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* 9642 HOMES—OCEAN VIEW DRIVE PROPERTIES—The Hon. Mark Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Please list the addresses of the properties that are owned by the Government located along Ocean View Drive, Wamberal, New South Wales 2260?

Answer—

I am advised:

The properties can be found on the publicly available Government Property Index (GPI).

* 9643 REGIONAL HEALTH—ETTALONG AMBULANCE SITE—The Hon. Mark Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) What are the plans for the future of the Ettalong Ambulance Site?
- (2) Has the Ettalong Ambulance site been sold?
 - (a) If so, is the owner charging rent to NSW Ambulance?
 - (i) If so, how much is this rent?
- (3) Has the site been valued by the Government?
- (4) How many Intensive Care Paramedics are there now at Ettalong Ambulance Station?
- (5) What is the timeline for recruiting and training new paramedics for the new Woy Woy Hospital Ambulance Station?
- (6) Will the opening of the new Ambulance Station at Woy Woy have any impact on staffing at Point Clare Ambulance Station?
- (7) How will the access and egress of ambulances be managed on the busy Ocean Beach Road during peak hour?
- (8) How many intensive care paramedics will be stationed at Woy Woy Ambulance Station?
- (9) How many paramedic staff will be allocated at:
 - (a) Kincumber Ambulance Station?
 - (b) Lisarow Ambulance Station?
 - (c) Woy Woy Ambulance Station?
- (10) What is the time frame for the opening of the proposed:
 - (a) Kincumber Ambulance Station?
 - (b) Lisarow Ambulance Station?
 - (c) Woy Woy Ambulance Station?

Answer—

- (1-3) The future use of the current Ettalong site will be assessed when the new station is complete. NSW Ambulance property values are commercial-in-confidence.

(4-5) & (8-9)

Paramedics and paramedic specialists, such as Intensive Care Paramedics, are a mobile workforce and the response to an emergency call within the Central Coast area is provided by the nearest

available paramedics at the time. This is consistent with the operational practices of ambulance services throughout Australia and overseas.

Final allocations to meet current and future demand will be determined prior to the station commencing operations.

- (6) No.
- (7) A draft traffic management report has been completed and the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure (RAIR) project team is engaging with Central Coast Council as part of the planning process.
- (10)
- (a-c) Timeframes for Kincumber and Lisarow Ambulance Stations will be confirmed as planning is further progressed. Woy Woy ambulance station is expected to be operational in late 2023.

* 9644 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many counsellor positions were vacant in New South Wales public schools at the start of term 4, 2022?

Answer—

The school counselling service has grown significantly in recent years, increasing from 790 positions in 2015 to 1,240 FTE positions in January 2022.

As at 5 October 2022 there were 70.7 full-time equivalent school counselling positions vacant.

* 9645 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—PERMANENT TEACHING POSITIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many permanent teaching positions were vacant in each New South Wales public school as at the start of term 4, 2022?

Answer—

As at 10 October 2022 (start of Term 4, 2022) there were 2,458.70 FTE vacant teaching positions across 1,264 New South Wales public schools, noting that approximately 1,000 schools have no vacancies.

The number of permanent vacancies fluctuates throughout the year for a range of reasons, but most position movement occurs towards the end of the year. Vacancies include positions that are under recruitment for commencement in 2023, and are filled by existing permanent teachers or temporary staff while recruitment takes place.

* 9646 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—PERMANENT TEACHING POSITIONS BY SCHOOL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many permanent teaching positions were vacant in each New South Wales Public school at the start of Term 4, 2022, broken down by school?

Answer—

A breakdown of vacant teaching position FTE as at 10 October 2022 by school is provided in the attached spreadsheet. Schools with zero vacancies are not included on this list.

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Nil Questions submitted.

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