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**22 OCTOBER 2019**

(Paper No. 119)

\*680 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN NSW—Ms Faehrmann asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) For each Emergency Department in NSW, between March 2017 and February 2018:
- How many patients presented with cannabis related psychosis;
  - How many patients presented with cannabis dependency;
  - How many patients presented with cannabis withdrawal symptoms;
  - How many patients presented with acute cannabis intoxication;
  - How many patients presented with symptoms of harmful use;
  - How many patients presented with late onset psychosis related to cannabis;
  - How many patients presented with any sort of substance issues (including cannabis); and
  - How many patients were treated overall by the Emergency Response department?

Answer—

(a) - (f)

Information is not collected with this level of specificity.

(g) 29,142 patients presented to NSW public hospital emergency departments where the administrative record identified substance issues.

(h) The number of patients treated in NSW public hospital emergency departments is published on the BHI website: [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au)

\*681 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—TAFE TEACHING NUMBERS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) For each year for the last five years, how many teachers were employed by TAFE?
- How many of these were permanent?
  - How many of these were part time?
  - How many of these were casual?

(2) In what vocational areas have staff numbers reduced in the last 5 years?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the number of teachers at TAFE NSW is available in the 'Number of Employees' section in the TAFE NSW Annual Report, which is available at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.

\*682 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—MANAGEMENT AT TAFE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How many managers at TAFE are paid at or above Senior Executive Service level (excluding the 12 senior executives referenced in the TAFE annual report)?

Answer—

I am advised: 101 .

\*683 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—TAFE GOODS AND SERVICES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Why is there a budgeted shortfall of \$230 million in sales of goods and services below the target?

- (a) What research has been undertaken to understand this?
- (b) What plans are in place to respond to this shortfall?
- (c) Has TAFE commercial teaching work decreased over last 3 years?
  - (i) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised that that decreases in revenue are largely due to the impact of policy changes associated with the ending of the VET FEE-HELP scheme. Additionally, the uncapping of university places had a significant influence on VET enrolments nationwide. The NSW Government is responding to this trend through \$285 million for 100 000 fee-free apprenticeships from 1 July 2018, along with 100 000 fee-free TAFE and VET courses from 1 January 2020.

\*684 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—TAFE ENROLMENT—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What is the current progress of implementation of the Student Management System?
- (2) When is it anticipated that full implementation will be completed?
- (3) Given that students are currently enrolling in TAFE for 2020, are they experiencing any difficulties with the ebs system?
- (4) How many students were enrolled, (ie. how many actual students, not how many enrolments per course) at TAFE in:
  - (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) 2018?
  - (e) 2019?
- (5) What data is provided as part of national reporting - actual people numbers or enrolment numbers?

Answer—

I am advised that the Student Management Services system has reached the end of Design and Build phase. I understand the remaining work is being transitioned from DxC Red Rock to TAFE NSW's ICT team to deliver the final stages and fine tune the system.

I am informed that TAFE NSW has rolled out the first two stages of the Student Management System including an Integrated Student General Enquiry Form and Customer Relationship System. I understand that several improvements to the existing EBS system were implemented in August 2019 to assist teachers with their day to day activities including the recording of assessment and marking attendance. TAFE NSW has also committed to rolling out a single instance of EBS to offer further improvements for staff by mid next year.

I am further advised that a pilot of the Student Management Services system is planned for technical readiness in November 2020 with full implementation dates to be confirmed post this pilot.

I am advised that there are currently no complaints regarding the use of EBS by students enrolling in 2020 offerings.

TAFE NSW provides NCVER with data on students, course, subject training activity and outcome details in separate files in the required Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard format.

I am finally advised that information on TAFE NSW enrolment numbers is available in the "Our Performance" section of the TAFE NSW annual report available at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>.

\*685 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What has been the total budget for educational support for the last 3 years per year (including

counselling, disability support and multicultural support etc)?

(2) What has been the total budget for marketing for the last 3 years per year?

Answer—

I am advised that budget information on advertising is available in note 2(c) in the TAFE NSW Financial Statements available in the TAFE NSW annual report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>.

I am also advised that counselling, disability support, and multicultural support is funded under the Community Service Obligation payment TAFE NSW is provided each year.

### 23 OCTOBER 2019

(Paper No. 120)

686 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—EVERLIGHT RADIOLOGY WHITEPAPER—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

687 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS (OOSH)—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

### 24 OCTOBER 2019

(Paper No. 121)

688 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS FOR ALLEGED CLEARING OF NATIVE VEGETATION—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

### 28 OCTOBER 2019

(Paper No. 123)

689 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—FINANCIAL RESERVES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

### 29 OCTOBER 2019

(Paper No. 124)

690 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

691 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN COUNTERPARTS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

692 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—BORE WATER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- 693 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF SURFACE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 694 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—RISK OF SERIOUS HARM—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 695 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORKERS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 696 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—OUT OF HOME CARE CASEWORKERS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 697 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—OUT OF HOME CARE CASEWORKERS STRESS LEAVE—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 698 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—CHILDREN AND CASES SEEN BY OUT OF HOME CARE CASEWORKERS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

