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7 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 642)

- * 7959 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—TRAVEL FOR GRANTS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—
- (1) Please provide the following information for the Stronger Country Community Fund, the Regional Communities Development Fund and the Drought Stimulus Package:
 - (a) How much was allocated for and spent on Departmental staff's:
 - (i) Travel?
 - (ii) Accommodation?
 - (iii) Meals?

Answer—

I am advised:

Travel, accommodation and meal costs to support these programs are included as part of the overall administration cost of each fund.

8 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 643)

- * 7965 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION HOUSES—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How many NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) houses are currently not occupied by tenants?
 - (2) How many LAHC houses have been left vacant in the last 6 months?
 - (3) How many LAHC houses have been left vacant in the last 12 months?
 - (4) What is the average period of a time a LAHC house is vacant?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

- * 7966 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SOCIAL AND PUBLIC HOUSING SALES—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How many social and public housing properties were sold in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2021/22 to date?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2019/20?
 - (d) 2018/19?
 - (e) 2017/18?
 - (f) 2016/17?
 - (g) 2015/16?

- (h) 2014/15?
 (i) 2013/14?
 (j) 2012/13?
 (k) 2011/12?
- (2) What was the total revenue of the sale of social and public housing properties for each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2021/22 to date?
 (b) 2020/21?
 (c) 2019/20?
 (d) 2018/19?
 (e) 2017/18?
 (f) 2016/17?
 (g) 2015/16?
 (h) 2014/15?
 (i) 2013/14?
 (j) 2012/13?
 (k) 2011/12?
- (3) Since the Liberal and National Government was elected in 2011, how many social and public housing properties have been sold in total?
- (a) What was the total revenue generated from these sales?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

- * 7968 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the annual expenditure of weed and pest management by Crown Lands since 2015-16?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

9 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 644)

- * 7970 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—NSW HEALTH WORKPLACE VACCINATION POLICY—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 has NSW Health introduced a forced workplace vaccination policy for all staff?
- (2) Prior to the policy's introduction:
- (a) What workplace risk assessment took place?
 (b) What employee consultation took place?

- (3) How many NSW Health employees:
- (a) Are under investigation?
 - (b) Have resigned due to the policy?
 - (c) Been fired for non-compliance with the policy?

Answer—

The Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Health Care Workers) Order (No 2) 2021, which commenced on 22 October 2021, directs that a health care worker must not do work as a health care worker unless the worker has received at least one dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine by 30 September 2021 or two doses by 30 November 2021.

On 12 November 2021, the Secretary of NSW Health issued a determination under section 116A(1) of the Health Services Act 1997 fixing, as a condition of employment in NSW Health, that staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19. All NSW Health Service staff and industrial organisations were advised of the Determination.

To further support these measures, the NSW Ministry of Health is also currently developing a policy directive with respect to vaccination of staff against COVID-19, which will be sent out for consultation with relevant stakeholders.

- * 7971 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—OUTER WESTERN SYDNEY HOSPITAL—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 progress has the Government made in building a new public hospital to service the health needs of the 1.3 million people slated to live west of the M7 in outer Western Sydney?

Answer—

Liverpool and Campbelltown Hospitals provide a comprehensive range of emergency and acute healthcare services. Based on NSW Health planning projections, the substantial investment already committed to these facilities servicing the growth region will meet the growth in demand for hospital services from the local population to approximately 2036.

NSW Health will continue to monitor population growth and other planning projections and will build additional health facilities if required.

10 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 645)

- * 7980 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—FINANCIAL SETTLEMENTS FOR NSW HEALTH EMPLOYEES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many NSW Health staff have received financial settlements for vaccination mandate related matters, including breaches of privacy?
- (a) What are the details?

Answer—

Financial settlements are generally confidential. However, the Ministry of Health is not aware of any financial settlements relating to vaccination mandates.

