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(Paper No. 576)

\* 7350 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 DEATHS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) According to NSW Health classifications in 2020:
  - (a) How many people in New South Wales died:
    - (i) From COVID-19?
    - (ii) With COVID-19?
- (2) According to NSW Health classifications in 2021:
  - (a) How many people in New South Wales died:
    - (i) From COVID-19?
    - (ii) With COVID-19?

Answer—

COVID-19 deaths are defined in the COVID-19 Communicable Diseases Network Australia National Guidelines for Public Health Units:

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm>

COVID-19 weekly surveillance reports, which include information on COVID-19 deaths in NSW, are published at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/weekly-reports.aspx>

\* 7351 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—CELESTINO SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK (SSP)—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How has the Minister and the Department responded to the November 2018 requests of the Celestino Sydney Science Park (SSP), in their submission to the Aerotropolis LUIP process for:
  - (a) Removing the SSP 3,400 residential cap to be replaced by 30,000-plus dwellings?
  - (b) Increasing the size of the SSP 30,000 square metre retail centre to become a 130,000 square metre regional centre?
  - (c) Lifting the height limits on residential housing at the Luddenham Metro station from 24 metres to 70?
  - (d) Removing the GFA cap on SSP non-residential to allow 1.5 million square metres?
  - (e) Including the Celestino North Luddenham land holding in the Northern Gateway precinct, to consolidate the full parcel of Celestino lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The request to remove from the 3,400 residential dwelling cap for the Sydney Science Park has not been supported.  
 Following consideration of submissions to the Aerotropolis Stage One LUIP, the Western Sydney Planning Partnership in the preparation, subsequent public exhibition and finalisation of the of the draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan, enforced the 3,400 cap on residential dwellings across the Sydney Science Park site.
- (b) The rezoning of the SSP site on 28 October 2016 amended the *Penrith Local Environmental Plan* to permit up to 30,000 square metres of retail for the SSP site. These planning controls will continue to apply until such time as a precinct plan is in force for the SSP site.

The Draft Precinct Planning package for the Aerotropolis acknowledges the SSP site as Strategic Centre, providing a specialised land use focus, whether health and education or aerospace and defence as an agglomeration of uses, supported by other mix of uses, including residential uses.

The Draft Precinct Planning package for the Aerotropolis for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis does not include a specific figure for the square metres of retail suitable for the Sydney Science Park.

- (c) The Draft Precinct Planning package for the Aerotropolis identified building height limits for the Sydney Science Park site ranging from 20m to 45m in the area around the Luddenham metro station.
- (d) The Draft Precinct Planning package for the Aerotropolis acknowledges the SSP site as a Strategic Centre, providing a specialised land use focus, whether health and education or aerospace and defence as an agglomeration of uses, supported by other mix of uses, including residential uses.

The Draft Precinct Planning package for the Aerotropolis for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis does not include a cap on the square meters of non-residential development for the Sydney Science Park.

- (e) The Celestino lands within North Luddenham are within a non-initial precinct. The rezoning of additional land for employment purposes, such as areas of the North Luddenham Precinct, have not been supported as there are more than 5,000 hectares of employment land already identified and rezoned in the initial precincts. Adding more land could make it unviable for the initial precincts to be a catalyst for development.

\* 7352 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SPECIAL (STATE) INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION PLAN—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In the Minister's 12 November 2020 announcement of a Special (State) Infrastructure Contribution Plan for the Aerotropolis:
  - (a) Why did the Minister exempt all education space?
  - (b) What representations did the Minister receive from Celestino Sydney Science Park for the exempting of education space?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) Anyone who is subdividing or developing on land zoned Mixed Use, Enterprise, Industrial or Agribusiness within the Aerotropolis Special Contributions Area will be required to make a contribution under the proposed Special Infrastructure Contributions for Western Sydney Aerotropolis except for exempt development.  
  
Amongst other things, a contribution is not required to be made for developments for the purpose of school and education establishments. As SIC provides funding towards educational facilities, it is not therefore necessary to collect a contribution from development of that type. The purpose of the SIC is to support the delivery of state and regional infrastructure to support growth. This includes acquiring land for school sites.  
  
