLICE FAMILIES—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) The NSW Police Association wrote to the Minister on 29 July 2021 requesting the Minister implement a priority vaccine program for the families of NSW Police Officers serving on the front line of COVID-19 enforcement duties:
- (a) When will you implement such a program?
  - (b) If you do not implement a priority program:
    - (i) Why not?

7282 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—FAMILY IS CULTURE REVIEW REPORT—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) In regards to the Family is Culture Review Report 2019 delivered to the then Minister for Families and Communities, Mr Gareth Ward:
- (a) In the time since the recommendations were first made in November 2019:

- (i) How many Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children have been removed from their families?
- (b) Why is the legislative review of the Recommendations concerning changing care and protection legislation scheduled for 2024 and not earlier?
- (c) What would prevent the Government from bringing that review forward, for example, to 2022?
- (d) Please identify those recommendations that have been implemented:
  - (i) In part?
  - (ii) In full?
  - (iii) Yet to be implemented?

7283 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES IN DEFAMATION ACTION AGAINST JORDAN SHANKS—Mr Justin Field 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) Has the Deputy Premier used to date any public money or resources, including Departmental or Ministerial Staff time in regards to his defamation action against Jordan Shanks?
  - (a) If yes, what resources have been used?
- (2) Will the Deputy Premier use any public money or resources, including Departmental or Ministerial Staff time in regards to his defamation action against Jordan Shanks?
- (3) Will any legal costs incurred by the Deputy Premier in regards to his defamation case against Jordan Shanks be paid by or recovered from public monies?

7284 ATTORNEY GENERAL—BISHOP DANIEL FRAUD ALLEGATION—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) I refer to you receiving allegations of criminal fraud and other matters in November 2018 relating to the activities of Bishop Daniel head of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Australia:
  - (a) Did you report the allegations of fraud and other serious matters to the NSW Police Force for investigation?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (b) Did you report the allegations of fraud and other serious matters to the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (c) In any event, what follow up action have you taken since November 2018?

7285 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—JERVIS BAY CRUISE SHIPS—The Hon. Penny Sharpe to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the current status of protection for Jervis Bay in regards to the entry and use of the bay by cruise ships?
- (2) Can you confirm any plans currently underway to allow cruise ships to have access to Jervis Bay?
- (3) Please provide the following information regarding any permits that have been issued to cruise ship operators to access Jervis Bay during the following financial years:
  - (a) 2020-21?
    - (i) By the name or incorporated body of the applicant?
    - (ii) By duration of proposed activities?

- (iii) By size, capacity and registration of vessels/vehicles proposed for use in the activity?
  - (b) 2019-20?
    - (i) By the name or incorporated body of the applicant?
    - (ii) By duration of proposed activities?
    - (iii) By size, capacity and registration of vessels/vehicles proposed for use in the activity?
  - (c) 2018-19?
    - (i) By the name or incorporated body of the applicant?
    - (ii) By duration of proposed activities?
    - (iii) By size, capacity and registration of vessels/vehicles proposed for use in the activity?
- (4) Please provide the following information regarding any permits that have been applied for by cruise ship operators to access Jervis Bay during 2020-21:
  - (i) By the name or incorporated body of the applicant?
  - (ii) By duration of proposed activities?
  - (iii) By size, capacity and registration of vessels/vehicles proposed for use in the activity?
  - (iv) By current status of permit application?

7286 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—JERVIS BAY CRUISE SHIPS—The Hon. Penny Sharpe 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) What is the current status of protection for Jervis Bay in regards to the entry and use of the bay by cruise ships?
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  - (iv) By current status of permit application?

7287 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—CRUISE SHIPS ACCESS TO JERVIS BAY—The Hon. Penny Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) Can you describe any proposals, plans or strategies that are currently being developed or implemented to allow cruise ships to have access to Jervis Bay?

7288 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CRUISE SHIPS ACCESS TO JERVIS BAY—The Hon. Penny Sharpe 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) Can you describe any proposals, plans or strategies that are currently being developed or implemented to allow cruise ships to have access to Jervis Bay?

7289 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—FUNDING FOR WALKING AND MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Ms Cate Faehrmann 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 total \$80.4 million capital expenditure in the 2021-22 budget allocated ‘for signature multi-day walking experiences, including the Great Southern Walk (Illawarra)’:
  - (a) What amount is specifically allocated to the Great Southern Walk?
- (2) Of the funding allocated to the Great Southern Walk:
  - (a) What amount of funding is allocated to:
    - (i) Constructing new walking trails?
    - (ii) Remediating or repairing existing walking trails?
    - (iii) Expenditure for associated facilities such as camping or glamping facilities?
- (3) Within the total \$80.4 million expenditure noted above:
  - (a) What amount is allocated to the design or construction of mountain bike trails within the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area (IESCA)?
- (4) What amount of funding is allocated within the 2021-22 budget to the closure and remediation of unsanctioned mountain bike trails within the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area?
  - (a) Please provide details on the capital expenditure?
  - (b) Please provide details on the operational expenditure?

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