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(Paper No. 512)

* 3945 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—ALLEGED FRAUD IN COAL TESTING AT ALS LABORATORY—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, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In 2020, the Australian Laboratory Services (ALS) laboratories reported a matter of allegedly fraudulent coal quality testing at its laboratories under Section 316 of the New South Wales Crimes Act to the NSW Police Force. Is this matter under investigation by the NSW Police Force?
 - (a) If the case is closed, when was it closed?
 - (i) What was the outcome?
- (2) What was or has been the involvement of the NSW Police Force in the investigation of this matter?
- (3) Has the NSW Police Force notified victims of the alleged offence or offences?
 - (a) Has the NSW Police Force corresponded with any foreign power utility companies in relation to the matter?
 - (i) If so, which foreign power utility companies?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW Police Force is unable to provide the information requested by the Member without further details being provided.

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(Paper No. 513)

* 3946 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—RECENT OPPORTUNITY CLASS AND SELECTIVE SCHOOL TEST—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the recent Opportunity Class and Selective School test, has consideration been given to aligning the mean of the results from the children with two attempts with that of the cohort that only had one attempt?
 - (a) Has consideration been given to removing duplicate questions in an individual's second attempt, with consequential scaling and use of that student's last attempt in regard to offering a place?
 - (b) Has consideration been given to treating each cohort separately and offering pro-rated number of places for each cohort?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QON 5265.

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(Paper No. 528)

4023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—MR BRETT WHITWORTH'S ACCOUNTABILITY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—

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- (1) Are you aware of how Mr Brett Whitworth's repeated refusal to answer a lawful question taken on notice at the Local Government Budget Estimates on 28 February 2025 has made him a figure of active political partisanship, as evidenced by the chaos in the Legislative Council on the nights of 4 and 25 June 2025 as the Labor Government engaged in unprecedented filibusters to prevent Mr Whitworth from being made to answer the question under the powers of the upper house?
- (2) Why has Mr Whitworth not resigned or been sacked for the damage he has caused to the Parliament and the Code of Conduct by which New South Wales public servants should be politically independent and not cover up for the improprieties of their minister?
- 4024 ARTS—REQUESTS FOR MUSIC-RELATED GRANTS AND SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBER FOR CAMDEN—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) What representations have you and your office received from the Member for Camden for music-related grants and support during this term of the Parliament?
- (a) What has been the outcome?
- 4025 DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING AND GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT—THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING READINESS FACILITY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) Further to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces' answer to LC Question on Notice 3469, how much has it cost to establish the Advanced Manufacturing Readiness Facility (AMRF) as a government-owned business?
- (a) How many jobs has it created so far?
- 4026 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING READINESS FACILITY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Further to your answer to LC Question on Notice 3469, how much has it cost to establish the Advanced Manufacturing Readiness Facility (AMRF) as a government-owned business?
- (a) How many jobs has it created so far?
- 4027 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—THE LSCA COMMITMENTS FOR THE SEAT OF SYDNEY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) When did the Premier Chris Minns make you aware that his office, in collaboration with the Member for Sydney, had changed or wanted to change the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) commitments for the seat of Sydney so that they no longer reflected Labor's election commitments?
- (a) How did he made you aware of this?
- 4028 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—INTEGRITY OF WITNESSES FOR THE LSCA ALLOCATIONS IN SYDNEY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) As a minister responsible for integrity in the Government, and having built up a reputation in the Legislative Council for honesty and integrity, what action are you taking to make Ms Cherie Burton, Mr Paul Mills and Mr George Psihoyios provide frank and truthful answers to the Public Accountability and Works Committee (PAWC) about the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) allocations in the seat of Sydney, instead of deliberately avoiding honest answers under oath, as per their appearance at the 27 June 2025 hearing?