This approach is consistent with adopted Special Infrastructure Contributions across NSW.
  - (b) No representation was received from Celestino Sydney Science Park for the exempting of education space.

\* 7353 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—WEAR IT PURPLE DAY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What has been the outcome of the investigation into the LGBTIQ party held at Mt Druitt police station on Wear It Purple day during the hard lockdown in that Local Government Area and possible breach of Public Health Orders?
- (2) Will the Minister now cancel Wear It Purple day as an event for the NSW Police given its inappropriate and at times dangerous distraction from genuine police duties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The North West Metropolitan Region conducted enquiries and no evidence was found confirming a breach of the Public Health Orders.
- (2) The NSW Police Force supports Wear It Purple Day, as it does other awareness days. The mission of the NSW Police Force is to work with all communities to reduce violence, crime and fear, and their support for Wear It Purple Day works towards achieving that mission. As Minister, I was disappointed to hear that such an event was held in a LGA of concern during lockdown.

\* 7354 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—EVERYONE CAN PLAY GRANT PROGRAM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many applications were received for the 2021-22 Everyone Can Play grant program?
- (2) How many New South Wales councils applied for funding under the 2021-22 program?
  - (a) Was this an increase in applications from local councils from each other previous rounds of this funding?
    - (i) If so, what was the increase in number?
    - (ii) If not, what was the decrease in number?
- (3) How many State Government agencies applied for funding under the 2021-22 program?
  - (a) Was this an increase in applications from agencies from each other previous rounds of this funding?
    - (i) If so, what was the increase in number?
    - (ii) If so, which agencies applied in the 2021-22 program, which did not apply in previous rounds?
    - (ii) If not, what was the decrease in number?
- (4) Have all of the projects funded in each previous round of the program been completed?
  - (a) If not, which remain to be completed?
- (5) What were the factors for not yet completed projects from previous rounds of funding?
- (6) Is the reason the 2021-22 fourth round of funding will be the final round in the grant program because there is no more money available under the program?
  - (a) If not, what are the other factors for this being the final round of the program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 54.
- (2) 43.
  - (a) The previous 2020–21 round received 71 applications (62 of which were eligible)

- (i) N/A
- (ii) 28
- (3) Two.
  - (a) NSW Government agencies were not eligible to apply in previous rounds.
- (4) The status of funded projects can be found on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Great Public Spaces Social Pinpoint webpage at <https://dpie.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/great-public-spaces#/>
- (5) Some projects are not yet due to be completed. For those that have been delayed, various factors have influenced project schedules, including procurement and supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (6) Everyone Can Play was established as a \$20 million program. All funds will have been allocated following the 2021–22 round.

\* 7355 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are all councils in New South Wales required to prepare a Local Housing Strategy?
  - (a) If so, have all councils in New South Wales done so?
    - (i) Please list the councils?
    - (ii) Please provide the date the Local Housing Strategy were published?
    - (iii) Please list the councils that have not yet published a Local Housing Strategy?
- (2) Where are the Local Housing Strategies that have been published found?
- (3) Have all the Local Housing Strategies that have been published been approved?
  - (a) If not, which were refused?
- (4) What is the process if the Department refused to approve a Local Housing Strategy?
- (5) How is a council's Local Housing Strategy monitored for compliance with approval by the Department?
- (6) How is non-compliance with a council's Local Housing Strategy addressed by the Department?
- (7) How are the Implementation and Delivery Plan of each council monitored?
- (8) How often are the Implementation and Delivery Plan of each council monitored?
- (9) Have all councils Implementation and Delivery Plans been assessed?
- (10) Are each council's Implementation and Delivery Plans published?
  - (a) If so, where can the Plans be found?
- (11) What is the 6-10 year housing target for each council's Local Housing Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The requirement to prepare a local housing strategy (LHS) applies to councils in the Greater Sydney Region. Councils outside of this area may choose to produce a LHS to demonstrate how they are meeting the actions and requirements of the relevant Regional Plan.  
Relevant details for LHS for Sydney councils under assessment or approved by the Department are available at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/local-housing-strategies-tracker](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/local-housing-strategies-tracker).
- (2) Refer to (1).
- (3) Yes.

