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9572 WOMEN—NSW WOMEN OF THE YEAR—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Has the Minister previously stated that the New South Wales Women of the Year Awards would no longer be on the basis of self-identification, instead adopting the Premier's definition, which is that a woman is an adult biological female?
 - (a) If so, why then do the nomination forms for the various categories in the 2023 Awards require certification that "the nominee identifies as a woman"?

9573 TREASURER—VOW MEAT FACTORY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How much financial support is the Government providing to the Vow fake meat factory in Alexandria opened by the Treasurer?
- (2) Under what funding program is the money being provided?
- (3) When was the decision made to support Vow?
- (4) What role did the Treasurer play in this decision?

9574 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—LAND AREA OF NATIONAL PARKS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism representing the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 9362, what is the combined land area of the NSW National Parks and State Conservation Areas mentioned in the Minister's answer?
- (2) How much money has the Government spent on the following for the listed financial years:
 - (a) National Parks?
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (ii) 2020-21?
 - (iii) 2021-22?
 - (b) State Conservation Areas?
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (ii) 2020-21?
 - (iii) 2021-22?

9575 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—BIODIVERSITY STEWARDSHIP INSPECTIONS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism representing the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 9404, among the 719 "site inspections" of the 235 Biodiversity Stewardship sites by Biodiversity Conservation Trust staff over the past three years:
 - (a) Were these inspections in-person or desktop assessments?
 - (i) Could the Minister please provide the details?
- (2) In which inspections and on which sites were the following practices identified:
 - (a) Installing gravel roads through the site?
 - (b) The dumping of rubble and other waste materials?
 - (c) The riding of trail bikes across-country?

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- (d) Storage of shipping containers and their contents on-site?
- (e) Land clearing?
- (f) Evidence of land clearing equipment on-site?
- (g) Degradation of the land through the practices above?
- (h) Other commercial use of the land?
- (3) With respect to the answers provided to (2)(a)-(h), what action was taken in response?
- (4) What concerns were raised about the ownership of the land and management of the Biodiversity Stewardship Sites by land clearing and woodchopping companies?
- (a) Were there any criteria in the site agreements prohibiting the involvement of such companies for the reason that their commercial activities are inconsistent with biodiversity conservation objectives?
- (5) In which local government areas were the inspections undertaken?
- 9576 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—COST OF LIVING MEASURES—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) For every financial year since 2011, please provide how much has been spent by Service NSW or other agencies promoting cost of living measures?
- (2) How much is being spent on the current cost of living advertising campaign?
- 9577 HEALTH—NURSE AND PARAMEDIC NUMBERS—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) Given “data across the specified timeframe is not centrally available”, as per Question 9513 please provide the number of paramedics who have left the New South Wales public health system, across any timeframe that is available?
- (2) Given “data across the specified timeframe is not centrally available”, as per Question 9512 please provide the number of nurses who have left the New South Wales public health system, across any timeframe that is available?
- 9578 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—EPPING PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What is the current number of students on the waiting list for before and after school care at Epping Public School?
- 9579 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—JOB SHARE ARRANGEMENTS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure teachers who are close to retirement have options to remain in the teaching workforce, including through part-time job share arrangements?
- 9580 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—TEACHERS RE-ENTERING THE PROFESSION—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Will the Department of Education implement a system of record-keeping which allows the Department to easily accept teachers returning to the profession after a long break in service, rather than request these teachers provide evidence of their prior expertise and employment with the Department of Education which the Department should already hold?
- 9581 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SYSTEM WELLBEING TARGET—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Is the 2022 system wellbeing target on track?

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- 9582 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—WELLBEING EQUITY TARGET—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Is the 2022 wellbeing equity target on track?
- 9583 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SPECIALIST MATHS TEACHERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How many of the promised 100 specialist maths teachers have been recruited, as at September 2022?
- 9584 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—TEACHER SUPPLY STRATEGY - LOCATIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please breakdown how many of the 27 teachers currently in classrooms under the Teacher Supply Strategy are from the following locations:
- (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Victoria?
 - (c) Queensland?
 - (d) Tasmania?
 - (e) South Australia?
 - (f) Western Australia?
 - (g) Northern Territory?
 - (h) Overseas?
- 9585 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—TEACHERS SUPPLY STRATEGY - PROGRAMS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please breakdown under which programs each of the 27 teachers currently in classrooms under the Teacher Supply Strategy were hired?
- 9586 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—TEACHER SUPPLY STRATEGY - MATHS TEACHERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How many of the 27 teachers currently in classrooms under the Teacher Supply Strategy have a maths specialty?
- 9587 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—OPEN-PLAN CLASSROOMS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide a list of schools which have open-plan classrooms which are not flexible and cannot be split into separate, closed-off spaces?
- 9588 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HOME SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of public schools which currently have a Home School Liaison Officer employed, broken down by the date the position began at each school?
- 9589 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) When will construction start on the Moruya High School upgrade and why was the school project absent from the 2022-23 School Infrastructure NSW Delivery Strategy?
- 9590 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—FASTSTREAM HOST SCHOOLS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a current list of FASTstream host schools?

