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(Paper No. 562)

\* 7179 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SEGREGATION OF STUDENTS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why did the Milton Public School segregate Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in its Olympics parade last month, with the students marching under different ‘national’ banners of Aboriginal and Australia?
  - (a) Is the Minister concerned that this segregation will encourage students to think of:
    - (i) Aboriginal as a separate country that should raise its own taxes and solve its own problems?
    - (ii) Each other as divided on the basis of race?
- (2) Will the Minister now instruct Milton and other government schools not to segregate their students on the basis of race?

Answer—

I am advised that on 24 June 2021, students at Milton Public School enjoyed a celebration of the Olympic ideals and activities during a Special Events Sports Day.

The opening ceremony involved an Acknowledgement of Country, Olympic Oath, National Anthem and the presenting and flying of the Olympic, Australian and Australian Aboriginal flags by representative student leaders. Student leaders who were part of the official party walked into the ceremony behind these flags. These students then joined their class groupings – which were aligned to countries other than Australia – to compete in the activities after the opening ceremony.

NSW public schools are places of inclusion. It is incredibly disappointing that the intended purpose of the opening ceremony – to promote the Olympic ideals and spirit of inclusive activities – has been misconstrued.

\* 7180 CUSTOMER SERVICE—SERVICE NSW APP DATA SAFETY—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) In 2020 more than 104 000 users of the Service NSW app had their data stolen through a cyber attack:
  - (a) Will the data gathered by the COVID Safe Check-In be deleted once the lockdowns and associated public health regulations are withdrawn?
  - (b) What assurances will the Minister provide users of the Service NSW app that their private details are actually safe?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) Service NSW holds check-in data (from the COVID Safe Check-in Tool) for a period of 28 days, from the date it was collected. If an individual’s contact details are not required by NSW Health, they are deleted at the end of the 28-day period in accordance with data purging process controls. No back-up copies of this data are retained.  
  
For reporting purposes only – Service NSW retains aggregate and de-identified headcount information relating to the time at which a person has entered a premise. This is to assess a participating COVID Safe venue’s compliance with COVID-19 rules.
  - (b) Service NSW takes reasonable security measures to protect all personal information we hold from loss, unauthorised access, use, modification, disclosure or other misuse – this includes the Service NSW app. Service NSW ensures that personal information is stored securely, not kept longer than necessary, and disposed of appropriately. Strong data encryption

mechanisms are also used to protect personal information during data transmission and storage.

Using the COVID Safe Check-In tool via the Service NSW app means that customers don't need to repeatedly provide personal information at each check-in – customers can access this by logging in with their MyServiceNSW Account or registering to use the tool as a 'guest'. Service NSW only collects an individual's contact details (including name, email address and phone number) as well as the details of the premise the individual attended and the time and date of their attendance. All check-in data held by Service NSW is stored in an encrypted database and is accessible only by NSW Health through a restricted authenticated interface for the purposes of COVID-19 contact tracing.

As noted above, if a customers' contact details are not required by NSW Health, the contact details are deleted by Service NSW at the end of the 28-day period in accordance with data purging process controls and no back-up copies of this data are retained. The Privacy Collection Statement for the COVID Safe Check-in outlines the data storage, retention and deletion requirements for the check-in tool, in detail. This is publicly available on the Service NSW website.

\* 7181 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—LAND DISPOSAL—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 Department of Regional NSW been requested to identify land and/or property for potential disposal?
  - (a) If so, has the Department commenced any process to identify land and/or property?
- (2) Has a target been set for any such disposal?
  - (a) If so, what is that target for this financial year and across forward estimates?
- (3) Can the Deputy Premier rule out the disposal of assets such as land and/or property by the Department of Regional NSW?
- (4) Can the Deputy Premier rule out the disposal of land and/or property under the control and/or ownership of the Department of Primary Industries?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) There are no plans.
- (4) There are no plans.