4029 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—MINISTERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REPORTING INTEGRITY CONCERNS TO ICAC—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Further to your answers in the House, when you became aware that the Premier's office had been working with the Member for Sydney to alter the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) allocations for the seat of Sydney in a manner knowingly outside the LSCA program guidelines, why didn't you fulfil your section 11 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act (ICAC Act) obligations for reporting the matter and the three involved, who are the Premier Chris Minns, Ms Cherie Burton and Mr Alex Greenwich, to ICAC?

4030 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—BRADFIELD SCRUTINEERING INCIDENT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Are you aware of the incident during the Bradfield scrutineering for the recent Federal Election in that closely contested seat, when an Australian Financial Review (AFR) journalist Paul Karp was signed in by a candidate as a scrutineer, not with the intention of actually performing that function for the candidate but rather, writing a story for his newspaper, supposedly as part of his paid job?
- (2) Do you consider this to be an abuse of the important process of vote counting and electorate outcomes in our democracy?
- (3) Given that the AFR has not sacked or suspended Mr Karp for this practice, will you now change the New South Wales electoral laws to ensure scrutineers and their candidates attest that they are being legally signed in solely for the purpose of scrutineering?

4031 AGRICULTURE—LIVE LAMB CUTTING—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Why hasn't the Government committed to a legislated phase-out of live lamb cutting, also known as mulesing?
- (2) What steps has the Government taken to support the transition to plain-bodied Merinos, which do not require mulesing, and are recognised as a proven alternative by many industry experts, wool growers and animal welfare organisations?
- (3) Have you received advice on the growing reputational risk to New South Wales wool industry due to continued mulesing?
- (4) What assessments have been made on potential export market losses if mulesing is not phased out?
- (5) Have you considered the risk of new trade barriers emerging due to the continued use of mulesing?
- (6) How is the Government preparing for international trade partners introducing bans on products derived from mulesed sheep?
- (7) Is the Government aware that mulesing is illegal in countries like New Zealand, the United Kingdom and increasingly phased out in Europe?
- (8) Has the Government assessed the cost-effectiveness and welfare benefits of transitioning to non-mulesed sheep breeds?
 - (a) If so, could you please provide details?
 - (b) If not, why?
- (9) What subsidies, grants or other financial support from the Government are currently available to wool growers who practice mulesing?
- (10) How much public funding, including subsidies and grants, has been allocated to support mulesing practices over the past five years by the Government?
 - (a) Could you please provide details?
- (11) Is there any government funding available specifically to support farmers transitioning away from mulesing?

- (a) If so, could you please provide details?
 - (12) What barriers are preventing the Government from implementing a mulesing phase-out?
 - (a) What is being done to address those barriers?
 - (13) Has the Government consulted with industry stakeholders and animal welfare groups on a timeline to end mulesing?
 - (a) If not, why?
- 4032 CORRECTIONS—MENTAL HEALTH—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage 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) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people were detained for:
 - (a) over 72 hours at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) for 5 nights at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) over 7 nights at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (2) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people were detained for:
 - (a) over 72 hours at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) for 5 nights at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) over 7 nights at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (3) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many delays at the following facilities were due to Risk Intervention Team (RIT) bed shortages at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre (MRRC):
 - (a) over 72-hour delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?

- (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) 5-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) over 7-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (d) all delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (4) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many delays at the following facilities were due to Risk Intervention Team (RIT) bed shortages at the Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre (SWCC):
 - (a) over 72-hour delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) 5-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) over 7-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (d) all delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (5) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many delays at the following facilities were due to Risk Intervention Team (RIT) bed shortages at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre (MRRC):
 - (a) over 72-hour delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) 5-night delays at:

- (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) over 7-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (d) all delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (6) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many delays at the following facilities were due to Risk Intervention Team (RIT) bed shortages at the Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre (SWCC):
- (a) over 72-hour delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) 5-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) over 7-night delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (d) all delays at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (7) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people admitted to the following facilities were assessed by staff or self-reported as being at risk to themselves, by either self-harm or suicide:
- (a) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (b) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (c) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (8) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people admitted to the following facilities were assessed by staff or self-reported as being at risk to themselves, by either self-harm or suicide:
- (a) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (b) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (c) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?