13 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 646)

- * 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?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

14 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 647)

- * 7988 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—BLUE HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Does the Minister recall the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) report on the remarkable success of Blue Haven Public School in lifting student results from a systematic program of Explicit Instruction?
 - (2) Will the Minister now ask CESE to conduct a follow-up review of the school, responding to reports from teachers that under new school leadership there has been a politically motivated, fad-based retreat from Explicit Instruction teaching?
 - (3) Why would the Principal of Blue Haven Public School abandon the classroom pedagogy that had worked so well for the school and its students?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

- * 7991 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—TRAVEL FOR GRANTS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—
- (1) Please provide the following information for the Stronger Country Community Fund:
 - (a) How much was allocated for and spent on Departmental staff's:
 - (i) Travel?
 - (ii) Accommodation?
 - (iii) Meals?
 - (2) Please provide the following information for the Regional Communities Development Fund:
 - (a) How much was allocated for and spent on Departmental staff's:

- (i) Travel?
 - (ii) Accommodation?
 - (iii) Meals?
- (3) Please provide the following information for the Drought Stimulus Package:
- (a) How much was allocated for and spent on Departmental staff's:
 - (i) Travel?
 - (ii) Accommodation?
 - (iii) Meals?

Answer—

I am advised:

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between 27 December 2021 and 7 January 2022, as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

15 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 648)

* 7993 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—GREATER SYDNEY SCHOOLS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which public schools in Greater Sydney have had students which have been unable to undertake VET courses due to lack of TAFE course places or other factors?
 - (a) Broken down by course?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 8003 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—HEALTH EMPLOYEES—The Hon. Mark Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) For the last financial year, please provide a breakdown of how many employees have had their employment contracts extended due to COVID-19?
- (2) For the last five years, please provide information for each of the Departments under your responsibility showing how many employees have had their employment contract extended?
- (3) The Dore report was concerned about the accessibility of specialist medical treatments in regional New South Wales and the lack of knowledge by local GPs. The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) has confirmed that they are not responsible for regulating GPs:
 - (a) How is the Department of Health responding to the Dore Report?
 - (b) What has the Government done to increase access to specialist medical treatments in regional areas?

Answer—

(1)–(2)

NSW Health does not hold this information. The NSW Health workforce requires flexibility and surge capacity to be rapidly increased during outbreaks of COVID-19 and decreased when there is limited or no community transmission, or when the situation improves. The use of contingent workers also supports

scalability and enables NSW Health staff to focus on strategic and operational aspects of the COVID-19 response rather than additional administrative processes.

(3) This is a matter for the Commonwealth Government and the Medical Board of Australia.

* 8016 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—BUSHFIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND – REVITALISE THE COBARGO CBD PROJECT—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) In both the list and map view on the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) fund stage 2 website as at 15 December 2021 2.32 pm, Bega Valley Shire Council area are shown to have two projects that have exactly the same project description, with one giving a total funding amount and the other with no total funding amount listed:

(a) Are these the same project?

(b) If they are not the same project:

(i) How are these projects different?

(ii) When will the total funding amount for the second project be available?

Answer—

I am advised:

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* 8017 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—BUSHFIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND – PROVIDE DRESSING ROOMS AND DISABLED ACCESS AT THE BOWRAVILLE THEATRE PROJECT—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) In both the list and map view on the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) fund stage 2 website Nambucca Shire Council and Shoalhaven City Council are shown as the recipients to \$707,950 to undertake this project, as at 15 December 2021 at 2.25 pm:

(a) Are both council areas the recipients of this funding?

(b) Given the geographical distance between these council areas, according to the assessment criteria of the BLER, how did this project show in the case of Shoalhaven City Council:

(i) Alignment with the Shoalhaven/South Coast regional objectives?

(ii) Local support and participation of the Shoalhaven/South Coast community?

(iii) The Shoalhaven/South Coast community has a need for this project?

(iv) Its feasibility?

(v) The enduring benefit for the Shoalhaven/South Coast community?

Answer—

I am advised:

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between 27 December 2021 and 7 January 2022, as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

* 8018 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—BUSHFIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND STAGE 2 – BUILD RESILIENCE THROUGH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROJECT—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) What organisation received funding through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) fund to provide the “Build Resilience through community leadership” project?
- (2) According to the BLER funding assessment criteria, how did this project:
 - (a) Show alignment with regional objectives?
 - (b) Demonstrate that it had local support and participation?
 - (c) Demonstrate that evidence exists for the community need for this project?
- (3) How will the participants for this project be selected?
- (4) Is there a set number of participants per local government area?
 - (a) If so, what are those numbers per local government area?
 - (b) If not, how will the project ensure that there are participants across both council areas?
- (5) On the BLER project locations website, in the map view this project shown for both the Nambucca Shire Council and Snowy Valleys council areas, yet in the list view it is shown only for Nambucca Shire Council:
 - (a) Why is this?

