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* 0909 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—NSW ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING OPERATIONS—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) How many roadside drug tests were undertaken in each NSW Government Region in:
 - (a) Calendar year 2018?
 - (b) Calendar year 2019?
 - (c) Calendar year 2020?
 - (d) Calendar year 2021?
 - (e) Calendar year 2022?
 - (f) Calendar year 2023, year to date?
- (2) How many roadside drug tests have been approved to be undertaken in each NSW Government Region for the calendar year 2023?
- (3) What proportion of roadside drug tests undertaken in each NSW Government Region returned a positive reading for cannabis in:
 - (a) Calendar year 2018?
 - (b) Calendar year 2019?
 - (c) Calendar year 2020?
 - (d) Calendar year 2021?
 - (e) Calendar year 2022?
 - (f) Calendar year 2023, year to date?
- (4) What was the total cost of roadside drug testing in New South Wales for:
 - (a) Calendar year 2018?
 - (b) Calendar year 2019?
 - (c) Calendar year 2020?
 - (d) Calendar year 2021?
 - (e) Calendar year 2022?
 - (f) Calendar year 2023, year to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) does not capture data specific to NSW Government Regions. Data capture is by way of NSWPF Traffic & Highway Patrol Regions and Sectors, Police Area Commands (PACs) and Police Districts (PDs)

(1)(a) 2018:

Central Metropolitan Region: 5,044
 North West Metropolitan Region: 8,932
 South West Metropolitan Region: 7,158
 Northern Region: 9,846
 Southern Region: 5,560
 Western Region: 4,338

South Western Highway Patrol: 16,111 North Western Highway Patrol: 11,781 Southern Highway Patrol: 12,319 Northern Highway Patrol: 21,976
Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (Operations): 12,773

(1)(b) 2019:

Central Metropolitan Region: 7,015
North West Metropolitan Region: 8,442
South West Metropolitan Region: 9,653
Northern Region: 8,957
Southern Region: 6,121
Western Region: 4,312
South Western Highway Patrol: 23,596 North Western Highway Patrol: 27,209 Southern Highway Patrol: 28,007 Northern Highway Patrol: 24,985
Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (Operations): 20,782

(1)(c) 2020:

Central Metropolitan Region: 7,251
North West Metropolitan Region: 9,838
South West Metropolitan Region: 7,639
Northern Region: 8,304
Southern Region: 5,894
Western Region: 3,994
South Western Highway Patrol: 14,482 North Western Highway Patrol: 25,010 Southern Highway Patrol: 22,028 Northern Highway Patrol: 20,580
Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (Operations): 5,566

(1)(d) 2021:

Central Metropolitan Region: 9,539
North West Metropolitan Region: 8,662
South West Metropolitan Region: 6,088
Northern Region: 4,334
Southern Region: 3,594
Western Region: 1,611
South Western Highway Patrol: 16,268 North Western Highway Patrol: 19,410 Southern Highway Patrol: 10,400 Northern Highway Patrol: 16,530
Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (Operations): 8,093

(1)(e) 2022:

Central Metropolitan Region: 6,371
North West Metropolitan Region: 6,120
South West Metropolitan Region: 5,468
Northern Region: 3,328
Southern Region: 1,527
Western Region: 1,538
South Western Highway Patrol: 15,157
North Western Highway Patrol: 19,914
Southern Highway Patrol: 20,446
Northern Highway Patrol: 24,546
Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (Operations): 5,865

(1)(f) 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023:

Central Metropolitan Region: 3,328
North West Metropolitan Region: 2,140
South West Metropolitan Region: 1,752
Northern Region: 512
Southern Region: 2,483
Western Region: 631
South Western Highway Patrol: 11,862
North Western Highway Patrol: 14,074

Southern Highway Patrol: 14,287
 Northern Highway Patrol: 10,578
 Traffic and Highway Patrol Command (Operations): 2,686

- (2) In 2023, a total of 200,000 drug tests have been approved.
- (3) The NSWPF does not hold data according to NSW Government Region. Data can only be provided by NSWPF Region.