- (9) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people admitted to the following facilities were noted either via staff observation, self-reporting by the detained individual or other records to be suffering from:
- (a) mental health impairment at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) cognitive impairment at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) substance abuse disorder at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (d) multiple impairments and disorders at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (10) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people admitted to the following facilities were noted either via staff observation, self-reporting by the detained individual or other records to be suffering from:
- (a) mental health impairment at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (b) cognitive impairment at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (c) substance abuse disorder at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
 - (d) multiple impairments and disorders at:
 - (i) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (ii) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (iii) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (11) How many people were transported to Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre and then returned to Surry Hills Court Cell Complex, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre or Kariong Intake and Transit Centre due to bed shortages during:

- (a) Financial Year 2023-2024?
 - (b) Financial Year 2024-2025?
- (12) How many individuals were transported to Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre and then returned to Surry Hills Court Cell Complex, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre or Kariong Intake and Transit Centre due to bed shortages during:
- (a) Financial Year 2023-2024?
 - (b) Financial Year 2024-2025?
- (13) How many individuals were transported to Parklea Correctional Centre and then returned to Surry Hills Court Cell Complex, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre or Kariong Intake and Transit Centre due to bed shortages during:
- (a) Financial Year 2023-2024?
 - (b) Financial Year 2024-2025?
- (14) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people were transported to a hospital for a mental health assessment from:
- (a) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (b) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (c) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (15) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people were transported to a hospital for a mental health assessment from:
- (a) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (b) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (c) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (16) Under what Acts and sections of an Act or Acts were people transported to a hospital from Surry Hills Court Complex, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre and Kariong Intake and Transit Centre for a mental health assessment?
- (a) Under what Acts and sections of an Act or Acts were they assessed?
- (17) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people were taken to a hospital for a mental health assessment, found not to be a mentally ill person or a mentally disordered person, returned to Surry Hills Court Cell Complex, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre or Kariong Intake and Transit Centre then subsequently ordered to be reassessed by a magistrate?
- (18) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people were taken to a hospital for a mental health assessment, found not to be a mentally ill person or a mentally disordered person, returned to Surry Hills Court Cell Complex, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre or Kariong Intake and Transit Centre then subsequently ordered to be reassessed by a magistrate?
- (19) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many instances were the following facilities closed to new receptions due to staff having to transport new custodies to hospital emergency departments, thus the centre having insufficient staff:
- (a) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (b) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?
 - (c) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (20) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many instances were the following facilities closed to new receptions due to staff having to transport new custodies to hospital emergency departments, thus the centre having insufficient staff:
- (a) Surry Hills Court Cell Complex?
 - (b) Amber Laurel Correctional Centre?

- (c) Kariong Intake and Transit Centre?
- (21) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people were detained for:
- (a) over 72 hours in:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour court cell complex (CCC)?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
 - (b) 5 nights in:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
 - (c) over 7 nights in:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (22) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people were detained for:

- (a) over 72 hours in:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
 - (b) 5 nights in:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
 - (c) over 7 nights in:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (23) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many delays at the following court cell complexes were due to Risk Intervention Team (RIT) bed shortages at Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) remand reception centres including Wellington Correctional Centre (CC), Mid North Coast CC, Bathurst CC, South Coast CC, Shortland CC and those other CCs which receive fresh remand receptions:

- (a) over 72-hour delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (b) 5-night delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (c) over 7-night delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (d) delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?

- (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (24) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many delays at the following court cell complexes were due to RIT bed shortages at CSNSW remand reception centres including Wellington CC, Mid North Coast CC, Bathurst CC, South Coast CC, Shortland CC and those other CCs which receive fresh remand receptions:
- (a) over 72-hour delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
 - (b) 5-night delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
 - (c) over 7-night delays at:
 - (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?