\* 7182 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN—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 vaccination records are parents required to provide for the purposes of enrolling their children in New South Wales kindergartens and schools?
- (2) What happens to children who are not vaccinated in respect of their school attendance?
- (3) Given the high rate of unvaccinated children in Byron Bay:
  - (a) What are the restrictions on the enrolment of unvaccinated students?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning.

\* 7183 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE RIOT—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Has an independent inquiry commenced into the Parklea Correctional Centre riots that occurred on Monday, 12 July 2021?
  - (a) If so, who is conducting the inquiry into the Parklea Correctional Centre riot?
  - (b) What is the reporting timeline for the inquiry?
- (2) If an independent inquiry into the Parklea Correctional Centre riot that occurred on Monday, 12 July 2021 has not commenced:
  - (a) Why has this not occurred?

Answer—

As at 13 August, I am advised:

The NSW State Coroner has jurisdiction under Part 3.3 of the Coroners Act 2009 to hold an inquiry concerning the fire at Parklea Correctional Centre. Corrective Services NSW is awaiting the Coroner's direction under the Act as to whether she will conduct an inquiry.

Internal reviews of the incident by Corrective Services NSW and also Management & Training Corporation Pty Ltd and Broadspectrum (Australia) Pty Ltd (MTC-BRS), as the private operator of the Parklea Correctional Centre, are currently underway.

As contractually required, the operator has engaged a senior correctional administrator with extensive operational and corporate experience across several Australian correctional jurisdictions, including New South Wales, to formally investigate the incident at Parklea Correctional Centre. Corrective Services NSW is awaiting the findings and results of the formal investigation, where any recommendations will be reviewed and implemented where necessary.

\* 7184 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM - YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRES—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Please advise how many Youth Justice employees have been fully vaccinated as of the 13 August 2021, broken down by:
  - (a) The total number?
  - (b) Each Youth Justice facility?
  - (c) The percentage of the total Youth Justice workforce in New South Wales?
- (2) Please advise how many Youth Justice employees have been partially vaccinated as of the 13 August 2021, broken down by:
  - (a) The total number?
  - (b) Each Youth Justice facility?
  - (c) The percentage of the total Youth Justice workforce in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Vaccinations are being pursued across Youth Justice.

Vaccinations are of utmost importance, which is being stressed to all staff across Youth Justice.

A directive has been issued to all Youth Justice staff, emphasising that vaccination remains our number one strategy for protecting young people, staff and their loved ones against serious complications that can arise from COVID-19 infection.

Youth Justice and NSW Health have provided, and continue to provide, regular opportunities for all staff to be vaccinated.

Information regarding vaccinations and the need to get vaccinated is also provided directly to Youth Justice detainees.

Medical experts from Justice Health continuously engage with the broader Youth Justice workforce, to prioritise vaccinations and safety.

Justice Health experts also lead all discussions with detainees on these matters.

\* 7185 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—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) I refer to the answer provided by the Minister in answer to Question on Notice 6940 which suggests that the randomness and unpredictability of mobile speed cameras saves lives, given that we are in lockdown and road volume is drastically diminished:

(a) What relevant evidence is the Minister basing his answer on?

(b) Does the Minister stand by a panopticon-style approach to road safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

Speed camera enforcement is one of the most effective, evidence-based measures to reduce speeding, save lives and prevent injuries.

Research and evaluation evidence has established that randomness/unpredictability is a key principle in the effective deployment of mobile speed cameras. A review of good practice regarding mobile speed cameras is publicly available on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

Between March and July 2020, while significant travel restrictions were in place for COVID-19, 54 per cent of all fatalities had speed as a factor. By comparison prior to COVID-19, speed was a factor in 35 per cent of fatal crashes for the same period in 2019. During the first 51 days of the current lockdown period, 32 people have died on roads, with speed-related fatalities at 31 per cent.

Pleasingly most people are doing the right thing and more than 98 per cent of drivers who are passing a mobile speed camera are not caught speeding.