(3)(a) 2018:

Central Metropolitan Region: 571
 North West Metropolitan Region: 291
 South West Metropolitan Region: 519
 Northern Region: 1,524
 Southern Region: 1,003
 Western Region: 671

(3)(b) 2019:

Central Metropolitan Region: 865
 North West Metropolitan Region: 300
 South West Metropolitan Region: 474
 Northern Region: 1,024
 Southern Region: 915
 Western Region: 663

(3)(c) 2020:

Central Metropolitan Region: 1,261
 North West Metropolitan Region: 664
 South West Metropolitan Region: 714
 Northern Region: 1,855
 Southern Region: 1,347
 Western Region: 935

(3)(d) 2021:

Central Metropolitan Region: 1,406
 North West Metropolitan Region: 1,031
 South West Metropolitan Region: 985
 Northern Region: 2,573
 Southern Region: 2,229
 Western Region: 1,149

(3)(e) 2022:

Central Metropolitan Region: 1,679
 North West Metropolitan Region: 1,327
 South West Metropolitan Region: 1,078
 Northern Region: 2,776
 Southern Region: 2,176
 Western Region: 1,511

(3)(f) 1 January 2023 to 20 July 2023

Central Metropolitan Region: 649
 North West Metropolitan Region: 289
 South West Metropolitan Region: 277
 Northern Region: 962
 Southern Region: 903
 Western Region: 606

Notes in relation to data for Question 3:

- *Figures refer to a count of involvements.*

- *Involvements refer to people who returned positive for any drug during a random roadside drug test and subsequently returned positive for cannabis during the associated lab test.*
 - *Figures represent a raw count and not a proportion.*
- (4) Transport for NSW funds the roadside drug testing program. Accordingly, this question should be redirected to Minister for Transport for response.

* 0910 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—OPERATION AMAROK ARRESTS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Could the Minister provide the following information with regard to Operation Amarok, being the four-day period of arrests targeting alleged domestic violence perpetrators?
- (a) Total number of arrests made in each Local Area Command in NSW?
 - (b) The number of individuals who were arrested and then had bail refused and remain bail refused and are now on remand?
 - (c) The number of individuals who were arrested and then had bail refused and remain bail refused and are now on remand?
- (2) Could the Minister advise the number of arrests made during Operation Amarok broken down into the following categories
- (a) Males?
 - (b) Females?
 - (c) Indigenous people?
 - (d) Under the age of 18?
 - (e) Employment status?
- (3) Could the Minister please advise the number of offenders that were arrested during Operation Amarok who were either on parole or on a Court based Order (such as a Community Corrections Order) and whether they were being supervised by Community Corrections at the time of the arrest?
- (4) Could the Minister advise the earliest court date for each of the individuals arrested during Operation Amarok?
- (5) Could the Minister advise if they will provide updates on the court outcomes for each of the individuals arrested during Operation Amarok?
- (6) Could the Minister advise what support services will be offered to the persons in need of protection (victim/survivors) between the arrests and when the alleged perpetrators attend Court and are sentenced, for example, the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, Women's Shelter, domestic violence leave from employment etc?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)(a)

Operation Amarok III – Arrests by Command			
Auburn	3	Sydney City	7
Bankstown	11	CM HVP & Others	12
Burwood	3	Brisbane Water	5
Camden	6	Coffs Clarence	20
Campbelltown	7	Hunter Valley PD	9
Campsie	11	Lake Macquarie	3
Cumberland	8	Manning Great Lakes	10
Fairfield	5	Mid North Coast	25

Liverpool	13	Newcastle City	22
SW HVP & Others	4	Port Stephens - Hunter PD	19
Blacktown	16	Richmond	5
Riverstone	8	Tuggerah Lakes	20
Blue Mountains	3	Tweed Byron	4
Mount Druitt	7	Northern HVP & Others	3
Hawkesbury	4	Lake Illawarra	28
Ku-ring-gai	2	Monaro PD	5
Nepean	9	Murray River PD	14
North Shore	7	Murrumbidgee PD	12
Northern Beaches	3	Riverina PD	7
Parramatta	2	South Coast PD	17
Ryde	3	The Hume PD	22
The Hills	3	Wollongong	8
NW HVP & Others	5	Southern HVP & Others	16
Eastern Beaches	14	Barrier PD	3
Eastern Suburbs	7	Central North PD	10
Inner West	6	Central West PD	13
South Sydney	13	Chifley PD	11
Kings Cross	1	New England PD	9
Surry Hills	2	Orana Mid Western PD	29
Leichhardt	14	Oxley PD	10
St George	16	Western HVP & Others	3
Sutherland Shire	6		

(1)(b)

The NSW Police Force does not hold this data. Matters relating to court decisions should be referred to the Attorney General. Matters relating to remand should be referred to the Minister for Corrections.