Answer—

I am advised:

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16 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 649)

* 8019 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—BEGA HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Have Bega High School Year 9 NAPLAN numeracy results been below the New South Wales average since 2015?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) In the 2021 Year 9 mathematics exams at Bega High School, was there a class where every student failed?
 - (a) If so, what was the average score in that class?
- (3) What action is the Minister taking to improve maths teaching and outcomes at Bega High School?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 8020 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—NESA COMMON GRADE SCALE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How do New South Wales schools scale their end-of-year student report cards A to E?

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- (2) Does the New South Wales Education Standards Authority Common Grade Scale follow a Bell Curve distribution of grades A to E?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (3) Can some subjects in most schools result in more the one-half of students receiving an A grade, with no E's and very few D's?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (4) Do schools notionally have an A to E scale, when in practice, it is loaded to give a false impression of upper end achievement?
 - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

20 DECEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 651)

* 8028 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—COVID EXPOSURES—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many COVID cases were there in schools in New South Wales for the week of 4 October?
- (2) Of the cases in question (1):
 - (a) What was the age of each case?
 - (b) What was the postcode for each case?
 - (c) What was the sex of each case?
 - (d) What was the vaccination status of each case?
 - (e) What was the exposure site (if known)?
 - (f) How many of the cases were First Nations people?
- (3) How many COVID cases were there in schools in New South Wales for the week of 11 October?
- (4) Of the cases in question (3):
 - (a) What was the age of each case?
 - (b) What was the postcode for each case?
 - (c) What was the sex of each case?
 - (d) What was the vaccination status of each case?
 - (e) What was the exposure site (if known)?
 - (f) How many of the cases were First Nations people?
- (5) How many COVID cases were there in schools in NSW for the week of 18 October?
- (6) Of the cases in question (5):
 - (a) What was the age of each case?
 - (b) What was the postcode for each case?
 - (c) What was the sex of each case?
 - (d) What was the vaccination status of each case?

- (e) What was the exposure site (if known)?
- (f) How many of the cases were First Nations people?
- (7) How many COVID cases were there in schools in New South Wales for the week of 25 October?
- (8) Of the cases in question (7):
 - (a) What was the age of each case?
 - (b) What was the postcode for each case?
 - (c) What was the sex of each case?
 - (d) What was the vaccination status of each case?
 - (e) What was the exposure site (if known)?
 - (f) How many of the cases were First Nations people?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 8030 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—TAFE NSW COVID FEE-FREE SHORT COURSE PROGRAM—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What was the total cost of the TAFE NSW COVID fee-free short course program?

Answer—

I am advised that due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between 27 December 2021 and 7 January 2022, as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

10 JANUARY 2022

(Paper No. 656)

8031 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MAITLAND ELECTORATE—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many Work, Health and Safety accidents have occurred on properties in New South Wales managed by social housing providers since 1 January 2021?
 - (a) How many occurred in the Maitland electorate?
 - (i) Were they reported to SafeWork, and if so, how many?
 - (ii) How many were social housing tenants?
 - (iii) How many were trades people?
- (2) How many unfinished trade jobs exist for social housing properties in New South Wales as at 17 December 2021?
 - (a) How many are located in the Maitland electorate?
 - (i) How long have they been unfinished for?
 - (ii) Why were the jobs unfinished?
 - (iii) When will they be finished?