- (4) No strategies have been refused.
- (5) Under the conditions of approval, councils are required to provide the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) with a detailed Implementation and Delivery Plan. The Department will use this to monitor the performance of each council's commitments to achieve the actions and objectives of their strategies.
- (6) The Department will assess compliance when considering rezoning requests from Councils. The Department will also receive regular reports from councils regarding Implementation and Delivery Plan progress.
- (7) Councils have been provided a timeframe in their approvals to submit Implementation and Delivery Plans to the Department.
- (8) This will depend on the relevant council and the scope of actions identified in the LHS. Councils have been asked to provide a timeframe (in months) for regular monitoring of their Implementation and Delivery Plan.
- (9) Some councils did include an Implementation and Delivery Plan as part of the LHS, but to ensure consistency the Department has provided an Implementation and Delivery Plan template for councils to use to inform the Department and agencies of their program and to ensure suitable project management of each action in the LHS.
- (10) A council may choose to publish its Implementation and Delivery Plan on its website as they are the responsibility of local councils.

Refer to <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/local-housing-strategies-tracker>.

\* 7356 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—GOVERNMENTS BUY REGIONAL WEBSITE—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) Are businesses located in the Wollongong local government area eligible to list on the Government's Buy Regional website?

Answer—

Regional NSW is defined as all Local Government Areas outside of Metropolitan Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

\* 7357 TREASURER—ICARE—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Has icare resumed paying bonuses?
  - (a) If so, please list how much has been paid to each person by their job title?
- (2) Has icare's board agreed to any key performance indicators ("KPIs") with the icare Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Please list the KPIs?
    - (ii) Has the CEO met them?
    - (iii) When were the KPIs most recently assessed?
    - (iv) When will they be next assessed?
- (3) Has icare's board agreed KPIs with the icare General Executive (Workers Compensation)?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Please list the KPIs?
    - (ii) Has the General Executive (Workers Compensation) met them?
    - (iii) When were the KPIs most recently assessed?

- (iv) When will they be next assessed?
- (4) Has icare hired a new Head of Engagement?
- (a) If so:
- (i) Who was the successful candidate?
- (ii) What was the process used to identify this candidate?
- (iii) Who does the head of engagement report to?
- (iv) Who in iCare authorised the hiring decision?
- (5) How many times has icare used the exemption under the Workers Compensation Nominal Insurer exemption, to part 11 of the *Public Works and Procurement Act 1912*, per section 154a(4) of the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*?
- (a) Please list each use of this exemption?
- (b) Why were these exemptions used?
- (c) Was each exemption approved by the board?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (a) N/A
- (2) Yes.
- (a)
- (i) Please see Tab A. It should be noted that some metrics require baseline results from new surveys that have been deployed and are awaiting results.
- (ii) The KPIs cover an 18-month period inclusive of FY22. Outcomes will not be known until then.
- (iii) The Board discusses the CEO's performance on a regular basis. A formal discussion and assessment of the CEO's performance against his KPIs will be conducted by the Board at the end of the performance year, following finalisation of results.
- (iv) See response to 2 (a)(iii).
- (3) Yes.
- (a)
- (i) Please see Tab B. It should be noted that some metrics require baseline results from new surveys that have been deployed and are awaiting results.
- (ii) The KPIs cover a period inclusive of FY22. Outcomes will not be known until then.
- (iii) The CEO provides feedback to the Group Executive, Workers Compensation on her performance on a regular basis. An informal review and performance discussion will take place mid-year, followed by a formal discussion and assessment of performance that will take place at the end of the performance year, following finalisation of results.
- (iv) See response to 3 (a)(iii).
- (4) No.
- (a)
- (i) N/A
- (ii) N/A
- (iii) N/A



(iv) N/A

- (5) In August 2020, the icare Board instructed icare management that the Workers Compensation Nominal Insurer exemption, to part 11 of the *Public Works and Procurement Act 1912*, per section 154a(4) of the *Workers Compensation Act 1987*, may no longer be utilised to procure goods and services unless the express authorisation of the Board is obtained, and only in exceptional circumstances.