(1)(c)

Duplicate question of (1) (b).

(2)

Males - 75% of arrests

Females - 25% of arrests

Indigenous people - 46% of arrests

Under the age of 18 - 5% of arrests

Employment Status - This information is not recorded by the NSWPF.

(3)

The NSW Police Force does not hold this data. Matters relating to parole and corrections supervision should be referred to the Minister for Corrections.

(4)

All court matters are set for mention three weeks from the date of arrest, unless a person has been bail refused by Police.

(5)

Matters relating to court decisions should be referred to the Attorney General.

(6)

The NSW Police Force does not hold this data.

* 0911 CORRECTIONS—OPERATION AMAROK ARRESTS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Could the Minister provide the following information with regard to Operation Amarok, being the four-day period of arrests targeting alleged domestic violence perpetrators?
 - (a) Total number of arrests made in each Local Area Command in NSW?
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- (6) Could the Minister advise what support services will be offered to the persons in need of protection (victim/survivors) between the arrests and when the alleged perpetrators attend Court and are sentenced, for example, the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, Women's Shelter, domestic violence leave from employment etc?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building and Minister for Corrections that:

In relation to question 3, Corrective Services NSW is notified when an offender under supervision is charged. That notification does not include reference to any specific NSW Police Force operation.

I am advised all other matters should be referred to the relevant portfolio Ministers.

* 0912 WOMEN—OPERATION AMAROK ARRESTS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Could the Minister provide the following information with regard to Operation Amarok, being the four-day period of arrests targeting alleged domestic violence perpetrators?
 - (a) Total number of arrests made in each Local Area Command in NSW?
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Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Questions 1(a), 2(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) and 4 should be referred to the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.

Questions 1(b)(c), 4 and 5 should be referred to the Attorney-General Question 3 should be referred to the Minister for Corrective Services.

Question 6:

Victim-survivors are referred to Safer Pathways for support following a domestic and family violence incident.

The NSW Government is investing \$43.6 million over four years to expand and enhance Safer Pathway. This will bolster case management services for victim-survivors with complex needs and expand referral pathways into the system.

Support is delivered by a state-wide network of service providers, including the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services for female victim-survivors, and Local Support Services for male victim-survivors.

These services provide information, advocacy, safety planning and referrals to local services to assist with matters including but not limited to:

- Housing and emergency accommodation
- Safety and security audits
- Legal advice
- Financial assistance
- Medical assistance
- Counselling

The NSW Government is also investing more than \$426 million in the Core and Cluster program to expand refuge accommodation for victim-survivors.

By 2026, these projects will have capacity to support up to 2900 victim-survivors and children experiencing domestic violence annually.

All NSW employees, including those in small business, experiencing domestic and family violence, are now eligible to access 10 days of paid family and domestic violence leave. NSW Government sector employees have access to 20 days paid domestic and family violence leave.

* 0913 ATTORNEY GENERAL—OPERATION AMAROK ARRESTS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—

- (1) Could the Minister provide the following information with regard to Operation Amarok, being the four-day period of arrests targeting alleged domestic violence perpetrators?
 - (a) Total number of arrests made in each Local Area Command in NSW?
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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) This question falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.
- (1) (b) In the absence of information identifying the individuals arrested during Operation Amarok, the Department of Communities and Justice is unable to provide the requested information.
- (1)(c) In the absence of information identifying the individuals arrested during Operation Amarok, the Department of Communities and Justice is unable to provide the requested information.
- (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)
falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.
- (3) This question falls under the responsibility for Minister for Corrections Services.

- (4) In the absence of information identifying the individuals arrested during Operation Amarok, the Department of Communities and Justice is unable to provide the requested information.
- (5) In the absence of information identifying the individuals arrested during Operation Amarok, the Department of Communities and Justice is unable to provide the requested information.
- (6) This question falls under the responsibility for the Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