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- 8032 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—HARVEST LEAVE—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) As at 24 December 2021, how many applications for Harvest Leave have been submitted by employees of the Department of Regional NSW?
 - (2) How much leave has been applied for in terms of hours taken in Harvest Leave?
 - (3) What is the total cost of the leave program to date?
 - (4) Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of leave applications in terms of:
 - (a) Grades 1 to 12?
 - (b) State Emergency Service bands 1 to 3?
- 8033 ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE—STONE AXE PASTORAL COMPANY AND AUSTRALIA'S OYSTER COAST—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services representing the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the current status of the New South Wales Government's investments in Stone Axe Pastoral Company and Australia's Oyster Coast?
 - (2) Has the Government received a return on these investments?
 - (a) If so, how much?
 - (3) Has the New South Wales Government divested itself of any of these investments?
 - (a) If so, when did the divestments occur?
- 8034 CORRECTIONS—REINVEST—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services representing the Minister for Corrections—
- (1) Has Community Corrections been asked to identify participants for the ReINVEST trial?
 - (a) If so, by what means have such participants been identified, and on the basis of what criteria?
 - (b) If so, how many participants has it identified, broken down per month for the duration in which such identification has occurred?
 - (2) Has Community Corrections or the Department advertised or otherwise provided unsolicited information to the public in relation to the ReINVEST trial (for example, through posters or similar in court buildings)?
 - (3) Has the Department provided any funding to the ReINVEST trial, either directly or in kind?
 - (4) Has the Department provided any incentive (cash or otherwise) to participants for their consent to be identified for the purposes of the trial, or for their participation in the trial?
- 8035 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS UNIT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- (1) For each of the past three financial years, how much has been spent on the Behavioural Insights Unit in the Minister's Department?
 - (2) What has the Unit achieved in:
 - (a) Improving New South Wales' declining school academic results?
 - (b) Overcoming the housing affordability crisis in New South Wales?
 - (c) Preventing the proliferation of political programs in the NSW Public Service that distract staff from customer service and value for taxpayers' money?

8038 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS AND LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Did the Government create new Health Orders operational on 15 December 2021 that stated for visits to libraries, museums and galleries in NSW “you are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry vaccination evidence?”
- (2) Does Section 10 of the Libraries Act (1939) give residents of New South Wales, regardless of health status, a legal right to public library membership and to access library material free-of-charge?
- (3) Has Liverpool Council been allowed to breach the New South Wales Health Orders and Libraries Act by excluding unvaccinated people from its libraries and other community facilities?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (4) Has Liverpool Council reclassified itself as a ‘business’ to avoid the 15 December Health Orders and is this legal under the New South Wales Local Government Act?
- (5) What action has the Minister taken to ensure all Liverpool residents can access ratepayer-funded facilities in the local government area?
- (6) Which other local Councils in New South Wales have persisted with vaccine mandates and segregated access after 15 December?

8039 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS AT SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many rapid antigen tests will be available for use by New South Wales government schools at the beginning of the 2022 school year?
- (2) Will the tests be used at the beginning of each school day by unvaccinated teachers and support staff to allow them to stay employed by the Education Department, helping to alleviate the teacher staffing crisis in New South Wales?
- (3) How many of the following have been sacked by the Department:
 - (a) Unvaccinated teachers?
 - (b) Unvaccinated support staff?

8040 PREMIER—CAHILL EXPRESSWAY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) How much did the Elevate Festival on the Cahill Expressway cost the government?
- (2) How many people attended each event?
- (3) How much was each entertainer or compere paid?
- (4) What attendee feedback did the government receive, concerning:
 - (a) The discomfort of people having to sit on the hot road tarmac?
 - (b) The low quality of entertainment and organisation?
- (5) Will the Cahill Expressway be closed in the future for this type of event?

8041 ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE—CAHILL EXPRESSWAY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services representing the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How much did the Elevate Festival on the Cahill Expressway cost the government?
- (2) How many people attended each event?
- (3) How much was each entertainer or compere paid?
- (4) What attendee feedback did the government receive, concerning:

- (a) The discomfort of people having to sit on the hot road tarmac?
- (b) The low quality of entertainment and organisation?
- (5) Will the Cahill Expressway be closed in the future for this type of event?
- 8042 ARTS—CAHILL EXPRESSWAY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth—
- (1) How much did the Elevate Festival on the Cahill Expressway cost the government?
- (2) How many people attended each event?
- (3) How much was each entertainer or compere paid?
- (4) What attendee feedback did the government receive, concerning:
- (a) The discomfort of people having to sit on the hot road tarmac?
- (b) The low quality of entertainment and organisation?
- (5) Will the Cahill Expressway be closed in the future for this type of event?
- 8043 EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RESILIENCE—RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS FOR RFNSW AND RFS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience—
- (1) How many staff at Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) have been:
- (a) Sacked for their vaccination status?
- (b) Stood down from their positions while on leave for the vaccination status?
- (c) Investigated for their vaccination status?
- (2) How many staff at NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) have been:
- (a) Sacked for their vaccination status?
- (b) Stood down from their positions while on leave for the vaccination status?
- (c) Investigated for their vaccination status?
- (3) Are RFS volunteers now required to mask, pass a rapid antigen test and be fully vaccinated before being allowed to serve?
- (4) In (3) above, does vaccination status matter if a negative rapid antigen test shows that the RFS volunteers are COVID-free?
- (5) Has the Government policy of 15 December removing the need for vaccination status been applied to RFS volunteers, RFS permanent staff and FRNSW staff?
- (a) If so, why?
- (6) Has FRNSW breached Federal and State privacy laws by revealing the vaccination status of employees to all other staff in the Staff App Phone Book?
- (a) If so, why?
- (b) If so, what action is the Minister taking about this breach of privacy?
- 8044 ATTORNEY GENERAL—LRC REPORT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence representing the Attorney General—
- (1) Is the minister aware that the Law Reform Commission (LRC) Report No. 148 'Consent in relation to sexual offences' contained six pages of errors in relation to the rate of sexual assault convictions in New South Wales?
- (a) If so, when was the Minister made aware?