This position was formalised in icare's Procurement Policy in November 2020 and in icare's Procurement Approvals Framework in July 2021. Noting this, there have been nine instances where the Board approved contracts under the NI exemption for the period of September 2020 - 20 September 2021. The majority of these have been for the purposes of extending existing contracts that exist for the purposes of enabling time to remediate with a fully compliant RFP at a later date.

All active contracts, including those that were previously listed with a zero total value, are listed on the NSW eTendering website in line with requirements under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

\* 7358 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE PLAN—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) On 2 September 2021 the NSW Farmers Federation released their 10 Point Agricultural Workforce Plan to tackle the seasonal labour shortage in the agricultural sector. The first reported case of COVID-19 was recorded in Australia on 25 January 2020:
- (a) Over eighteen months after the first reported case of COVID-19 in this country does the Government have a clear plan for addressing the labour shortage of seasonal agricultural workers for New South Wales?
- (i) If so, what is that plan?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Government accept the NSW Farmers 10 Point Agricultural Workforce Plan to tackle the seasonal labour shortages in the agricultural sector?
- (a) If so, when will they acknowledge their intention?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes.
- (i) The NSW Government is currently implementing a range of actions, which will complement existing measures, to help industry address the labour shortage.
- (2) The NSW Farmers Workforce Plan is currently being considered by Government.

\* 7359 PREMIER—MEETING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORS—The Hon. Rod Roberts 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) It is reported that the twelve Mayors of the Sydney COVID-19 hot spot areas requested a meeting to discuss their concerns about the impact of the lockdown on their local communities with the Premier, and that the Premier refused the meeting and referred the Mayors to the Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock:
- (a) Given the very high impact of COVID-19 infections in these local government areas why didn't the Premier take this meeting personally?

Answer—

I had productive meetings with the mayors representing LGAs of concern on Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

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\* 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?

Answer—

Information on the Government's residential tenancy support payments including the number of applications received, number of applications approved or declined and the total amount released can be found on the Fair Trading website. As of September 23, over 85% of applications have been processed within 24 hours with payments made to the landlord or managing agent within 14 days.

**23 SEPTEMBER 2021**

(Paper No. 591)

7572 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—KAMMOUN V COMMISSIONER OF POLICE—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In the matter of *Kammoun v Commissioner of Police*, NSW Police Force [2021] NSWCATAD 273, Senior Constable Sachin Raj and Senior Constable Michael Matic both made multiple claims in their respective statements about an incident involving Mr Kammoun on 2 September 2020, that under cross examination were found to be false and omitted key events:
  - (a) Was Senior Constable Raj investigated by the NSW Police Force Professional Standards Command?
    - (i) Was any disciplinary action taken?
    - (ii) If so, what action was taken?
  - (b) Was Senior Constable Matic investigated by the NSW Police Force Professional Standards Command?
    - (i) Was any disciplinary action taken?
    - (ii) If so, what action was taken?
  - (c) Does the Minister believe that it is 'in the public interest' for Senior Constable Raj and Senior Constable Matic to remain employed as sworn officers in the NSW Police Force?
  - (d) Does the Minister believe that Senior Constable Raj and Senior Constable Matic are 'fit and proper' persons, to be employed by the NSW Police Force?

