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- 3 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - JOBS IN QUEANBEYAN—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) Since 25 August 2017, how many new jobs within the Department of Finance have been moved to Queanbeyan?
  - (2) Since 16 May 2018, how many new jobs within the Department of Finance have been moved to Queanbeyan?
  - (3) At 31 December 2018, how many new jobs within the Department of Finance have been moved to Queanbeyan?
- 4 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—LOCAL MILK INDUSTRY—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the investigative report by Claire Stewart in last month's issue of The Farmer, which alleged that the local milk industry has been suffering as a result of "unfair market pressure" on primary producers?
  - (2) How much revenue has the farming industry provided to New South Wales, per year, over the last decade?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware of the practices of milk processors and large supermarket chains as identified in Claire Stewart's investigative piece?
    - (a) If so, does the Minister agree that these practices have challenged the milk industry's viability in New South Wales?
  - (4) What are the projected short and long term effects of these trends on the primary industry, employment rates, regional suicide rates and the cumulative impact on consolidated revenue?
  - (5) What can the Government do to alleviate these problems and assist primary producers of milk in regional New South Wales?
- 5 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR POLICE OFFICERS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What services are available to police officers who have suffered mental health problems as a result of trauma sustained during work?
  - (2) Have there been instances where police have had to wait months for professional help, while inmates in prison have been accommodated in a matter of days?
    - (a) If so, what accounts for this disparity?
- 6 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—POLICE OPERATIONS AT NIMBIN MARDI GRASS 2019—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) How many Mobile Drug Test stops were stationed within 30km of the Nimbin Mardi Grass festival site between 2 and 6 May 2019 (inclusive)?
  - (2) How many Roadside Drug Tests were conducted within 30km of the festival site between 2 and 6 May 2019 (inclusive)?
  - (3) Of the total number of people tested how many people were found to have drugs in their system?
  - (4) How many police in total attended the 2019 Mardi Grass festival as part of their duties?
  - (5) How many police hours were devoted to policing Mardi Grass?
  - (6) What was the total cost of the police operations run at the 2019 Mardi Grass festival?
  - (7) How many people were searched by police at the 2019 Mardi Grass festival following a drug dog

indication?

- (8) How many people were searched by police at Mardi Grass without a drug dog indication?
- (9) Of the total number of people searched how many people were found to have drugs in their possession?
- (10) How many of these people found with drugs on their possession were found to have an indictable quantity?
- (11) How many people were issued fines or any other forms of infringement notices at Mardi Grass?
- (12) What evidence was relied upon by NSW Police to determine the number of officers to send to the festival?
- (13) How much did the NSW Police require the operator to pay for policing?

7 SPORT, MULTICULTURALISM, SENIORS AND VETERANS—REHOMING AND WELFARE OF GREYHOUNDS—Ms Faehrmann 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 Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Who are the current members of the Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group?
- (2) What recommendations in relation to Greyhounds as companion animals have been made from this Reference Group?
- (3) What advice has been received from the Reference Group on the rehoming of greyhounds since 2017?
  - (a) In particular, what advice has been received regarding the use of muzzles, as well as the intended transition to de-muzzling pet greyhounds?
  - (b) What is the intended date of de-muzzling being introduced in New South Wales for pet greyhounds?
- (4) What is the number of greyhounds that have successfully completed a greyhound re-training program, approved by the Chief Executive (under delegation from the Director-General), by order published in the Gazette, since 2017?
- (5) What funding has been provided to independent rehoming organisations by Greyhound Racing NSW through its Greyhound Rehoming Scheme, since 2015?
- (6) How many dogs have been registered under the Greyhound Racing NSW Owners' Incentive Scheme since 2016?
- (7) How many dogs have been re-homed by independent rehoming organisations in NSW since 2016?
- (8) How many dogs have been re-homed by the industry in any other documented way since 2016?
- (9) What is the total amount of government funding provided to Greyhound Racing NSW since 2016?