- 9591 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of schools which currently have a Home School Liaison Officer, broken down by the total 2021 and 2022 attendance rate percentages per school?
- 9592 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER - TEACHING LOAD—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What is the teaching load, if any, of a Home School Liaison Officer?
- 9593 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER - NEW POSITIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of schools which have recruitments underway for a new position of Home School Liaison Officer, broken down by the total 2021 and 2022 attendance rate percentages per school?
- 9594 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS STRATEGY—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the public schools not currently meeting the Healthy School Canteens Strategy?
- 9595 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS STRATEGY - COMPLIANCE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How does the Department of Education record and ensure compliance with the Healthy School Canteens Strategy?
- 9596 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide enrolment projections for the following years broken down by electorate and primary/secondary numbers per electorate:
- (a) 2023-24?
- (b) 2024-25?
- (c) 2025-26?
- 9597 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SAFEGUARDING KIDS TOGETHER STAFF—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How many staff were in the Safeguarding Kids Together unit as at 2022?
- 9598 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SAFEGUARDING KIDS TOGETHER—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Is the Government disbanding the Safeguarding Kids Together unit?
- 9599 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SAFEGUARDING KIDS TOGETHER - DISBANDENING—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) If the Government is disbanding the Safeguarding Kids Together unit, could the Minister please provide a breakdown of which teams the affected unit staff are being redeployed to?
- 9600 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SAFEGUARDING KIDS TOGETHER - EVALUATION—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a copy of the Safeguarding Kids Together program evaluation?
- 9601 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—TEACHERS AGE PROFILE - 30 OR BELOW—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales public school teachers were aged 30 years or younger in the following years:
- (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021?
 - (f) 2022?
- 9602 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—TEACHERS AGE PROFILE - 50 OR ABOVE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What percentage of New South Wales public school teachers were aged 50 years or older in the following years:
- (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021?
 - (f) 2022?
- 9603 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SHARE OUR SPACE - WEEKENDS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How many New South Wales schools currently open their grounds on weekends as part of the Share Our Space program?
- 9604 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SHARE OUR SPACE - LIST—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the New South Wales public schools which currently open their grounds on weekends as part of the Share Our Space program, broken down by school name and state electorate?
- 9605 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—BULLYING—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What is the Government doing to specifically address and prevent incidents of religious bullying in schools?
- 9606 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—NSW DIGITAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Will New South Wales digital school enrolment forms include a mandatory question on religious identity?
- (a) If so, when will this be implemented?
- 9607 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—NSW DIGITAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS - CULTURE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Will New South Wales digital school enrolment forms include a mandatory question on cultural background?
- (a) If so, when will it be implemented?

9608 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—MOBILE PHONE BAN—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Is the Minister able to list any public high schools which currently have a blanket mobile phone ban?
 - (a) If so, which schools?

9609 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—CYBER INCIDENTS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many cyber incidents on school grounds have been reported under the Incident Notification and Response Policy since 2019?

9610 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION - NEW ENROLMENTS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many new Initial Teacher Education students enrolled in the following years:
 - (a) 2015?
 - (b) 2016?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2019?
 - (f) 2020?
 - (g) 2021?
 - (h) 2022?

9611 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION - CONTINUING STUDENTS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many continuing Initial Teacher Education students were enrolled in the following years:
 - (a) 2015?
 - (b) 2016?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2019?
 - (f) 2020?
 - (g) 2021?
 - (h) 2022?

9612 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—LIDCOMBE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Is early planning underway by the Department of Education for a primary school on the 80 Betty Cuthbert Drive site?

9613 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—THRUMSTER NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has the Department of Education secured any land in Thrumster?
 - (a) If not, why has the Department of Education not prepared for the need for a new public school in this growth area?

9614 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—PRESCHOOLS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the 108 preschools run by independent providers which are currently located on public school sites, broken down by school, the school's electorate and the provider?

9615 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the public high schools which don't currently have a full-time counsellor employed as at September 2022, broken down by the school's electorate and the anticipated hiring date for their full time counsellor?

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