7573 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SYDNEY WATER - SYDNEY SCIENCE PARK—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- (1) In September 2015 did Sydney Water respond to the proposed Sydney Science Park (SSP) rezoning at Penrith City Council by saying that:
- (a) “It does not have an integrated water servicing strategy for the proposed development and has made no additional system capacity allowance for the servicing of the project”?
  - (b) “Sydney Water will not be funding trunk or lead-in infrastructure for the proposed science park development”?
  - (c) “The proponent is required to prepare an integrated water management plan that considers water, wastewater (including centralised and decentralised treatment) and storm water”?
  - (d) “The proponent will be required to demonstrate that the servicing of the project will be at no cost to the Government, including Sydney Water”?
- (2) Why did the Minister announce in December 2020 a partnership arrangement between Sydney Water and the SSP whereby Sydney Water would invest \$200 million to build an integrated water system and associated infrastructure at the SSP, initially with the capacity to produce 1.2 million litres of water each day?
- (a) Why did Sydney Water change its position from September 2015?
- (3) What role did the Minister play in breaking the ‘no cost to government’ position at the SSP by making a \$200 million funding contribution to the proponent, Celestino?
- 7574 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SYDNEY WATER AND CELESTINO DEAL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) In the preparation of media material for the announcement of the Sydney Water/Celestino \$200 million funding deal at the Sydney Science Park in December 2020:
- (a) On what scientific basis did Sydney Water project that “temperatures are likely to increase by between 5 to 10 degrees Celsius in Western Sydney by 2060”?
- 7575 ATTORNEY GENERAL—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) According to figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, there were 31,947 domestic violence related assaults between April 2020 and March 2021:
- (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
  - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
    - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- (2) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported in each of the following months:
- (a) April 2021?
    - (i) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (ii) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
    - (iii) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (b) May 2021?
    - (i) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (ii) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
    - (iii) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (c) June 2021?

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- (i) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (ii) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
    - (iii) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (3) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2019 and March 2020?
    - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
      - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (4) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2018 and March 2019?
    - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
      - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (5) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2017 and March 2018?
    - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
      - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (6) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2016 and March 2017?
    - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
      - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
  - (7) How many domestic violence related assaults were reported between April 2015 and March 2016?
    - (a) How many of these reported incidents involved domestic violence reoffenders?
    - (b) How many of these reported incidents involved grievous bodily harm?
      - (i) How many of the reported incidents involving grievous bodily harm involved reoffenders?
- 7576 ATTORNEY GENERAL—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) According to figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, there were 31,947 domestic violence related assaults between April 2020 and March 2021:
    - (a) How many people charged with a domestic violence assault over this period had been charged with domestic assault in the twelve months prior?
    - (b) How many people with a domestic violence assault over this period had been charged with domestic assault at any time in past?
    - (c) How many of these reported domestic violence related assaults resulted in charges?
- 7577 ATTORNEY GENERAL—BRIAN HOUSTON—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) What is the current status of the extradition of Brian Houston?

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- (2) When is it anticipated he will return to Australia to face court?
- (3) What steps are being taken to keep victims of child sexual abuse who may have a direct interest in this matter advised of the progress of this?
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- 7579 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SALARY PACKAGING—The Hon. Mark Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) In relation to Budget Estimates Health Supplementary question 84, “In relation to the salary packaging and the 50 per cent tax saving withheld from staff:
- (a) which department retains this money?
- (i) Is it Health or Treasury?
- (b) How much money was returned to Government due to withholding the 50 per cent in the 2020-21 year?
- (c) Is this policy being reviewed?
- 7580 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RECREATIONAL FISHING FEE RECEIPTS—The Hon. Mark Banasiak 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 breakdown of recreational fishing fee receipts by New South Wales postcode?
- 7581 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—KPMG—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) It has been reported that the Department of Education contracted the services of KPMG to conduct its consultation with stakeholders on the return to school plan:
- (a) What was the rationale behind hiring a KPMG to manage the consultation process on the proposed return to school plan as opposed to public servants within the Department of Education?
- (b) What additional skills and expertise in videoconferencing and basic communication that which wasn’t available within the Department of Education did KPMG possess to perform this role?
- (c) What is the total cost of this contract with KPMG in facilitating this consultation process?
- (d) How much money has been expended in the last 3 years by the Department on Education in hiring external companies to complete bodies of work?
- 7582 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL BOUNDARY CLEARING CODE—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) Considering that Bilpin has experienced significant bushfires in the past such as the 2019 Gosper’s Mountain Fire:
- (a) Why are landholders not able to clear their property of vegetation under the Rural Boundary Clearing Code to protect their families and properties from future bushfire attacks?