8 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the current surplus of the workers compensation scheme?
- (2) What is the predicted surplus for 2019/2020 for the statutory fund?
- (3) Of this expenditure by the scheme in 2017/18 what proportion was directed to:
  - (a) injured worker benefits
  - (b) medical expenses
  - (c) insurer expenses
  - (d) legal expenses
  - (e) other costs (please specify)
- (4) What is the projected surplus of the workers compensation scheme in:
  - (a) 2018-2019?
  - (b) 2019-2020?

- (c) 2020-2021?
- (5) On what basis is the surplus calculated?
  - (6) Are there any plans to return part of the surplus to injured workers in the next financial year?
  - (7) What plans are there to restore benefits to injured workers that were cut in 2012?
  - (8) How many workers in the scheme are currently identified as "at risk"?
    - (a) How was this identification made?
    - (b) Who made this identification?
    - (c) How often is this process undertaken?
- 9 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—PRIVATISATION OF NSW PRISONS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) Are there any plans or arrangements to privatise the operation of Long Bay Correctional Facility?
  - (2) Are there any plans or arrangements to privatise the operation of Silverwater Correctional Facility?
  - (3) Are there any plans or arrangements to privatise the operation of Berrima Correctional Facility?
  - (4) Are there any plans or arrangements to lease or sell the land of Long Bay Correctional Facility?
  - (5) Are there any plans or arrangements to lease or sell the land of Silverwater Correctional Facility?
  - (6) Are there any plans or arrangements to lease or sell the land of Berrima Correctional Facility?
- 10 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—YOUNG WOMEN IN PRISON—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- (1) How many young women were in NSW Juvenile Justice facilities on 1 January 2019?
    - (a) Of these how many were on remand?
    - (b) How many have been sentenced?
  - (2) What is the average age of the young women held on remand?
  - (3) What is the average age of the young women who have been sentenced?
  - (4) What is the average length of sentence?
  - (5) How many Aboriginal women were in NSW Juvenile Justice facilities on 1 January 2019?
    - (a) Of these how many are on remand?
    - (b) How many have been sentenced?
  - (6) What is the average age of the young Aboriginal women held on remand?
  - (7) What is the average age of the young Aboriginal women who have been sentenced?
  - (8) What is the average length of sentence?
- 11 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—WOMEN IN PRISON—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- (1) How many women were in NSW prisons on 1 January 2019?
    - (a) Of these how many were on remand?
    - (b) How many have been sentenced?
  - (2) What is the average age of the women held on remand?
  - (3) What is the average age of the women who have been sentenced?
  - (4) What is the average length of sentence?
  - (5) How many Aboriginal women were in NSW prisons on 1 January 2019?
    - (a) Of these how many are on remand?

- (b) How many have been sentenced?
- (6) What is the average age of the Aboriginal women held on remand?
- (7) What is the average age of the Aboriginal women who have been sentenced?
- (8) What is the average length of sentence?
- 12 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—CHILDREN OF WOMEN IN PRISON—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- (1) How many of the women in prison on 1 January 2019 had dependent children?
- (2) How many of the women in prison on 1 January 2019 had dependent children under the age of 2?
- (3) What does the department do to facilitate contact between mothers and their children?
- (4) How much funding is provided to directly support contact between mothers and their children?
- (5) Is the number of children a woman in prison has logged on her file?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 13 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EQUIVALENT FULL TIME STAFF WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What was the number of Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff within the Department of Industry as at:
- (a) 30 June 2015?
- (b) 30 June 2016?
- (c) 30 June 2017?
- (d) 30 June 2018?
- (2) What was the number of EFT staff within the Department of Industry as at 8 May 2019?
- (3) What is the anticipated number of staff as at 30 June 2019?
- (4) What is the anticipate EFT staff as at 30 June 2020?
- 14 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—EQUIVALENT FULL TIME STAFF WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) What was the number of Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff within the Department of Primary Industries as at:
- (a) 30 June 2015?
- (b) 30 June 2016?
- (c) 30 June 2017?
- (d) 30 June 2018?
- (2) What was the number of EFT staff within the Department of Primary Industries as at 8 May 2019?
- (3) What is the anticipated number of staff as at 30 June 2019?
- (4) What is the anticipated EFT staff as at 30 June 2020?
- 15 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE LOCAL LAND SERVICES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) What was the number of Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff within the regional offices of the local Land Services Department of Industry:
- (a) 30 June 2015?

