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(Paper No. 616)

* 7725 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS—The Hon. Mark Latham 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 are the various domestic violence programs funded by the New South Wales Government?
- (2) How much does each program in question (1) above cost?
- (3) For each domestic violence program:
 - (a) When were they last independently evaluated for their effectiveness?
 - (b) What did these evaluations show?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2021-22 NSW Budget provides \$687 million over four years for domestic and family violence. In addition, in October 2021 the NSW Government announced it would invest an additional \$484.3 million, which includes:

- \$426.6 million over four years to expand Core and Cluster to deliver and operate around 75 extra women's refuges to support women and children escaping domestic and family violence (DFV).
- \$52.5 million over four years towards the Community Housing Innovation Fund partnership with the community housing sector, to provide approximately 200 sustainable, social and affordable housing dwellings for women experiencing DFV.
- \$5.2 million over four years, for a trial in two districts to provide dedicated supports for accompanied children and young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, with a focus on children and young people impacted by DFV.

The domestic and family violence programs overseen by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is available at:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/domestic-violence/services-and-support>.

The NSW Budget Paper 2021-22 provides an overview of funding provided to programs to support vulnerable communities including people experiencing domestic and family violence. The Budget Paper is available at:

<https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/budget-papers>.

Independent evaluations are a key tool to support evidence-based decision making for DCJ-funded programs. Evaluations undertaken by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and others commissioned by DCJ are available at the following:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources>

https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_topics/Domestic-violence.aspx.

* 7726 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—NSW CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) For programs run inside prisons what are the various:
 - (a) Skill development programs funded by Corrective Services NSW?
 - (b) Rehabilitation programs funded by Corrective Services NSW?
- (2) For programs run outside prisons what are the various:

- (a) Skill development programs funded by Corrective Services NSW?
- (b) Rehabilitation programs funded by Corrective Services NSW?
- (3) How much does each program in questions (1) and (2) above cost?
- (4) For each program, when were they last independently evaluated for their effectiveness and what did these evaluations show?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) delivers a mixed model of education and training programs. Education and vocational training programs, other than those at the Intensive Learning Centres at Lithgow, Mid North Coast, South Coast and Wellington Correctional Centres, are delivered by external education service providers, BSI Learning and TAFE NSW.

The CSNSW education model includes assessment and planning activities ensure that inmates with the highest identified need for education and training participate in the right course at the right time during their sentence.

Intensive Learning Centres provide full time education programs for inmates with an identified need to develop foundations skills for participation in further education and employment programs.

BSI learning provides Foundation Skills Programs including language, literacy and numeracy, and digital literacy courses; and vocational training in hospitality, cleaning operations, business studies, traffic control, logistics and food services. TAFE NSW provides vocational training and workplace licences in construction, engineering, horticulture, agriculture, manufacturing, forestry and warehousing.

- (b) CSNSW provides programs to inmates which target offending behaviour based on assessed risk of re-offending, and specific needs. This includes the EQUIPS suite of programs and other programs for sex offenders, violent offenders, and drug and alcohol abuse.

The full CSNSW Compendium of Offender Behaviour Change Programs offered to inmates and offenders can be accessed at:

<https://correctiveservices.dcj.nsw.gov.au/csnsw-home/reducing-re-offending/initiatives-to-support-offenders/external-program-facilitators.html>

(2)

- (a) CSNSW vocational and skills development are delivered within correctional centres.
- (b) Community Corrections refers offenders to specific programs (for example, the CSNSW EQUIPS suite of behaviour-change programs, including EQUIPS Addiction and Foundation programs), as part of CSNSW's case management approach to addressing the criminogenic and reintegration needs of offenders.

- (3) The overall CSNSW Budget for 2021/22 is \$2.6 billion (\$2.2 billion recurrent and \$447 million capital). Services and programs are funded from this budget. Programs can be offered in more than one location (or at individual centres), and rates of staff and inmate participation can vary depending on the offender's needs.

Education and skills development programs delivered by CSNSW Services at the Intensive Learning Centres are provided by education staff, including teachers, employed by CSNSW. For the 2020/21 financial year \$6 million was allocated to fund the foundation and vocational education courses delivered by BSI Learning and TAFE NSW.