7583 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—COUNTER TERRORISM—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Given the Daily Telegraph article entitled "'Terrorists' go scot-free" published on September 23, 2021, in relation to suspects linked to the Irish Republican Army activity living in Australia and receiving an amnesty in the UK for the period up to 1998:
  - (a) How many people are under investigation or surveillance in New South Wales by the NSW Police Joint Counter-Terrorism Team (JCTI) in regard to this?

7584 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—COUNTER TERRORISM—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 Daily Telegraph article entitled "'Terrorists' go scot-free" published on September 23, 2021, in relation to suspects linked to the Irish Republican Army activity living in Australia and receiving an amnesty in the UK for the period up to 1998:
  - (a) How many people are under investigation or surveillance in New South Wales by the NSW Police Joint Counter-Terrorism Team (JCTI) in regard to this?

7585 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENTS CREATIVE CAPITAL PROGRAM—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—

- (1) Given the Minister announced that \$60 million would be made available through the New South Wales Government's Creative Capital program, will the Minister please provide the below details:
  - (a) How much of this money will be spent during the 2021-22 financial year?
  - (b) How much of this money will be spent during the 2022-23 financial year?
  - (c) How much of this money will be reserved for Minor Works and Equipment Projects?
  - (d) How much of this money will be reserved for Medium to Large Projects?
  - (e) How much of this money will be reserved for Indigenous projects?
  - (f) Will successful projects have mandated local supply requirements?
- (2) Given Create NSW has said that "Cultural equity is at the heart of the new Creative Capital Program and will ensure that more people have access to and can participate in the arts" will the Minister detail:
  - (a) How the awarding of grants will ensure "cultural equity"?
  - (b) How the awarding of the grants will ensure that "more people have access to and can participate in the arts"?
  - (c) What requirements are expected of prospective applications to show that they are exhibiting "cultural equity"?
- (3) What requirements are expected of prospective applications to show that they will "ensure that more have access to and can participate in the arts"?
- (4) Given the Creative Capital Program has a three tier system for co-contributions, will the Minister detail:
  - (a) If there is an allocated spending amount for each tier?
    - (i) If so, how much money will go to tier one?
    - (ii) If so, how much money will go to tier two?
    - (iii) If so, how much money will go to tier three?

7586 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—POWERHOUSE CONTRACT—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—

- (1) Given the awarding of the contract to build the Parramatta Powerhouse to Lendlease, will the Minister detail:
  - (a) How many jobs will be created directly by the project?
    - (i) How was that figure determined?
  - (b) How many jobs will be created indirectly by the project?
    - (i) How was that figure determined?
  - (c) Was there any mandated local supply attached to the contract?
    - (i) If so, will you provide a breakdown of what local supply has been mandated?
  - (d) Will there be an Australian Industry Participation Plan attached to the project?
    - (i) If so, will you provide us with a copy of this plan?

7587 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—SURF LIFE SAVING IN NATIONAL PARKS—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) Given 50 per cent of Sydney coastal water drownings during 2019-2020 occurred in National Parks:
  - (a) What work have you undertaken to support and implement Surf Life Saving Sydney proposals to provide lifesaving services in Sydney National Parks?
  - (b) Who holds the responsibility for coastal and beach safety, and drowning risk mitigation for identified drowning blackspots in the Royal and Kamay Botany National Parks?
  - (c) Why are the National Parks and Wildlife Service KPI and planning systems silent on the support and development of aquatic lifesaving services?
  - (d) Given in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, public use of coastal waters in New South Wales National Parks will increase substantially this summer:
    - (i) What will the Minister do to urgently commence lifesaving services to prevent drownings and injuries from swimming and rock fishing in our National Parks?