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- (b) 30 June 2016?
  - (c) 30 June 2017?
  - (d) 30 June 2018?
- (2) What was the number of EFT staff within the regional offices of the local Land Services as at 8 May 2019
  - (3) What is the anticipated number of staff as at 30 June 2019?
  - (4) What is the anticipated EFT staff as at 30 June 2020?
- 16 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—EQUIVALENT FULL TIME STAFF WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY - LANDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What was the number of Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff within the Department of Industry - Lands as at:
    - (a) 30 June 2015?
    - (b) 30 June 2016?
    - (c) 30 June 2017?
    - (d) 30 June 2018?
  - (2) What was the number of EFT staff within the Department of Industry - Lands as at 7 May 2019?
  - (3) What is the anticipated number of staff as at 30 June 2019?
  - (4) What is the anticipated EFT staff as at 30 June 2020?
- 17 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—HEAD OFFICES LOCAL LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) What was the number of Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff within the head offices of the local Land Services Department of Industry:
    - (a) 30 June 2015?
    - (b) 30 June 2016?
    - (c) 30 June 2017?
    - (d) 30 June 2018?
  - (2) What was the number of EFT staff within the head office of Local Land Services as 8 May 2019?
  - (3) What is the anticipated number of staff as at 30 June 2019?
  - (4) What is the anticipated EFT staff as at 30 June 2020?
- 18 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EQUIVALENT FULL TIME STAFF - LAND AND WATER COMMISSIONER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What was the number of Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff within the head offices of the Land and Water Commissioner as at:
    - (a) 30 June 2015?
    - (b) 30 June 2016?
    - (c) 30 June 2017?
    - (d) 30 June 2018?
  - (2) What was the number of EFT staff within the Land and Water Commissioner as 8 May 2019?
  - (3) What is the anticipated number of staff as at 30 June 2019?
  - (4) What is the anticipated EFT staff as at 30 June 2020?

- 19 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TIMBER BRIDGES—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 Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many timber bridges are there in New South Wales?
  - (2) How many timber bridges are awaiting repairs?
  - (3) How many timber bridges have closed to vehicular traffic?
  - (4) How many have weight limits?
  - (5) What was the budget allocation to repair timber bridges for the following years
    - (a) 2015-16?
    - (b) 2016-17?
    - (c) 2017-18?
    - (d) 2018-19?
  - (6) Have the replacement cost of all timber bridges been determined by the Government?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If so, please provide the amount.
  - (7) How many timber bridges have weight restrictions placed on them?
  - (8) How many timber bridges have been removed from any schedule that outlines the type and cost of repair work required as a result of weight limits being placed on them?
  - (9) How many timber bridges have had weight limits imposed as a result of repairs required?
- 20 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—CROWN LAND—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What was the total value of Crown Land sold in New South Wales for the following financial years
    - (a) 2011-12?
    - (b) 2012-13?
    - (c) 2013-14?
    - (d) 2014-15?
    - (e) 2015-16?
    - (f) 2016-17?
    - (g) 2017-18?
    - (h) 2018-19?
  - (2) What is the total value of Crown Land that was sold, transferred and/or vested with Property NSW and its previous incarnations since April 1, 2011?
  - (3) Please provide a list (and addresses) of all Crown Land sold to, transferred and/or vested with Property NSW and its previous incarnations since April 1, 2011.
- 21 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WILD DOG FENCE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) When is work anticipated to commence on extensions to the Wild Dog Fence?
  - (2) When is it likely to be completed?
- 22 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) When was the Agriculture Commissioner appointed?
  - (2) If not appointed, when is the position to be established?
  - (3) What is the remuneration of the role?