* 0914 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BRIG JOHNSTON BRIDGE ON LIMEBURNER'S CREEK ROAD AT CLARENCE TOWN—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, what has been the total expenditure to date to conserve the Brig Johnston Bridge on Limeburner's Creek Road at Clarence Town as part of Roads and Maritime Timber Truss Bridge Conservation Strategy?
- (2) Can the Minister advise, after the repairs to make the existing bridge referred to in (1) safe have occurred, what are the projected costs for maintaining the existing bridge as part of the Timber Truss Bridge Conservation Strategy and providing pedestrian access as part of Transport for NSW plan?
- (3) Given significant work has already been undertaken for the new bridge referred to in (1) in the areas of environmental assessment, concept design, geotechnical assessment, land acquisitions and stakeholder engagement, can the Minister advise what further work, if any, needs to be done to progress this project to construction stage?
- (4) The previous government committed \$5.5 million to the overall cost of \$14.3 million for the construction of the new replacement bridge referred to in (1) – can the Minister advise if they will honour this commitment?
- (5) Due to rising cost of materials and other factors outside the control of Dungog Shire Council, will the Minister commit in part or full to providing an additional \$4,862,500 required to complete the replacement bridge?
 - (a) If yes, when will these monies be released?
 - (b) If no, what is your alternative plan for the residents of Clarence Town and surrounds regarding safe travel and access across the Williams River?

Answer—

I am advised

Total expenditure since the NSW Timber Truss Conservation Strategy was published in 2012 is \$6.48 million.

The current estimated remaining cost of finalising development and rehabilitation of Brig O'Johnston Bridge is \$19.5 million. Pedestrian access is currently not included in this plan.

Completion of Council's new Clarence Town Bridge at Clarence Town is being delivered by Dungog Shire Council through a Restart NSW-funded project.

Transport for NSW and Dungog Shire Council are collaborating on the delivery of the two bridge projects to ensure the community receives a modern crossing that caters for the future needs of the region and retains the use of the heritage bridge.

Approval for funding for the new bridge is subject to the Federal infrastructure review.

* 0915 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE' FUNDING—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what proportion of the \$500 million investment in response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug 'Ice' has been allocated internally to Corrective Services NSW?
 - (a) What is the total allocation broken down, to 30 June 2023 and then year on year?

- (b) How much has been spent up until 30 June 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what the allocation of the funding referred to in (1) has been for the expansion of the Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of how these funds have been allocated.
- (3) Can the Minister advise what the allocation of the funding referred to in (1) has been for the expansion of the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of how these funds have been allocated.
- (4) Can the Minister advise what the allocation of the funding referred to in (1) has been for post-release services?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of how these funds have been allocated.
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the funds announced for Circle Sentencing (\$4.2 million), Justice Reinvestment (\$9.8 million) and the Youth Koori Court (\$5.8 million) from the investment referred to in (1) have been provided to services to deliver these initiatives?
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that Corrective Services NSW has developed an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) strategy?
- (7) What is the total funding that has been allocated to support services for families and peers of offenders?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of this allocation to each support service.

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 fall under the ministerial responsibility of the Minister for Corrections. These questions should be referred to Minister Chanthivong.

- (5) Circle Sentencing and Youth Koori Court are delivered by the Courts and the Department of Communities and Justice. These initiatives have been funded. The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) and Legal Aid NSW have also received funding to provide legal services for young people involved in the Youth Koori Court.

In relation to Justice Reinvestment funding, to date funds for 2022/23 (\$2.5 million) have been awarded to Just Reinvest NSW to set up workforce and initiate Justice Reinvestment activities in Kempsey and Nowra over the next three years.

* 0916 HEALTH—SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE' FUNDING—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how the \$500 million funding package for New South Wales drug treatment in response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug 'Ice' has been allocated?
- (a) What is the total allocation broken down, to 30 June 2023 and then year on year?
- (b) How much has been spent up until 30 June 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what proportion of the funding referred to in (1) has been allocated to Local Health Districts, broken down year on year?
- (3) Can the Minister advise the how much of the funding referred to in (1) has been allocated to each Local Health District?
- (a) How much of the funding has been expended for each Local Health District up until 30 June 2023?
- (b) Provide a breakdown of what program or line item it has been spent on and how much has been spent on each program or line item for each Local Health District.
- (4) Can the Minister advise what proportion of the funding referred to in (1) has been allocated to Non-Government Organisations?

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- (a) Provide a breakdown of how much to each organisation.
- (b) What proportion of funding has been allocated to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations or Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations?
- (i) Provide a breakdown of how much to each organisation
- (5) Can the Minister advise what proportion of the funding referred to in (1) has been allocated internally to the NSW Ministry of Health?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of how much has been allocated against each line item or program.
- (6) Can the Minister advise what is the total amount of the funds referred to in (1) that have been allocated to non-government frontline treatment services?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of how these funds have been allocated.
- (7) Can the Minister confirm that Justice Health has developed an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) strategy?
- (8) Can the Minister advise what is the total funding that has been allocated to support services for families and peers?
- (a) Provide a breakdown of this allocation to each support service.