7588 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—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 the Department of Primary Industries:
  - (a) What is the total number of full-time equivalent employees in the Strategy and Engagement division?
  - (b) What was the total budget allocation for this division of the Department in 2020-21?
  - (c) What is a salary range for employees in this division of the Department?
  - (d) How many consultants and contractors were engaged by the unit last financial year?
  - (e) What was the total funds expended on contractors and consultants in the following financial years:
    - (i) 2020-2021?
    - (ii) 2021 to date?

7589 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—MOUSE PLAGUE SUPPORT PACKAGES—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 the Government's \$150 million mouse plague support packages:
- (a) How many applications from small businesses have been received?
    - (i) How many have been improved?
    - (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
    - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (b) What is the total value of the applications from small businesses that are yet to be assessed?
  - (c) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to small businesses as at 1 October 2021?
  - (d) How many applications from households have been received?
    - (i) How many have been approved?
    - (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
    - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (e) What is the total value of the applications from households that are yet to be assessed?
  - (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to households as at 1 October 2021?
  - (g) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
    - (i) How many have been approved?
    - (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
    - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (h) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
  - (i) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

7590 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ZINC PHOSPHIDE—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 the financial support for primary producers purchasing zinc phosphide:
- (a) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
  - (b) How many have been improved?
  - (c) How many applications have been rejected?
  - (d) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (e) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
  - (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government under this scheme to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

7591 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) With regard to Gunnedah High School, can you please provide the enrolment figures for:
- (a) The last five years for the following year groups:
    - (i) Year 7?
    - (ii) Year 8?
    - (iii) Year 9?
    - (iv) Year 10?



- (v) Year 11?
- (vi) Year 12?
- (b) The commencement of Term 1 2021 for the following year groups:
  - (i) Year 7?
  - (ii) Year 8?
  - (iii) Year 9?
  - (iv) Year 10?
  - (v) Year 11?
  - (vi) Year 12?
- (c) The end of term three of 2021 for the following year groups:
  - (i) Year 7?
  - (ii) Year 8?
  - (iii) Year 9?
  - (iv) Year 10?
  - (v) Year 11?
  - (vi) Year 12?

7592 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—MOUSE PLAGUE SUPPORT PACKAGES—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) In relation to the Government's \$150 million mouse plague support packages:
  - (a) How many applications from small businesses have been received?
    - (i) How many have been improved?
    - (ii) How many applications have been rejected?
    - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (b) What is the total value of the applications from small businesses that are yet to be assessed?
  - (c) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to small businesses as at 1 October 2021?
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    - (iii) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (h) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?

- (i) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

7593 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—UPPER HUNTER FUTURES REPORT FOR THE ILLAWARRA REGION—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 commissioned any research work similar to the Upper Hunter Futures report for the Illawarra region?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Who was commissioned to conduct the research?
    - (ii) When was the research commissioned?
    - (iii) What did the research find and recommend?
    - (iv) When will the research be publicly released?
  - (b) If not:
    - (i) Why not?
    - (ii) Will the Department now do so?
- (2) What was the total cost of the research for the Upper Hunter Futures report?

7594 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—ZINC PHOSPHIDE—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) In relation to the financial support for primary producers purchasing zinc phosphide:
  - (a) How many applications from primary producers have been received?
  - (b) How many have been improved?
  - (c) How many applications have been rejected?
  - (d) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
  - (e) What is the total value of the applications from primary producers that are yet to be assessed?
  - (f) What is the total amount of financial support issued by the Government under this scheme to primary producers as at 1 October 2021?

7595 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW CLUSTER—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) In relation to the Department of Regional NSW Cluster:
  - (a) What is the total number of full-time equivalent employees in the following cluster's:
    - (i) Internal and Ministerial Communications?
    - (ii) Regional Media, Communications and Engagement?
  - (b) What was the total budget allocation for the above two sections of the Department in 2020-21?
  - (c) What is a salary range for employees in these sections of the Department?
  - (d) How many consultants and contractors are engaged to work in these two units?
  - (e) In financial year 2020-2021, what was the total funds spent on contractors and consultants in the following two units:
    - (i) Internal and Ministerial Communications?

