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\* 8879 CORRECTIONS—TRANSGENDER WOMEN IN CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services representing the Minister for Corrections—

- (1) How many biological men are held as transgender women in women's correctional centres in New South Wales?
- (2) What precautions are taken to separate these men from women traumatised by male crimes of violence and sexual assault?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are three transgender women housed in female correctional centres in NSW.
- (2) The relevant CSNSW policy is available at:

<https://correctiveservices.dcj.nsw.gov.au/csnsw-home/resources/policies-and-publications/policies/inmate-classification-and-placement.html>

\* 8880 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING TEST—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) In late 2021, did 43 per cent of students fail to achieve the threshold score in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test?
  - (a) If so, what does this say about:
    - (i) The deployment of phonics in school literacy programs?
    - (ii) The effective use of phonics in school literacy programs?
- (2) What action has the Minister taken to lower the 43 per cent figure?

Answer—

- (1) In 2021, 57.3 per cent of all Year 1 students met or exceeded the expected phonics achievement of 28 or more correct items. This is an improvement on the 2020 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check trial.
  - (a) This result is in line with the second Year 1 Phonics Screening Check undertaken by South Australian students in 2019 and reflects the significant strengthening of the teaching of phonics in NSW when comparing the results from 2020.
- (2) The NSW Government has provided \$249 million ongoing investment support in new priorities to lift literacy and numeracy results in NSW public schools. By 2023, more than 1,370 full-time equivalent new Assistant Principals, Curriculum and Instruction positions will be supporting 1,760 schools with Preschool to Year 6 enrolments. These roles bring additional literacy and numeracy expertise to their schools.

\* 8881 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—SNOWY LEGACY FUND EXPENDITURE—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) How much of the Snowy Legacy Fund has been spent on the proposal for a new Dungowan Dam and pipeline?
- (2) How much of the Snowy Legacy Fund has been spent on the proposal for the Wyangala Dam wall raising?
- (3) How much of the Snowy Legacy Fund has been spent on investigating construction of the Mole River Dam?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1-3) No funding has been expended from the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund for these projects. However these projects have received separate funding from both the State and Commonwealth Government.

**1 JUNE 2022**

(Paper No. 753)

\* 8882 FAIR TRADING—REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE LEGISLATION—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) When is the Government planning to respond to the Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act 2013 Statutory Review?
  - (a) How does the Government plan to respond to the review?
- (2) What action has the Department taken to draft legislation that implements the recommendations outlined in the review?
- (3) What is the consultation process for any proposed legislative changes?

Answer—

- (1-2) The New South Wales Government will respond in due course.
- (3) There will be community consultation on any proposed legislative changes before they are finalised. Any public consultation will be publicised on the NSW Government's Have Your Say website at [www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say).

**21 JUNE 2022**

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8961 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—RURAL ACCESS GAP DIRECT INTERVENTION PACKAGE—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) The Digital Restart Fund has provided \$365.80 million to the Department of Education for the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention Package:
  - (a) What is the tranche of funding for each aspect / outcome of the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention Package?
  - (b) What is the url for the full list of schools:
    - (i) That will benefit from this package?
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- (2) The [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) website has an interactive map showing the schools that will be funded but it is only accessible to staff employed by the Department:
  - (a) What is the rationale for the interactive map not being a public website and accessible to parents, community, and elected non-Government Members of the Parliament of New South Wales?
- (3) In the 2020-21 Budget Infrastructure Statement, approximately \$211 million was allocated to be spent on the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention package in that budget year, yet only \$85 million was spent:
  - (a) What were the factors causing that underspending?
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- (a) Is the “n.a.” listed due to no data being available for:
- (i) Start date?
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- (b) Is the “n.a.” listed for each heading due to commercial reasons for:
- (i) Start date?
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- (c) If so for question (5)(b), why was the package announced with \$385 million expenditure in the 2020-21 budget?
- (d) Is the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention package running behind schedule?
- (e) Will the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention package projects not be completed by 30 June 2022?
- (f) Has the total amount allocated to the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention package changed?
- (6) As at 21 June 2022:
- (a) What is the breakdown of schools that have received funding from the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention Package since it started?
- (i) What is the funding amount per school?
- (b) What is the breakdown of schools that have yet to receive any funding from the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention Package?
- (7) What is the completion date for the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention Package?

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8963 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—NEPEAN ART HIGH SCHOOL PRIDE WEEK—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Why does Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School need to run five days of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Asexual Pride Week activities (20-24 June) to provide its students with a good public education?
- (2) Were parents notified of their rights under the Controversial Issues in Schools Policy regarding the sexuality/gender nature of the activities?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) In the note that has gone to students, what are the details about the content and nature of the:
  - (a) Books and literature in the library?
  - (b) Pamphlets, resources and information for everyone?
  - (c) Songs and artists played over the radio?

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