\* 7186 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RACEHORSES—The Hon. Mark Pearson to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) How many New South Wales horses were reported as 'retired' from thoroughbred racing between August 1 2020 and July 31 2021?

(a) Of those reported as 'retired', what were the reasons given for their retirement?

(i) Please provide the number for each of these categories?

(2) How many New South Wales horses were reported as 'deceased' from the thoroughbred racing industry between August 1 2020 and July 31 2021?

(a) Of those reported as 'deceased', what were the reasons given for their death?

(i) Please provide the numbers for each of these categories?

Answer—

Racing NSW is established by the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 (the Act) as the controlling body for thoroughbred racing in this State. It does not represent the Crown and is not subject to control or direction by the Government.

Racing NSW's responsibilities under the Act and the Rules of Racing (Rules) include controlling, supervising and regulating thoroughbred racing, investigating and enforcing penalties for breaches of the Rules and initiating, developing and implementing relevant policies.

As such, these questions should be directed to Racing NSW.

\* 7187 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—EMERALD BEACH—The Hon. Mark Pearson 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) In regards to the case with Fiddaman Road at Emerald Beach:
  - (a) How is it that a nature reserve and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) defined wildlife corridor has been allowed to be desecrated through the common use of an unofficial, ungazetted road to the extent the road and surrounds is now being considered for a significant infrastructure project?
  - (b) Can the Minister explain the responsibilities of the Department in ensuring nature reserves and wildlife corridors, such as those at Emerald Beach, are kept free from human use as far as possible?
  - (c) Please explain what efforts have been made to protect this specific area to date?
  - (d) How is it legislatively possible for infrastructure of this nature (i.e. a playground) to be built in a nature reserve, particularly when NPWS itself considers the area a wildlife corridor?
- (2) Given the current work on the Coffs Harbour Bypass (part of the Pacific Highway Upgrade):
  - (a) Was the Department contacted about the impact of this upgrade on wildlife?
    - (i) If so, what correspondence took place?
    - (ii) What infrastructure is being established to allow the free movement of native animals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) The Hon. Mark Pearson MLC in his question on Fiddaman Road is referring to existing public facilities in Emerald Beach day-use area in Coffs Coast Regional Park. The day-use area is highly used by the local community and visitors to the coastal village with existing picnic facilities, playground, toilets, access road, parking and beach access tracks. Recently a master plan to replace and improve these facilities was exhibited through Coffs Harbour City Council's 'Have Your Say' website. Fiddaman Road provides access to the day-use area and beach. The road has existed for over 50 years and, as the road is on national park estate, there is no requirement for the road to be 'gazetted' or in a road reserve. In 2019, a survey of all 1000 properties in Emerald Beach indicated strong community support for the road to remain. From the 400 responses received, 74 per cent wanted the road to remain open.
  - (b) Emerald Beach day-use area is in Coffs Coast Regional Park and not in a nature reserve. Regional parks in NSW tend to be more modified and provide more recreational facilities than other types of reserves managed under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, such as national parks and nature reserves. The site of the day-use area has had a long history of farming and recreational open space and is a highly modified environment. Moonee Beach Nature Reserve is located adjacent to the regional park and includes the nearby Dammerel and Look At Me Now headlands. The nature reserve is primarily managed to conserve ecosystems, species and natural processes. The nature reserve only contains a carpark and paved walking tracks, designed and constructed to protect threatened species.
  - (c) Implementation of the exhibited master plan to improve facilities in the day-use area will assist in the protection of coastal vegetation through limiting where cars can drive and park. Creating more space on the eastern side of Fiddaman Road will enable enhancement of the dune vegetation. Walking paths are being designed to limit trampling of sensitive vegetation and the planting of coastal tree species, such as banksia and tuckeroos, throughout the day-use area will improve visitor amenity and provide environmental benefits. In addition, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), supported by Coffs Harbour City Council, undertakes an extensive annual program of environmental projects in Coffs Coast Regional Park including bush regeneration, pest control, fauna monitoring and fire management.