- (4) CSNSW employs a research and evidence-based approach to its work. Evaluations are a regular part of this work. Completed studies and evaluations of programs offered by CSNSW are available from a range of sources, including the websites of the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), and CSNSW (Corrections Research Evaluation & Statistics) and the Department of Communities and Justice Annual Reports.

* 7727 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS PURCHASES—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information regarding the price NSW National Parks and/or the Department has paid for each of the properties it has acquired under its plan to expand the National Parks landholdings?
 - (a) Was the amount paid at or above market rate for this land?
 - (b) Did NSW National Parks and/or the Department set an upper limit for how much it was prepared to pay for these properties or was it a blank cheque?
 - (c) Is any consideration given to bids from farmers for these properties?
- (2) What economic modelling does NSW National Parks and/or the Department undertake before purchasing pastoral properties?
 - (a) Does this modelling take into consideration the economic impact on surrounding towns from the removal of agricultural jobs both on farm and in associated industries?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) Did NSW National Parks and/or the Department consider alternate conservation programs to manage the areas they consider to be ecologically significant?
 - (a) If so, what were these alternate programs and why was the decision made to not implement them over purchasing the properties at significant cost?
- (4) Why didn't NSW National Parks and/or the Department pursue an arrangement in line with the successful Enterprise Based Conservation program?
- (5) How does NSW National Parks and/or the Department intend on filling the economic gap in communities left by the removal of these properties from productive farming, noting that some modelling puts this economic contribution at \$500,000 per property annually?
- (6) Given the significant increase in land now managed by NSW National Parks in the western division will there be an increase in resources allocated to National Parks offices in this region?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, can the Minister detail these additional resources?

Answer—

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service does not comment on commercial-in confidence matters.
 - (a) Each acquisition is informed by independent valuation advice.
 - (b) An upper limit is set after considering independent valuation advice and an assessment of conservation values.
 - (c) NPWS purchases property by agreement from willing sellers.
- (2) National parks make a vitally important contribution to regional economies and the NSW economy as a whole. The most recent data (2018) indicates the national parks system across NSW attracts more than 60 million visits and contributes \$17.9 billion in economic activity annually. It supports more than 74,000 direct and indirect jobs. Across the Barwon electorate, for example, the 2018 data indicated national parks, and the visitation they attract, supports over 5000 jobs and generates more than \$580 million in economic activity annually.
- (3) The NSW Government has a range of conservation programs across numerous agencies including NPWS, the Biodiversity Conservation Trust and Departmental programs (such as Saving our Species). Acquisition of land for addition to the national park estate is informed by a range of factors including the level of reservation in the relevant region and the presence of threatened species and other environmental values.
- (4) Recent acquisitions of land have occurred in regions where the proportion of land reserved in national parks is very low – typically 3-5 per cent.

- (5) See response to question 2. National parks make an enormous contribution to regional economies and the State economy. In relation to the new acquisitions, the NSW Government will make substantial investments in visitor infrastructure to ensure these new parks support visitors to the region and help grow local economies.

Across western NSW in 2020–21, more than 47,000 people spent over 134,000 visitor nights in national park campgrounds and accommodation.

- (6) Yes – there has been an increase in resources. Additional staff have been added to support the management of Narriearra, Metford-Langidoon and Koonaburra. Total staffing levels at NPWS are higher than at any other time in the history of the organisation. The level of required resources for NPWS is kept under ongoing review.

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* 7730 TREASURER—ASSETS LINE ITEMS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) For the most recent budget, please provide the breakdown, including monetary amount and line item descriptions, of items or categories that underpin or sit behind the Assets line items:
- (a) Financial Assets at Fair Value?
 - (b) Investments in Other Public Sector Entities?
 - (c) Investments in Associates?
 - (d) Land and Buildings?
 - (e) Plant and Equipment?
 - (f) Infrastructure Systems?
 - (g) Right of Use Assets?
 - (h) Assets Classified as Held for Sale?