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- (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (d) delays at:
- (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (25) Which reception centres, both CSNSW and privately managed, notified those court cell complexes of RIT bed shortages?
- (26) During Financial Year 2023-2024, on how many instances were the following court cell complexes unable to receive fresh custodies due to lack of bed capacity:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (27) During Financial Year 2024-2025, on how many instances were the following court cell complexes unable to receive fresh custodies due to lack of bed capacity:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?

- (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (28) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people received into the following court cell complexes were assessed by staff or self-reported as being at risk to themselves, by either self-harm or suicide:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (29) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people received into the following court cell complexes were assessed by staff or self-reported as being at risk to themselves, by either self-harm or suicide:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (30) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people received into the following court cell complexes were noted either via staff observation, self-reporting by the detained individual or other records to be suffering from:
- (a) mental health impairment at:

- (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (b) cognitive impairment at:
- (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (c) substance abuse disorder at:
- (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?
 - (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (d) multiple impairments and disorders at:
- (i) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (ii) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (iii) Dubbo CCC?

- (iv) Lismore CCC?
 - (v) Moree CCC?
 - (vi) Newcastle CCC?
 - (vii) Penrith CCC?
 - (viii) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (ix) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (x) Wollongong CCC?
 - (xi) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (31) Which reception centres, both CSNSW and privately managed, notified the following court cell complexes of RIT bed shortages:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (32) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many individuals were transported from each of the following court cell complexes to a remand reception centre and then returned due to bed shortages:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (33) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many individuals were transported from each of the following court cell complexes to a remand reception centre and then returned due to bed shortages:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?

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- (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (34) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people within each of the following court cell complexes were transported to a hospital for a mental health assessment:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (35) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people within each of the following court cell complexes were transported to a hospital for a mental health assessment:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (36) Under what Acts and sections of an Act or Acts were people within court cell complexes transported to a hospital for a mental health assessment?
- (a) Under what Acts and sections of an Act or Acts were they assessed?
- (37) During Financial Year 2023-2024, how many people were taken from each of the following court cell complexes to a hospital for a mental health assessment, found not to be a mentally ill person or a mentally disordered person, returned to the court cell complex then subsequently ordered to be reassessed by a magistrate:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?

- (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (38) During Financial Year 2024-2025, how many people were taken from each of the following court cell complexes to a hospital for a mental health assessment, found not to be a mentally ill person or a mentally disordered person, returned to the court cell complex then subsequently ordered to be reassessed by a magistrate:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- (39) During Financial Year 2023-2024, on how many instances were each of the following court cell complexes closed to new receptions due to staff having to transport new custodies to hospital emergency departments, thus the court cell complex having insufficient staff:
- (a) Albury 24-hour CCC?
 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?