NPWS staff, contractors and 10 Landcare volunteer groups undertake these works to protect coastal vegetation and threatened species.

- (d) Emerald Beach day-use area is part of Coffs Coast Regional Park. Facilities, such as playgrounds, picnic areas, toilets, roads, walking tracks and car parking are appropriate facilities for a regional park. The *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and the adopted plan of management for the regional park permit these types of facilities. Many of the existing facilities are degraded after high levels of use over many years. The proposed replacement and upgrade of existing facilities aims to provide contemporary facilities that meet safety standards and community needs. Community feedback from the exhibition of the master plan has indicated strong community support for the proposed plan. Implementation of the master plan will include protecting and enhancing existing coastal vegetation providing benefits to wildlife.

(2)

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) The Department was consulted about biodiversity matters on eleven occasions between 2016 and 2021 during the environmental impact assessment process for the bypass.
  - (ii) The bypass has been designed with tunnels instead of cuttings to sustain existing key habitat connections for wildlife and includes infrastructure to allow the free movement of animals elsewhere along the route.

\* 7188 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—DEATHS IN CUSTODY—The Hon. Tara Moriarty to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Please advise how many deaths have occurred in the custody of Corrections NSW during the period of 1 January 2021 to 13 August 2021, broken down by:
  - (a) The total number?
  - (b) Each Corrections facility?
  - (c) Cause of death?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) 15
- (b) Long Bay Hospital – 5 deaths  
Parklea Correctional Centre – 3 deaths  
Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre – 2 deaths  
Metropolitan Special Programs Centre – 1 death  
Cessnock Correctional Centre – 1 death  
Silverwater Women’s Correctional Centre – 1 death  
South Coast Correctional Centre – 1 death  
Macquarie Correctional Centre – 1 death
- (c) All deaths in custody are subject to a Coronial inquest. The NSW Coroner has yet to determine the cause of the deaths referenced in 1(b).



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7360 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SUICIDE REGISTER—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) The suicide register was established with a purpose to provide timely data on suicide rates in New South Wales:
  - (a) Why has the register not been updated in the last three months?

7361 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—SUICIDE REGISTER—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) The suicide register was established with a purpose to provide timely data on suicide rates in New South Wales:
  - (a) Why has the register not been updated in the last three months?

7362 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many landlords have applied for the residential tenancy support package?
- (2) How many landlords have claimed a total of \$3,000?
- (3) How many landlords have made an additional claim for a further \$1500?
- (4) Since 10 August 2021:
  - (a) How many landlords waited less than 5 days to receive the \$1500 support package?
  - (b) How many landlords waited more than 7 days to receive the \$1500 support package?
  - (c) How many landlords waited more than 10 days to receive the \$1500 support package?
  - (d) How many landlords waited more than 20 days to receive the \$1500 support package?

7363 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—ICU BEDS—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 or quarter (or a similar appropriate small periodic interval) since July 2019 to the latest available data, please provide the following:
  - (a) The total number of ICU beds in New South Wales?
  - (b) The number of fully staffed ICU beds in New South Wales?
  - (c) The number of intensive care specialists employed in public hospitals?
  - (d) The number of nurses employed in public hospitals who have ICU critical care training?

7364 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE (GSA) CONNECT MATERIAL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Has the Minister or her Department authorised the distribution of Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Connect material in government schools, as organised by the teachers' unions and other gender fluidity activists?
- (2) Having promised to remove political material from the classroom:
  - (a) What action is the Minister taking to prevent the gender political activism of GSA Connect?