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for Illawarra and the South Coast that:

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The former Government's response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug ice provided an overview of how the \$500 million over 4 years will address treatment gaps and improve health and social outcomes through a suite of cross-government initiatives.

A summary is available at this link:

[Final-Government-Response-to-the-Special-Commission-of-Inquiry-into-the-Drug-Ice-September-2022.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-care-services/news/2022/09/01/final-government-response-to-the-special-commission-of-inquiry-into-the-drug-ice-september-2022.pdf)

Of the \$500 million, \$357.9 million is allocated to NSW Health to expand access to alcohol and other drug prevention, early intervention, treatment, and support programs across NSW. Allocations are being informed by sector consultation and determined through a range of procurement strategies including direct allocations, grants and tendering.

Based on processes completed to date, approval for expenditure over 4 years has been provided for:

- \$190.6 million (approx.) to support a range of alcohol and other drug treatment and support services in local health districts and specialty health networks
- \$134.6 million (approx.) for services provided by non-government organisations and Aboriginal community controlled and ACHCOs.
- \$29.5 million (approx.) for public sector and non-government health services to support court diversion programs, including the Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment and Drug Court (Dubbo and Sydney).

Funding is being provided for new programs and enhancing existing services, delivered by public sector, non-government and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, including:

- Two new residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management programs, one for Aboriginal women and one for young people.
- New community-based withdrawal management, counselling and support services for priority population groups.
- Delivery of public health and non-government services to support participants of court diversion programs across NSW

- New support services for people exiting custody, to be delivered by Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and non-government organisations
- Expansion of Preventure, a primary and early secondary prevention program designed to delay initiation into alcohol and other drug use
- A range of public sector programs being established across NSW, including Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Services, Assertive Community Management; withdrawal management; youth services; Safe Assessment Units and hospital consultation liaison services
- Expansion of the Aboriginal health and peer workforce through creation of new positions in local health districts and non-government organisations.

Sector consultation and collaborative design work is underway for the establishment of a new family and carer program and new multidisciplinary Hub services to be delivered by Aboriginal community-controlled and non-government organisations.

Future grants opportunities will be available for targeted prevention strategies, research and evaluation and additional new service models.

More information about past, current and future grant opportunities is available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Pages/sci-health-response.aspx>

(7) This is a matter for the Minister for Corrections.

* 0926 PREMIER—SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Excluding Band 4 officers, how many senior executive staff in the General Government and Budget funded sectors were there as at:
 - (a) 1 April 2023?
 - (b) 30 June 2023?
- (2) Between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023, how many vacancies in the senior executive service were created by resignation or other means of natural attrition?
 - (a) How many of these vacancies were filled by a person who was not already employed in the senior executive service?
 - (b) How many of these vacancies were filled by a person who was already employed in the senior executive service?
 - (c) How many vacant positions were abolished?

Answer—

I am advised that the Public Service Commission is responsible for collecting workforce data from all Departments and Agencies in June each year for publication in the annual Workforce Profile Report. The current report is the 2022 Workforce Profile Report.

I am advised that the 2023 workforce data collection is underway and will not be publicly available until early 2024. That data is point-in-time and will reflect the census date in June 2023.

I am advised that statistics on senior executives employed in departments and agencies is included in annual reports, copies of which are available on department and agency websites.

* 0927 PREMIER—SECRETARY APPOINTMENTS—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Noting that since 25 March 2023, appointments have been made, or are proposed to be made to the following Senior Executive Service positions – Secretary, Premier’s Department; Secretary, Cabinet Office; Secretary, Treasury; Secretary, Department of Transport; Secretary, Department of Education – can the Minister advise in relation to each of these positions:

- (a) When was this position advertised?
- (b) Where was the position advertised?
- (c) If an external agency was involved in the recruitment process, which agency and how much in total was the agency paid for this involvement?
- (d) How many applicants were short listed for the position?
- (e) Who were the members of the assessment panel for the position?
- (f) What involvement did the responsible minister play in the appointment process?
- (g) (For the Treasury, Transport and Education secretaries) What role did the Premier play in the appointment process?
- (h) Were any conflicts of interest disclosed by any person, including a minister or the Premier, in relation to the appointment process, and if so, how was the conflict managed?
- (i) At what salary was the position advertised?
- (j) At what stage in the recruitment and appointment process was the possibility of a higher than advertised salary discussed with applicants?
- (k) Has the Premier requested a determination under s24P of the *Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975* in relation to the position and, if so, what salary has requested?