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- (40) During Financial Year 2024-2025, on how many instances were each of the following court cell complexes closed to new receptions due to staff having to transport new custodies to hospital emergency departments, thus the court cell complex having insufficient staff:
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 - (b) Batemans Bay CCC?
 - (c) Dubbo CCC?
 - (d) Lismore CCC?
 - (e) Moree CCC?
 - (f) Newcastle CCC?
 - (g) Penrith CCC?
 - (h) Port Macquarie CCC?
 - (i) Wagga Wagga CCC?
 - (j) Wollongong CCC?
 - (k) Queanbeyan CCC?
- 4033 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CITIZEN'S RIGHT OF REPLY TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Is Brett Whitworth writing a Citizen's Right of Reply to the Legislative Council in response to the debates about him on 4 and 25 June 2025 and the Labor Government's filibuster therein?
 - (2) If he has time to do that as a well-remunerated Deputy Secretary, why doesn't he just answer my outstanding question from the Portfolio Committee No. 8 Budget Estimates on 28 February 2025?
- 4034 PREMIER—ALLEGATION OF THE MISUSE OF NSW POLICE FORCE RESOURCES BY THE MEMBER FOR SYDNEY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—
- (1) Have you received a complaint from Mr Garry Burns concerning an allegation of the misuse of NSW Police Force resources by the Member for Sydney, with Surry Hills detectives investigating a claim of harassment lodged by Mr Greenwich against Mr Burns when all Mr Burns had done was to tell Mr Greenwich he wanted to sit in the public gallery of a NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) hearing?
 - (a) Why did the detectives visit Mr Burns' home and interview him about such a matter?
 - (b) How have you responded?
- 4035 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—CLAIM OF HARASSMENT LODGED BY MR GREENWICH AGAINST MR BURNS—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) Are you aware of complaints lodged by Mr Garry Burns concerning the misuse of NSW Police Force resources by the Member for Sydney, with two Surry Hills detectives investigating a claim of harassment lodged by Mr Greenwich against Mr Burns when all Mr Burns had done was to tell Mr Greenwich he wanted to sit in the public gallery of a NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) hearing involving me and Mr Greenwich?
 - (2) Why did the detectives visit Mr Burns' home and interview him about such a matter soon after the Greenwich complaint was lodged on 17 June 2025?
 - (3) Noting that the two detectives decided not to proceed with the Greenwich complaint, have they agreed with Mr Burns' advice to the Member for Sydney that, "If you are finding litigation stressful, you shouldn't initiate it"?

- (4) What involvement has Mr Greenwich's solicitor Nicholas Stewart had in this matter?
 - (a) How have Police responded to his actions?
- (5) According to the Police report, did Mr Greenwich "make demands that (Mr Burns) was not allowed to attend the NCAT hearing involving Mr Greenwich and Mr Latham", as Mr Burns has claimed, and when Mr Burns, quite correctly, said he had a citizen's legal right to attend a public hearing in a public place, Mr Greenwich accused him of harassment and contacted the Surry Hills Police?
- (6) Why did the Police in these circumstances take the complaint of the Member for Sydney seriously, especially given the fact that Mr Burns is a well-known LGBTQIAP+ activist supporting Mr Greenwich's parliamentary agenda?
- (7) Are the Police allowed to tell the Member for Sydney, if so based on evidence, that his complaints to them are trivial and unwarranted and they intend to take no action?
 - (a) Why did they not in this case?

4036 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—COMPLAINTS LODGED BY THE MEMBER FOR SYDNEY—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) Since 1 January 2024, how many complaints has the Surry Hills Police Station received from:
 - (a) the Member for Sydney on behalf of himself and his electorate office?
 - (b) the lawyers acting on behalf of the Member for Sydney?
- (2) Since 1 January 2024, how many complaints have other Police Stations received from:
 - (a) the Member for Sydney on behalf of himself and his electorate office?
 - (b) the lawyers acting on behalf of the Member for Sydney?
- (3) How many of these complaints were acted on?
 - (a) How many police hours were involved in processing and pursuing these matters?
- (4) How many of the complaints resulted in:
 - (a) charges being laid?
 - (b) successful prosecutions?
- (5) How many of the complaints lodged by the Member for Sydney concerned:
 - (a) anonymous messages?
 - (b) pseudonym and troll accounts on social media?
- (6) How do you and the NSW Police Force respond to the complaint against Mr Greenwich himself among Police Officers as whistleblowers that he is incredibly precious, sensitive and triggered, and takes any objection or expression of opposition to his political agenda as a menacing statement of harassment warranting a report to the NSW Police Force through himself or his lawyers?

- (7) Given that Mr Greenwich himself, in published affidavits to the Federal Court and the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT), has testified and cited medical evidence that this activity, in part, has damaged his mental health to the point where he can no longer face "large gatherings" and properly perform his parliamentary duties, will you now advise the Member that the NSW Police Force has had enough and it is in everyone's interests to adopt normal Police reporting and investigative practices, as per the other 92 electorates and Members of the Legislative Assembly in New South Wales?

Steven Reynolds
Clerk of the Parliaments