- (ii) Regional Media, Communications and Engagement?
- (f) In financial year 2021 to date, what was the total funds spent on contractors and consultants in the following two units:
  - (i) Internal and Ministerial Communications?
  - (ii) Regional Media, Communications and Engagement?

7596 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID POSITIVE PATIENTS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many New South Wales COVID positive patients have been referred to Royal Adelaide hospital for treatment since the 26 June 2021?
- (2) How many doctors or specialists have travelled from Adelaide to Broken Hill to treat COVID positive patients?
- (3) Have any COVID positive patients coming from Broken Hill been turned away from Royal Adelaide Hospital?
- (4) How many COVID patients are being treated in the Hospital in the Home program in Western NSW Local Health District (LHD)?
- (5) How many COVID patients are being treated in the hospital in the home program in the Far West LHD?
- (6) How often do supplies of PPE arrive at Dubbo Base Hospital?
- (7) How often do supplies of PPE arrive at Broken Hill Base Hospital?
- (8) Has the Western NSW LHD contacted private providers to supply health workers with PPE?

7597 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN OOHC—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number and percentage of Indigenous children in New South Wales that were returned from permanent care to their family in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021 to date?
- (2) What is the number and percentage of Indigenous children in out of home care (OOHC) that were transitioned from short to permanent care in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021 to date?
- (3) What is the number and percentage of Indigenous children OOHC that were transitioned from permanent care to adoption in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021 to date?

7598 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—NON-INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN OOHC—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number and percentage of non-Indigenous children in New South Wales that were returned from permanent care to their family in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021 to date?
- (2) What is the number and percentage of non-Indigenous children in out of home care (OOHC) that were transitioned from short to permanent care in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021 to date?
- (3) What is the number and percentage of non-Indigenous children OOHC that were transitioned from permanent care to adoption in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021 to date?

7599 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AREAS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) On 14 July 2021 the Government announced new support for renters and landlords impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown:
  - (a) Are you tracking rental debts accrued as part of the Residential Tenancy Support Payment?
  - (b) Are you tracking rental accruals as part of the Residential Tenancy Support payment?
- (2) How many tenants accrued arrears since 14 July 2021?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month from July 2021 to September 2021
  - (b) Please provide a broken down by Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (3) How many tenants had rent arrears waived between 14 July 2021 and 23 September 2021?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month?
  - (b) Please provide a breakdown by LGA?
- (4) How many tenants have accrued arrears between 15 April 2020 and 26 March 2021?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month?
  - (b) Please provide a breakdown by LGA?
- (5) How many tenants have outstanding rent arrears as of 23 September 2021?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown by month?
  - (b) Please provide a breakdown by LGA?

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7600 CUSTOMER SERVICE—REBATE AND GRANT PROGRAMS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Could the Minister please list all New South Wales rebate and grant programs wholly or in part delivered by Service NSW?
  - (a) For each of the programs, what are:
    - (i) The operational costs?
    - (ii) The implementation costs?
  - (b) What is the total operational cost incurred by Service NSW for each of the rebate and grant programs?
- (2) Are the costs paid by Service NSW or are they billed to the Government agency responsible for the programs?
  - (a) If costs are billed, please provide a breakdown of those costs allocated to other Government agencies?
- (3) For operational costs of each program, what are the total costs incurred by Service NSW for the following channel cost distributions:
  - (a) Digital?
  - (b) Contact Centre?
  - (c) Service Centre?
  - (d) Middle Office?
  - (e) SfB?
  - (f) Fraud and Security?
- (4) What is the role and function of the “Middle Office”?
- (5) How many full-time equivalent staff are employed in the “Middle Office”?
- (6) For the implementation cost of each Government rebate or grant program, what are the total costs incurred by Service NSW for the following:
  - (a) Digital Solution?
  - (b) SD, MO, SfB and Fraud?
  - (c) Project Delivery?
  - (d) Partnerships and Reporting?
  - (e) Testing?
  - (f) Comms Campaign?

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