Answer—

I am advised the following:

Rule 52 of the *Government Sector Employment Rules 2014 (GSE Rules)* sets out the process for appointments of Secretaries.

Under Rule 52, before a person is appointed as the Secretary of a Department a report relating to the proposed appointment is required to be provided to the Minister by the Public Service Commissioner (for a report relating to the proposed appointment of the Secretary of the Premier's Department or Secretary of the Cabinet Office) or otherwise by the Secretary of the Premier's Department or the Secretary of the Cabinet Office.

A report by the Secretary of the Premier's Department or Secretary of the Cabinet Office is to be prepared after consultation with the Commissioner and the senior Minister to whom the relevant Department is responsible.

A report is not required to be provided if the person is being re-appointed as the Secretary of a Department, or if the person was the Secretary of another Department at the time of the appointment or within 3 months before the appointment, or if the Commissioner, Secretary of the Premier's Department or Secretary of the Cabinet Office (as the case requires) does not provide a report within 21 days after being notified of the proposed appointment, or if the appointment is effected by an administrative arrangements order under Part 7 of the Constitution Act 1902.

Under Rule 52, Part 3 of the GSE Rules does not apply to the Secretaries of Departments.

The requirements of Rule 52 have been complied with in relation to all completed Secretary appointments.

The Public Service Commission may engage an executive search company to assist with the recruitment process. If this approach is taken, the company is sourced from the NSW Government's Talent Acquisition Scheme and fees are paid in accordance with that Scheme.

Secretaries are remunerated within the range of Public Service Senior Executive band 4, which is determined by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal under the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975 or, if subject to a special determination by the Tribunal, remuneration above the maximum of the band. These remuneration ranges and packages are published on the Tribunal's website.

* 0928 EMERGENCY SERVICES—EMERGENCY SERVICES—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) When did the Minister make the decision to terminate the employment of Mr Paul Baxter as Fire and Rescue Commissioner?
- (2) How was this decision communicated to the Commissioner?
- (3) Whom did the Minister consult with before making the decision to terminate the Commissioner's employment?
- (4) What is the cost to the taxpayer of terminating Mr Baxter's employment at this time?
- (5) What process will be used to recruit and appoint a new Commissioner?
- (6) What role did the Fire Brigade Employees' Union have in the termination of Mr Baxter's employment?
- (7) What role will the Fire Brigade Employees' Union have in the recruitment and appointment of a new Commissioner?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A formal decision was made in mid-July.
- (2) Mr Baxter received a formal letter and phone calls to advise of the decision and thank him for his service on Monday 17 July 2023.
- (3) The Minister had several conversations with the Commissioner about his future in the role. He also consulted the Secretary of the Department of Communities and Justice.
- (4) Mr Baxter will receive payment in accordance with his contractual entitlements in line with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.
- (5) The Department of Communities and Justice is leading the recruitment process and will advertise the role externally as part of a merit process conducted in line with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.
- (6) None.
- (7) None.

* 0929 DISABILITY INCLUSION—TOMAREE LODGE SITE—The Hon. Taylor Martin to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise when the Government intends to release the outcomes of the community consultation on the future use of the Tomaree Lodge site that was undertaken from October 2022-January 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the Member is aware, a community consultation process was undertaken between 31 October 2022 and 6 January 2023.

This consultation process formed the basis of the 'Tomaree Lodge Site Potential Future Uses Community Consultation Outcomes Report' which was completed in April and provided to the Minister for Disability Inclusion's office in May this year.

In order to meaningfully engage with the community views and ideas detailed in the Community Consultation Outcomes Report, which are varied, the Minister for Disability Inclusion has tasked the Department of Communities and Justice to undertake further work to determine the physical, ecological and heritage constraints with the site.

Community consultation is key to achieving the best possible outcome, so the Minister for Disability Inclusion will be publicly releasing the report and other supporting information prior to any decision being made.