7365 PREMIER—LUDDENHAM METRO STATION SITE—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 representing the Premier—

- (1) Is the Premier aware of advice provided to Sydney Metro, arising from its examination of land acquisition at the Luddenham Metro station site, identifying problems with the Government process by which the Luddenham site was selected for a Metro station?
  - (a) If not, will the Premier now seek a briefing from Sydney Metro given that the problems identified reflect on the Premier's role when Minister for Transport?
- (2) Is the Premier aware of concerns arising from Sydney Metro's examination of land acquisition at the Luddenham Metro station that between 2011 and 2013 (that is, prior to any State strategic or development approval processes and the 2014 Federal announcement of construction of Badgerys Creek Airport) the Government promised the Celestino company that it would benefit from a rail/Metro station being built on the Celestino land at Luddenham?
  - (a) What discussions about this issue did the Premier have with Celestino (formerly EJ Cooper and Son) as NSW Minister for Transport during this period?
- (3) When did the Premier first become aware of the way in which the Celestino Sydney Science Park development masterplan lodged with Penrith Council in December 2013 identified the same rail/Metro route north of Badgerys Creek Airport and location of the Luddenham station now being used and acted on by the Government in the construction of the \$8 billion Western Sydney Airport Metro?
  - (a) What are the details?
  - (b) How did Celestino know of the Metro route alignment and Luddenham station location seven years before the Government publicly announced them in 2020?
    - (i) What role did the Premier play in this decision making process?

7366 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—LUDDENHAM METRO STATION SITE—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 representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What reports and advice has the Minister received from Sydney Metro arising from their examination of land acquisition at the Luddenham Metro station site regarding the way in which the Luddenham site was selected for a Metro station?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of concerns arising from Sydney Metro's examination of land acquisition at the Luddenham Metro station that between 2011 and 2013 (that is, prior to any State strategic or development approval processes and the 2014 Federal announcement of construction of Badgerys Creek Airport) the Government promised the Celestino company that it would benefit from a rail/Metro station being built on the Celestino land at Luddenham?
  - (a) How has the Minister responded to these concerns?
  - (b) Has the Minister sought to examine the relevant documents from the 2011-13 period?
    - (i) If so, what do they show?
  - (c) Has the Minister asked the then Transport Minister Gladys Berejiklian about her role in the transport infrastructure decision?
    - (i) If so, how did she respond?
- (3) When did the Minister first become aware of the way in which the Celestino Sydney Science Park development masterplan lodged with Penrith Council in December 2013 identified the same rail/Metro route north of Badgerys Creek Airport and location of the Luddenham station now being used and acted on by the Government in the construction of the \$8 billion Western Sydney Airport Metro?
  - (a) How did Celestino know of the Metro route alignment and Luddenham station location seven years before the Government announced them in 2020?

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- (4) From 2011 to 2020, prior to the announcement of the Western Sydney Airport Metro, what were the various preferred routes in NSW Transport planning documents for connecting the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport by rail/Metro?
- (5) When was the current route and Luddenham Station site for the Western Sydney Airport Metro first adopted in NSW Transport strategic planning?
- 7367 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND—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) Has the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) met Treasuries requirement of a 3 per-cent efficiency dividend for each year since 2018-19?
- (2) Please provide the amount represented in each financial year's efficiency dividend?
- (a) What sections of DPI have contributed to efficiency dividends?
- 7368 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—LAND MANAGEMENT—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 staff are employed in administering the land management code in the financial years:
- (a) 2019-20?
- (b) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (2) How long is the average waiting period for farmers for an appointment with a land management officer in the financial years:
- (a) 2019-20?
- (b) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (3) Will the report from the Agriculture Commissioner around right to farm issues be consulted on with those it is deemed to involve and effect?
- (4) Will current routine farming practices in the Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney and Central Coast areas covered by the Koala SEPP 2021 be impacted in the new guidelines?
- (a) If so, how?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 7369 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—MOUSE PLAGUE—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) Was the purchase of the bromadioline by the Government taken from the \$150 million mouse plague package announced earlier this year?
- (2) Has the Government received a refund from the bromadioline supplies it acquired?
- (a) If so how much?
- (3) In the initial \$50 million dollar mouse package, there was funding allocated to household and small business grants and also funds to support the use of bromadiolone (free baits for farmers):
- (a) As the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) rejected the permit for bromadiolone:
- (i) Where has the funding for bromadiolone grain treatment stations for farmers been allocation?

