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(Paper No. 724)

\* 8707 LANDS AND WATER—SPORTING LOCATIONS FOR TRIAL BIKE RIDERS CROWN LANDS—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth representing the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) In New South Wales there is a significant number of people who enjoy the sport of trail bike riding:
  - (a) What Crown Lands are accessible to residents of New South Wales to lawfully pursue the sporting and recreational activity of trail bike riding?
  - (b) What Crown Lands traditionally accessed by trail bike riders have been blocked or prohibited since 2011?
  - (c) What is the Government doing to ensure residents of this state who wish to pursue the sport and recreational activity of trail bike riding can do so in lawful and dedicated locations?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment - Crown Lands does not maintain specific data for “trail bike” use in NSW or maintain data on other Crown Land managers such as local councils, where such activities are authorised on Crown land under their control.

The information provided is limited to ‘motorsports’ or ‘motorcycles’, as follows:

- (1)
  - (a) Registered trail bikes may lawfully use any Crown land, including a Crown road where registered motor vehicles are authorised. Other Crown land may be used for trail bike riding where it is aligned with the purpose for which the land is reserved or dedicated, and the Crown land manager authorises the activity.
  - (b) Crown Lands does not maintain data on areas where access to trail bikes or other motorised vehicles has been restricted.
 

Some Crown land is not accessible to all forms of motor vehicles, including trail bikes, to protect environmental or cultural assets, protect infrastructure such as fire trails and minimise land use conflict e.g. noise or public safety. This is achieved by a combination of signage and/or access management structures (e.g. fencing) and can be implemented by Crown Lands or the Crown land manager.
  - (c) The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund provides funds to support the maintenance and improvement of Crown land to benefit the community. Crown land managers can apply for funding which may be used to support sport and recreational uses of Crown land, including trail bike riding.
 

Crown land 2031: State Strategic Plan for Crown land outlines the NSW Government’s priorities for the management of Crown land over the next decade. A key priority is strengthening community connections with Crown land, including improved approaches to ensure Crown land assets are accessed, activated and sustained. The work associated with this priority will maximise the public value of Crown land for various purposes, including sport and recreation.

\* 8714 HOSPITALITY AND RACING—GREYHOUND RACING NSW—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth representing the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) When did the Minister first find out about the Greyhound Racing NSW poll sent to industry participants in November 2021?
- (2) Did the Minister receive a formal briefing on the Greyhound Racing NSW poll sent to industry participants in November 2021?
  - (a) If yes, when were these briefings?

- (3) Was the Minister briefed on the poll prior to it being sent to participants?
- (4) When did the Minister first find out about the political polling questions (vote intention and leader favourabilities) in the Greyhound Racing NSW poll sent to industry participants in November 2021?
- (5) Was the Minister briefed on the poll after it was sent to participants?
- (6) Did the Minister approve the Greyhound Racing NSW poll sent to industry participants in November 2021?
- (7) Who was responsible for approving the survey in Greyhound Racing NSW?
- (8) Whose idea was it to commission the survey?
- (9) Who drafted the questions?
- (10) Has the Minister been briefed on the poll findings?
- (11) Has the Minister shared this briefing with anyone else inside the NSW Government, including other Ministerial offices or the Premier's office?

Answer—

- (1) 12th November 2021. Following this, a letter was sent to the Chair of Greyhound Racing NSW raising my concerns.
- (2) No.
- (3) No
- (4) 12th November 2021.
- (5) No
- (6) No approval was sought from the Minister.
- (7-9) These questions should be directed to Greyhound Racing NSW.
- (10) No
- (11) The Minister was not briefed on the survey

### 9 MAY 2022

(Paper No. 737)

8787 DISABILITY SERVICES—FREE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) In regards to the Government's announcement in April 2022 that it will provide free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for people with disability, how many RATs will be available per person per visit to a designated location?
- (2) What is the criteria to determine eligibility?
  - (a) Is eligibility limited to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants?
    - (i) If so, does the Government plan to extend the program to include all individuals with disability who are not NDIS participants?
  - (b) Is there an age limit for those eligible?
  - (c) Does the program include immunocompromised individuals?
- (3) Who will be conducting the review after the initial four months of the trial?
  - (a) Will the results of this review be made public?
  - (b) Does the Government plan to extend this trial after the four month duration?
- (4) How many state wide neighbourhood centres funded by the Department of Communities and Justice will be available?

- (a) Where will these centres be located?
- (i) Please provide a list including those located in regional and rural areas?
- (5) Does the Government intend to implement the Disability Liaison Officer model or similar to support people with disability to access health services during the pandemic, as is currently operating in Victoria and which has been recommended by several peak disability organisations?
- (6) In regards to individuals who test positive on a free RAT provided by the Government, will they be provided accessible information and self-care kits to safely monitor COVID-19 at home?
- 8788 HOSPITALITY AND RACING—GRNSW DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO MUSWELLBROOK COUNCIL FOR A PROPOSED LARGE SCALE GREYHOUND BOARDING AND TRAINING FACILITY—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth representing the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- (1) With regards to DA 2021/129 by Greyhound Racing NSW to Muswellbrook Council for a proposed large scale greyhound boarding and training facility at 1949 Martindale Rd, Martindale, is this \$33 million development to be funded by public money, such as through a public grant from the Government?
- (a) If not, how will the development be funded?
- (2) With regards to the sale of Bylong Park to Greyhound Racing NSW, was this in any way conditional to pre-approval of DA 2021/129?
- (a) Was there any other connection between the sale and DA 2021/129?
- (3) Was there any community consultation done prior to the proposal being submitted with:
- (a) Residents?
- (b) Community groups?
- (c) Animal welfare organisations?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that community residents have voiced extensive concerns about the proposed development?
- (5) Will there be any future consultation with the community as the proposal undergoes further consideration?
- (6) Why is this proposal not considered to be an integrated development requiring separate planning permission under NSW Planning SEPP 33 Hazardous and Offensive Development?
- 8789 INFRASTRUCTURE—CRONY CAPITALISM MISTREATMENT OF GROCON AT CENTRAL BARANGAROO—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 Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- (1) How much has Infrastructure NSW paid in legal advice dealing with the questions I asked at PC1 Budget Estimates concerning the crony capitalism mistreatment of Grocon at Central Barangaroo?
- (a) Which law firms were involved?

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