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1005 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—JAILING RATES FOR CANNABIS RELATED OFFENCES—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise, how many people are currently in prison for the single offence of cannabis possession?
 - (a) At which prisons are they held?
 - (b) How many of the prisoners are Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the longest sentence being served, and for what quantity of cannabis?
- (2) How many people are currently in prison for the single offence of cannabis dealing?
 - (a) At which prisons are they held?
 - (b) How many of the prisoners are Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the longest sentence being served, and for what quantity of cannabis?
- (3) How many people are currently in prison for multiple offences including cannabis possession?
 - (a) At which prisons are they held?
 - (b) How many of the prisoners are Aboriginal?
 - (c) What is the longest sentence being served, and for what offences were they convicted?

1006 TREASURER—COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise, will there be a Community Building Partnership round for 2023?
 - (a) If so, what will be the maximum allocation for each electorate?
 - (b) When will applications open?

1007 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does the Government support the architects' plan for the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo?

1008 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is the Minister committed to using the full \$500 million allocation for the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo?

1009 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Does the Minister support a new Haymarket Street entrance to the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo as opposed to the existing Harris street entrance?

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- 1010 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) Can the Minister outline how the artefacts will be safely dismantled and removed for safe storage?
- 1011 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) Does the Minister support the view of the Museums Founding Director Lindsay Sharp who has called for the Government to halt the redevelopment?
- 1012 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) Has the Government put a stop to any progress on the redevelopment?
- 1013 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) Is the Minister considering options other than the architects' plans?
- 1014 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (8) Does the Government commit to retaining in situ at Ultimo:
- (a) the Catalina flying boat?
- (b) the Boulton & Watt rotative steam engine?
- (c) the iconic Locomotive No. 1?
- 1015 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (9) Can the current architects' plans be implemented or adapted for less than the current estimate of \$500 million?
- (a) If yes, what would the Government's plans be?
- 1016 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) In regard to the Minister's comments reported on 10 May 2023 in the Sydney Morning Herald, what does "Transparency around the planned rebuild" mean?
- 1017 CORRECTIONS—CORRECTIONAL CENTRES - SEXUAL MISCONDUCT—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many claims of sexual misconduct have been made by inmates in New South Wales correctional centres against people employed by or contracted to Corrective Services in the years:
- (a) 2022 – 2023?
- (b) 2021 – 2022?

- (c) 2020 – 2021?
- (d) 2019 – 2020?
- (e) 2018 – 2019?

1018 CORRECTIONS—CORRECTIVE SERVICES - WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many people employed by or contracted to Corrective Services have made workers compensation claims in the years:
 - (a) 2022 - 2023?
 - (i) What was the total cost incurred for these claims?
 - (b) 2021 - 2022?
 - (i) What was the total cost incurred for these claims?
 - (c) 2020 - 2021?
 - (i) What was the total cost incurred for these claims?
 - (d) 2019 - 2020?
 - (i) What was the total cost incurred for these claims?
 - (e) 2018 - 2019?
 - (i) What was the total cost incurred for these claims?

1019 CORRECTIONS—CORRECTIVE SERVICES - COMPLAINTS OF MISCONDUCT—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many complaints of misconduct have been made to Corrective Services by people employed by or contracted to Corrective Services in the financial years:
 - (a) 2022 - 2023?
 - (b) 2021 – 2022?
 - (c) 2020 – 2021?
 - (d) 2019 – 2020?
 - (e) 2018 – 2019?
- (2) In regard to (1)(a-e), of these:
 - (a) How many were relating to sexual misconduct?
 - (b) How many were relating to bullying?
 - (c) How many were relating to mistreatment of inmates?

1020 WATER—WATER FILTRATION PLANTS FOR CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

On 22 February 2023, the Minister committed to a partnership with the Federal Government for a priority investment into a water filtration plant for Clarence Valley Council. Can the Minister advise:

- (1) How much money has the Government set aside for a water filtration plant in the Clarence Valley?
- (2) When does the Government expect the work on the water filtration plan to commence?

(3) What level of funding is the Federal Government expected to commit to the project?

1021 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—POLICE IN FORESTRY OPERATIONS—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there a specific New South Wales Police operation associated with forestry operations in Newry State Forest?
 - (a) If yes, what is the total cost associated with this operation?
 - (b) If no, what is the total cost of police operations relating to forestry in Newry State Forest since 21 July 2023.
- (2) What is the total cost per month associated with New South Wales Police operations relating to forestry since 1 July 2022?

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