- (b) If so, what inquiries has the Minister made as to how such errors could have been made, given that the Report was the basis of the Government's Crime Legislation Amendment (Sexual Consent Reforms) Bill 2021?
- (i) Why were the errors made?
- (3) Does the Minister accept that the rate of sexual assault convictions in New South Wales is 12.7 percent (as a proportion of incidents reported to NSW Police), not the 2.7 percent originally claimed and reported on by the LRC?
- (4) Did the Minister allow his Sexual Consent Reforms Bill to proceed through both Houses of Parliament in November on the basis of false information without any attempt to alert members of the Legislative Assembly to the errors?
- (5) When was the LRC first alerted to the errors in its report and why did it take several months for the LRC to issue a public correction?
- (6) Did the Minister inform New South Wales Cabinet of the LRC errors and the false information upon which the Report and the Bill were based?
- 8045 POLICE—LRC REPORT ERRORS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the —
- (1) When did Police Commissioner Fuller first find out that the Law Reform Commission Report No. 148 'Consent in relation to sexual offences' contained six pages of errors in relation to the rate of sexual assault convictions in New South Wales?
- (2) What inquiries did the Police Minister and the Police Commissioner made as to how such errors could have been made, given that the Report was the basis of Mr Fuller's claim in March 2021 that the sexual assault conviction rate in New South Wales was 2 percent?
- (a) Why were the errors made?
- (3) Does Police Commissioner Fuller accept that the rate of sexual assault convictions in NSW is 12.7 percent (as a proportion of incidents reported to NSW Police), not the 2.7 percent originally claimed and reported on by the Law Reform Commission and repeated publicly by Mr Fuller?
- (4) What action has Mr Fuller taken to publicly correct his false statements on this matter?
- (5) Will new Commissioner Webb now correct the public record on this matter for the NSW Police?
- 8046 PREMIER—NEW MINISTRY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—
- (1) In the new Cabinet administrative arrangements announced in December, does the Premier still believe in the virtues and economic and social benefits of small government?
- (a) If so, why has the Premier expanded the Cabinet to twenty-six Ministers when no more than 15 could readily handle the responsibilities of State Government?
- (b) Why are eighteen parliamentary secretaries needed to support a Ministry of twenty-six?
- (c) Why did the other eighteen members of the Parliamentary Liberal and National Parties not make it into the forty-four Executive Government positions created by the Premier?
- (d) Which Minister is responsible for the New South Wales electoral laws and Electoral Commission?
- (e) What is Active Transport and how does it benefit the people of Outer Western Sydney?
- (i) Is the government making residents of Outer Western Sydney subsidise the inner-city through active transport funding, the payment of road tolls and electric vehicle subsidies?
- (ii) If so, why?
- (f) What will the Minister for Cities do given New South Wales has a Planning Minister, Mr Roberts?

- (i) How are the Cities Minister's responsibilities different to those of the Planning Minister?
- (g) What will the Minister for Infrastructure do given New South Wales has three other Transport and Roads Ministers?
 - (i) How are the Infrastructure Minister's responsibilities different to the three Transport and Roads Ministers?
- (h) Which Minister is responsible for the Gay Hate Crimes Inquiry, given that last year the Attorney General said (in answer to Question On Notice 7744) it was the then Special Minister of State, Mr Harwin, and Mr Harwin (Answer to Question 7911) said it was the Attorney-General?
- (i) Has the Premier allocated the big domestic, expanding spending portfolio of Energy to the Treasurer, given the conflict of interest by which the Treasurer is now responsible for identifying cost-savings in Energy?
 - (i) If so, why?
 - (ii) Why would other Ministers seek cost savings in their portfolios given their expectation of the Treasurer quarantining Energy from fiscal discipline?
- (j) Does New South Wales have a Minister for Trade when trade is a Commonwealth responsibility under the Australian Constitution?
 - (i) If so, why?