Answer—

- (1) The 2021-22 Budget presents the aggregated financial information of all NSW Government entities (see Appendix A4 of the 2021-22 Budget for these entities). For further information on the above lines on the Balance Sheet, please refer to these entities' annual reports or the Report on State Finances.

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7813 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—BAITS FOR BRUMBIES IN THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS—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 Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Are baits being set for Brumbies in the Snowy Mountains when the management plan is out for consultation and has not been finalised?
- (a) If so, why?

7814 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—WILLIAM TYRRELL CASE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many people have been falsely accused by the NSW Police in the William Tyrrell case?
- (2) How many have received financial payouts due to false accusations?

- (a) How much money has this cost the NSW Police in:
- (i) compensation?
 - (ii) legal costs?
- (3) What action is the Minister taking to eliminate police leaks to the media in the William Tyrrell case contributing to false accusations?
- 7815 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION (LAHC)—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What plan does the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) have for the properties located at 618-624 Mowbray Road, Lane Cove North and 25-29 Mindarie Street, Lane Cove North?
 - (2) Has the LAHC commenced any pre-planning to lodge a Development Application for the above mentioned sites?
 - (3) Can the Minister confirm that these sites will be used for social housing?
 - (a) If so, what is the proposed current breakdown?
 - (b) Are there active proposals being considered for a convenience store or shop on these sites?
- 7816 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—NSW NPWS ANNUAL PASS—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Given the various travel and activity restrictions, as well as restrictions on the availability of national parks, their attractions and permitted activities during COVID in 2020 and 2021, what is the Government's existing policy for the extension of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) annual pass during the COVID period?
 - (a) Does the policy allow an extension for annual pass holders?
 - (i) If not, is the Government considering doing this for existing pass holders?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (iii) If yes, how is this policy being communicated to annual pass holders?
- 7817 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—ENMORE DESIGN CENTRE—The Hon. Anthony D'Adam to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- (1) Could the Minister provide a spreadsheet containing the number of teaching staff employed at the Enmore Design Centre as of 1 March and 1 November in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 (the Relevant Time Periods) arranged in the following way:
 - (a) With separate columns for each of the Relevant Time Periods?
 - (b) With separate rows for each of the following employment types:
 - (i) The number of permanent teaching staff employed?
 - (ii) The number of temporary teaching staff employed?
 - (iii) The number of casual teaching staff employed?
 - (2) Could the Minister provide a spreadsheet showing the courses offered at the Enmore Design Centre in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 (the Relevant Years) arranged in the following way:
 - (a) With separate rows for each course containing the full name of the course (e.g. Diploma of Live Production Design)?

- (b) With separate columns for each of the following statistics in each of the Relevant Years (i.e. each statistic in a separate column by year):
 - (i) The total number of Full Time Equivalent enrolments in the course?
 - (ii) The total number of students who completed the course?
 - (iii) The total number of students who discontinued the course?
 - (iv) The Non-subsidised Price of the course for enrolled students?
- (c) With separate columns containing the following additional information where applicable:
 - (i) If the course was superseded by a new course or renamed, the name of the course that superseded it?
 - (ii) If the course was cancelled and not superseded by an equivalent course at the Enmore Design Centre the reason(s) the course was cancelled?
 - (iii) If the course was cancelled and not superseded by an equivalent course at the Enmore Design Centre the names of alternative TAFE facilities offering the course the following year?
- (3) Could the Minister provide a spreadsheet showing the total count of courses offered at the Enmore Design Centre TAFE Facility by qualification type broken down into:
 - (a) Separate Rows for each qualification type (e.g. diploma, certificate II, Advanced Diploma, statement of attainment etc.)?
 - (b) Separate columns for each of The Relevant Years?
- (4) Could the Minister please provide the following information relating to courses at the Enmore Design Centre which have been cancelled or suspended since 1 January 2015 due to resourcing, infrastructure, or plant and equipment issues:
 - (a) The full name of the course?
 - (b) The date a course was cancelled or suspended?
 - (c) The reason(s) a course was cancelled or suspended?
 - (d) The date the course was reinstated or is expected to be reinstated at the Enmore Design Centre?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of any plans to close the Enmore Design Centre TAFE Facility?

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