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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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government temporarily paused the wild horse control program in Kosciuszko National Park on 1 October 2021 when the draft Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan was released for public consultation. Wild horses were not trapped or removed during the period 1 October 2021 to 24 November 2021. The maintenance of selected trap sites, including welfare checks of trap yards and replenishment of food lures, continued during this period.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation is currently determining the future use of the sites at 618-624 Mowbray Road West and 25-29 Mindarie Street, Lane Cove North. No pre-planning work has commenced for the lodgement of a Development Application.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) National parks have mostly remained open throughout 2020-2021 for annual pass holders and day visitors. Park entry fees for motor vehicles apply at only 45 of the more than 880 national parks and reserves in NSW. The annual pass terms and conditions of use stipulate that passes will not be extended or refunded if parks are closed due to public health orders, fire, safety, conservation or operational requirements. Specific information on how this has been applied to COVID-19 is provided on the National Parks and Wildlife Service website.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised TAFE NSW operates in a competitive commercial environment. TAFE NSW does not provide staffing data by location. This is because staff may work from multiple campus locations, which may not be accurately reflected in the data. TAFE NSW provides staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.
- (2) I am advised TAFE NSW course offering decisions are commercial-in-confidence. TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment and does not provide course award level, enrolment, completion, withdrawal, commercial pricing or cancellation data by location.

I am further advised TAFE NSW provides enrolment data and completion data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>. Smart and Skilled pricing data is available from: <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-training-providers/prices-fees-and-loadings>, and information on superseded courses is available at: <https://training.gov.au/Home/Tga#>.

Further, TAFE NSW delivers courses in response to industry demand from nationally recognised training packages. Information on transitioning products is available at: <https://training.gov.au/Home/Tga#>.

- (3-4) Refer to response to question (2).
- (5) No.

### 13 DECEMBER 2021

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7984 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—FUNDING OF DISABILITY AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Has the Government placed a condition on its funding of disability and other community services such that organisations are only eligible if all their staff are COVID double vaccinated?
- (a) If so, what risk assessment was undertaken prior to the introduction of this mandate?

7985 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES—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) Has the Government placed a condition on its funding of domestic violence services such that they are only eligible if all staff are COVID double vaccinated?
- (a) If so, what risk assessment was undertaken prior to the introduction of this mandate?

7986 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What policy has the Government implemented with regard to vaccination requirements for NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteers?

- (2) What estimates have been given to the Minister concerning the following:
  - (a) The proportion of RFS volunteers who won't participate without mandatory vaccination,
  - (b) The proportion of RFS volunteers who won't participate with mandatory vaccination?
- (3) What role is Rapid Antigen Testing playing in giving assurance to RFS volunteers of COVID-free arrangements?

7987 CUSTOMER SERVICE—FORCED WORKPLACE VACCINATIONS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 7022, when and where did he make the policy announcement regarding forced workplace vaccinations for his Department?
- (2) What risk assessment was undertaken before the Secretary of the Department of Customer Service announced the mandate last month?
- (3) What staff consultation was undertaken before the Secretary of the Department of Customer Service announced the mandate last month?
- (4) Does the mandate apply to all employees, including home-based digital and Service NSW staff?
  - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of a belief amongst staff that Emma Hogan has implemented the mandate late in the year to rid the Department of "people she doesn't like"?
  - (a) If so, how do the Minister and Secretary respond?
- (6) Why is the Government abandoning the Minister's vaccine passports on 15 December 2021 to replace them with vaccine mandates for public servants?
- (7) If it's safe enough for the private sector to not check vaccination status of office workers and other indoors staff, why does the New South Wales Government need to?

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