- (4) How many Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff will report to the Commissioner?
- 23 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—NSW GROSS STATE PRODUCT—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) Has the Department of Primary Industries undertaken any economic assessment of the impact of the current drought on New South Wales Gross State Product?
- (a) If so, what are the anticipated impacts?
- 24 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DAIRY COMMISSIONER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) When was the Dairy Commissioner appointed?
- (a) If not appointed already, when is the position to be established?
- (b) What is the remuneration of the role?
- (2) How many Equivalent Full Time (EFT) staff will report to the Commissioner?
- 25 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How many contractors or outside companies have been employed by Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) in the following years?
- (a) 2013-14?
- (b) 2014-15?
- (c) 2015-16?
- (d) 2016-17?
- (e) 2017-18?
- (f) 2018-19?
- (2) What was the total cost paid to contractors or outside companies employed by the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) in the following years?
- (a) 2013-14?
- (b) 2014-15?
- (c) 2015-16?
- (d) 2016-17?
- (e) 2017-18?
- (f) 2018-19?
- 26 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—CROWN LAND—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Can a parcel of dedicated Crown Land be sold without the Minister first revoking the dedication?
- (a) If so, please outline the step required to facilitate the disposal of the land.
- (2) Can a parcel of Crown Land that is reserved for a public purpose be sold without the Minister first revoking the reservation?
- (a) If so, please outline the step required to facilitate the disposal of the land.
- 27 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRY - WATER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How many contractors or outside companies have been employed by Industry Water in the following

years?

- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?
- (c) 2014-15?
- (d) 2015-16?
- (e) 2016-17?
- (f) 2017-18?
- (g) 2018-19?

(2) What was the total cost paid to contractors or outside companies employed by Industry - Water in the following years

- (a) 2012-13?
- (b) 2013-14?
- (c) 2014-15?
- (d) 2015-16?
- (e) 2016-17?
- (f) 2017-18?
- (g) 2018-19?

28 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND EXPENDITURE—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) In regards to the NSW Climate Change Fund ('the Fund'), from 1 July 2018 to 1 May 2019, please provide:

- (a) The Fund's total expenditure
- (b) How much money had been carried forward from 2017-18?

29 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—NSW CLIMATE CHANGE FUND EXPENDITURE—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) In regards to the NSW Climate Change Fund ('the Fund'), from 1 July 2018 to 1 May 2019, please provide a list of programs invested in under the Fund (itemising the following for each program):

- (a) The program name or description
- (b) The amount of expenditure under the program
- (c) Which relevant Fund priority or program component, i.e. national energy regulation, reducing emissions, private land conservation, etc.
- (d) Responsible agency

30 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—RECENT SHOALHAVEN WATER TRANSFERS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) What notice information does Shoalhaven Water get in relation to water transfers from Lake Yarrunga?

- (a) What form does this notice take?
- (b) Is this notice publicly available?
  - (i) If not, why not?
  - (ii) If so, where can the agreement/rules be found?

31 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—RECENT SHOALHAVEN WATER TRANSFERS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Since transfers began in 2018 until present:

- (1) What was the daily transfer rate from Lake Yarrunga?
- (2) What was the daily inflow rates into Lake Yarrunga over the same period?
- (3) What was the daily flow rate from Tallowa Dam over the same period?
- (4) What was the daily extraction rate by Shoalhaven Water from the Shoalhaven River?
- (5) What water quantity and quality data is collected in relation to the Shoalhaven River downstream of Tallowa Dam?

32 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SHOALHAVEN WATER TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the current agreement/rules relating to water transfers from Lake Yarrunga Inflow and transfer rates?
- (2) What is the form of the agreement/rules?
- (3) Is the agreement/rules publicly available?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, where can the agreement/rules be found?
- (4) Who are the parties to this agreement?

33 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRY - LANDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many contractors or outside companies have been employed by Industry - Lands in the following years?
  - (a) 2013-14?
  - (b) 2014-15?
  - (c) 2015-16?
  - (d) 2016-17?
  - (e) 2017-18?
  - (f) 2018-19?
- (2) What was the total cost paid to contractors or outside companies employed by the Industry - Lands in the following years?
  - (a) 2013-14?
  - (b) 2014-15?
  - (c) 2015-16?
  - (d) 2016-17?
  - (e) 2017-18?
  - (f) 2018-19?

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