8047 PREMIER—CONFLICT OF INTEREST—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) Is there a conflict of interest by which Ava Hancock is the Chief Energy Policy Advisor to the Energy Minister and her brother Ian Hancock is a major energy investor, lobbyist and business partner to the Liberal Party factional chief and lobbyist Michael Photios?
 - (a) If so, what action has the Premier taken?

8048 PREMIER—MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) Why has the Premier created a Ministry of Science, Innovation and Technology when these are Commonwealth Government responsibilities?
- (2) How much will the Government spend on this Ministry in the current and each of the next two financial years?
- (3) In the evidence base for such a Ministry, has the Premier identified a State or provincial government anywhere in the world which has had a Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology and created major technological advances and job creation?

8049 PREMIER—ALLOCATION OF MEDIA BUDGETS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) Does the Government have a minimum requirement of 7.5 percent in the allocation of media budgets for communications with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and Aboriginal audiences?
- (2) How is this provision implemented for the promotion of free Government vouchers?
- (3) Which agencies, if any, have failed to meet the requirement?
 - (a) How is this assessed?

8050 PREMIER—RAPID ANTIGENS TESTS PURCHASED—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) For each of the following months, can the Minister please provide the number of Rapid Antigen Tests purchased by every agency or Department in the NSW Government who purchased a test, and what the per unit item cost paid was?
- (a) January 2021?
 - (b) February 2021?
 - (c) March 2021?
 - (d) April 2021?
 - (e) May 2021?
 - (f) June 2021?
 - (g) July 2021?
 - (h) August 2021?
 - (i) September 2021?
 - (j) October 2021?
 - (k) November 2021?
 - (l) December 2021?
 - (m) January 2022?
 - (n) February 2022?

8051 HEALTH—RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS PURCHASED—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) For each of the following months, can the Minister please provide the number of Rapid Antigen Tests purchased by every agency or Department in the NSW Government who purchased a test, and what the per unit item cost paid was?
- (a) January 2021?
 - (b) February 2021?
 - (c) March 2021?
 - (d) April 2021?
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 - (g) July 2021?
 - (h) August 2021?
 - (i) September 2021?
 - (j) October 2021?
 - (k) November 2021?
 - (l) December 2021?
 - (m) January 2022?
 - (n) February 2022?

8052 ATTORNEY GENERAL—FORFEITURE OF BAIL SECURITY—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence representing the Attorney General—

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- (1) The Minister's response to QON 7838 (1) (a) (i) and (1) (a) (ii) is that the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research does not hold the data relating to the number of occasions bail has been granted with a security condition in the past three years nor how many times that condition has been breached in the past three years.
- (a) Does any organisation or data base hold the data in relation to the number of occasions bail has been granted with a security condition in the past three years?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) Does any organisation or data base hold the data in relation to the number of occasions that a security condition of bail has been breached?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (c) How does the Minister assess if the bail condition of offering a surety is effective in ensuring the safety of the public if the requested data in relation to bail security numbers, times granted and times breached are not collected?
- (d) Will the Minister ensure that all future data is collected, stored and analysed in relation to all breaches of bail conditions?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, how?
- 8053 POLICE—DRUG POSSESSION AT MUSIC FESTIVALS—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) How many people were caught with a small quantity of a prohibited drug at a music festival in the following years:
- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2018?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) 2016?
- (2) How many people under the age of twenty-five were caught with a small quantity of a prohibited drug at a music festival in the following years:
- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2018?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) 2016?
- (3) How many people were caught with a trafficable quantity of a prohibited drug at a music festival in the following years:
- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2018?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) 2016?
- (4) How many people under the age of twenty-five were caught with a trafficable quantity of a prohibited drug at a music festival in the following years:
- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2018?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) 2016?

- (5) How many people were caught with an indictable quantity of a prohibited drug at a music festival in the following years:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2016?
- (6) How many people under the age of twenty-five were caught with a trafficable quantity of a prohibited drug at a music festival in the following years:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2016?

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