- (4) As it was initially intended to provide ‘free baits’ for farmers, has the money be invested in the farmer zinc phosphide rebate program?

7370 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY—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) The Rural Assistance Authority administers a large number of time sensitive Grants – including the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate, Flood Declaration Grants and Mice Rebates:
- (a) What is the current processing time for these payments?
  - (b) What percentage of applications are ineligible?
    - (i) Why?
  - (c) What resources are available to reduce the processing time?
  - (d) Have additional resources been directed in the current financial year?
    - (i) If not why not?
- (2) When is the Rural Assistance Act Strategic Review due?
- (3) What action has the Minister personally taken to date to engage with the Rural Assistance Authority Board on current and future directions for the Authority?

7371 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE—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) The Government has not committed a funding in the 2021-21 Budget to the Rural Financial Counsellor Service. Given this has been an ongoing allocation and that this service is recognised as critical to State administered drought and Natural Disaster Relief:
- (a) Why has this decision been made and when will funding be re-established?

7372 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—SEASONAL HARVEST WORKFORCE—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) Why hasn’t the Government offered financial support for the establishment of on-farm accommodation similar to Victoria’s Seasonal Workforce Accommodation Program (SWAP) which provides financial support for COVID-19 Safe accommodation and transport of seasonal workers across Victoria for the 2020/21 season?
- (2) Why hasn’t the Government offered financial support, similar to the Victorian and Queensland government, of a seasonal harvest sign on bonus to attract and retain agricultural workers for the upcoming harvest season?
- (3) Were these programs modelled and considered by the Government?
- (a) If so, why have they not been adopted?
  - (b) If no, why not?

7373 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—DRNSW STAFFING—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 is the budget of corporate services within Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW) for the following financial years:
- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
- (2) How many corporate services staff (in FTE equivalent) worked in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area for the following financial years:

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- (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (3) What was the total travel related costs for Sydney based staff employed by Department of Regional NSW in 2020-21?
  - (4) How many employees have relocated to each of the DRNSW offices outlined by the Deputy Premier during the March Budget Estimates in the following areas:
    - (a) Coffs Harbour?
    - (b) Armidale?
    - (c) Queanbeyan
    - (d) Dubbo?
  - (5) Where have the relocated workers come from?
  - (6) How many have come from the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area?
  - (7) How many corporate service staff have relocated to these regional centres?
  - (8) How many staff have relocated from Orange Department of Primary Industries to these centres?
  - (9) Have any staff have relocated from any other regional location (outside Sydney, Newcastle, Central Coast and Wollongong) to the these 4 offices centres?
- 7374 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—UNANDERRA STATION—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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) How many people provided feedback on the revised footbridge and lift proposal for Unanderra Station?
  - (2) How many supported the revised footbridge and lift proposal and how many objected to it?
  - (3) Are the plans for the station upgrade now finalised and approved?
    - (a) If not, when will they be approved?
  - (4) Has the construction contract been awarded?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) To which organisation has it been awarded?
      - (ii) On what date will construction of the lifts and footbridge commence?
  - (5) What is the revised total cost of the access upgrade project?
  - (6) Have investigations been completed to the provision of additional car parking spaces to the north of the current commuter carpark?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) How many car parks will be created?
      - (ii) When will they be available for use?
    - (b) If not, when will these investigations be completed?
  - (7) On what date is the upgrade projects in the first phase of the station upgrade be completed?
    - (a) What is the total cost of the first phase of the project?
- 7375 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE (GSA) CONNECT PROJECT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the South West Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) part of the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Connect project promoting gender fluidity and LGBTQIAP propaganda in New South Wales schools?
- (2) What evidence base is the SWSLHD relying on to say that the health of primary school students benefits from:
  - (a) Gender fluidity promotion?
  - (b) An awareness of pansexuality?
- (3) What consultation with the South West Sydney community did the SWSLHD engage in before participating in the GSA Connect initiative?
- (4) What evidence does the SWSLHD have that parents want the GSA for their children?

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