**30 OCTOBER 2019**

(Paper No. 125)

- 699 ATTORNEY GENERAL—NOW AUSTRALIA FUNDING—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 700 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 701 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—DENTAL COUNCIL OF NSW—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

**31 OCTOBER 2019**

(Paper No. 126)

- 702 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—GREYHOUND RACING NSW—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 703 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—NSW DISABILITY INCENTIVES AND SUBSIDIES REVIEW—Ms Sharpe to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- 704 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- 705 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—DISABILITY ADVOCACY REVIEW—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 706 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SPINAL CORD INJURY—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 707 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—ROYAL COMMISSION VIOLENCE, ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 708 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TACTILE SURFACE INDICATORS—Ms Sharpe to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 709 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—BASIC READING SKILLS FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

#### 4 NOVEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 128)

- 710 CUSTOMER SERVICE—ON THE SPOT FINES IMPOSED ON YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—
- 711 CUSTOMER SERVICE—REVENUE STRATEGIES FOR FINES FOR MINORS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—
- 712 CUSTOMER SERVICE—FINES IMPOSED ON YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—
- 713 ATTORNEY GENERAL—VICTIMS SUPPORT—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 714 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—FREE TAFE COURSES—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 715 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PITTWATER COUNCILS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—
- 716 ATTORNEY GENERAL—ICAC MATTERS REFERRED TO THE ODP—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

**5 NOVEMBER 2019**

(Paper No. 129)

- 717 PREMIER—MR JAMES MCTAVISH—Mr Veitch to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 718 CUSTOMER SERVICE—INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL ACT 1992—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

**6 NOVEMBER 2019**

(Paper No. 130)

- 719 TREASURER—MY COMMUNITY PROJECT PROGRAMME AND VOTING—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- 720 CUSTOMER SERVICE—MY COMMUNITY PROJECT PROGRAMME AND VOTING—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—
- 721 TREASURER—MY COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- 722 CUSTOMER SERVICE—MY COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—
- 723 TREASURER—GAMBLING AND RACING—Ms Boyd to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- 724 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—COMPLETION OF HSC AND HSC MODERN HISTORY—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 725 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT—Ms Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 726 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—SEPARATIONS—Ms Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 727 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS—Ms Moriarty to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

**7 NOVEMBER 2019**

(Paper No. 131)

- 728 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—REFUNDS PROVIDED TO PRIMARY PRODUCERS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—



- 729 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REFUNDS PROVIDED TO PRIMARY PRODUCERS—Mr Veitch to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

**8 NOVEMBER 2019**

(Paper No. 132)

- 730 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—DROUGHT COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 731 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—DROUGHT COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 732 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DROUGHT COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 733 PREMIER—DROUGHT COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 734 PREMIER—LAND AND WATER COMMISSIONER—Mr Primrose to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 735 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—LAND AND WATER COMMISSIONER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 736 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—LAND AND WATER COMMISSIONER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 737 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—LAND AND WATER COMMISSIONER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 738 PREMIER—REGIONAL TOWN WATER SUPPLY COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 739 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—REGIONAL TOWN WATER SUPPLY COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 740 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—REGIONAL TOWN WATER SUPPLY COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- 741 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL TOWN WATER SUPPLY COORDINATOR—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

**12 NOVEMBER 2019**

(Paper No. 134)

- 742 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—STRIP SEARCHES AND ABORIGINALITY—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What was the total number of strip searches undertaken in:
  - (a) 2014-15?
  - (b) 2015-2016?
  - (c) 2017-2018?
  - (d) 2018-2019?
  - (e) 2019-20 to date?
- (2) How many of those in question 1 were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people (please provide by financial year)?
- (3) What was the number of strip searches where something stolen or used in an offence, a dangerous article or drug was found in:
  - (a) 2014-15?
  - (b) 2015-2016?
  - (c) 2017-2018?
  - (d) 2018-2019?
  - (e) 2019-20 to date?
- (4) How many of those in question 3 were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people (please provide by financial year)?
- (5) What was the number of strip searches where something stolen or used in an offence, a dangerous article or drug was not found in:
  - (a) 2014-15?
  - (b) 2015-2016?
  - (c) 2017-2018?
  - (d) 2018-2019?
  - (e) 2019-20 to date?
- (6) How many of those in questions 5 were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people (please provide by financial year)?
- (7) What was the total number of prosecutions commenced following a strip search in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014-15?
  - (b) 2015-2016?
  - (c) 2017-2018?
  - (d) 2018-2019?
  - (e) 2019-20 to date?
- (8) Of those in question 7 how many were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people?
- (9) What was the total number of successful prosecutions commenced following a strip search in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014-15?
  - (b) 2015-2016?
  - (c) 2017-2018?

- (d) 2018-2019?
  - (e) 2019-20 to date?
- (10) Of those in question 9 how many were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people?

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