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Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC *(on behalf of the Opposition)*

Premiers Priorities

1. Will the current Premiers Priorities be re-adopted?
 - (a) If yes, will the current targets and timelines remain for each?
2. What is the process to decide which priorities will be adopted?
3. What is the timeline for deciding which Priorities to adopt?
4. When will the next update of data be published for each priority?
5. Please provide a breakdown by LGA for each of the following Priorities:
 - (a) Proportion of children and young people reported at risk of serious harm who are re-reported within 12 months of closure of their case plan
 - (b) Number of domestic violence assault reoffenders
 - (c) Proportion of adult reoffenders
 - (d) Greener public spaces
 - (e) Greening our city

Resourcing of NSW independent bodies

6. Will you guarantee to provide the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) with all the resources it has requested to ensure elections in this state are operated safely from cybersecurity attacks?
 - (a) What level of funding has been requested in each of the past four financial years by the NSWEC?
 - (b) What level of added estimated funding is needed to enable the NSWEC to continue to undertake its important work?
7. Will your government provide the NSW Electoral Commission with the \$40m of total ongoing operational funding that the agency has sought but been denied over the past four budget cycles?
 - (a) When did the NSWEC first inform you of the need for \$40m to help assist it meet the New South Wales Government minimum standards?

8. Will you guarantee ongoing operational funding to the NSW Electoral Commission to help protect the jobs of the over 70 State Government employees whose employment will be put at risk from no funding source next financial year?
9. Will you also guarantee to provide adequate ongoing operational funding to enable other independent bodies, such as the ICAC and the Auditor-General, to continue their crucial oversight functions?
10. Local Government elections are less than a month away, yet concerns about the cyber safety of these elections remain and the Commissioner has requested an urgent meeting
 - (a) Have you meet with them yet?
 - (b) If not, have you offered representatives of these agencies with a meeting yet?

Youth

11. Which Minister in your government is responsible for youth affairs in metropolitan areas?
12. What support will the NSW Government provide to metro youth during recovery from COVID?
13. What support will the NSW Government provide to regional youth during recovery from COVID?
14. Will the NSW Government develop a Metropolitan NSW Youth Framework?
15. One of the four key pillars of the Youth Action Plan is “Wellbeing – mentally and physically healthy” with an allocation of “\$87 million for the Suicide Prevention Framework, where young people and regionally-based people are priority groups.”
https://www.regional.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1244345/NSW-Regional-Youth-Action-Plan.pdf Is suicide prevention a similar priority for metro youth?
 - (a) Which Minister in your government is responsible for regional youth suicide prevention?
 - (b) Which Minister in your government is responsible for metropolitan youth suicide prevention?
16. Will the NSW Government develop a Metropolitan Youth Action Plan?
17. Will the NSW Government establish an Office of Youth?
18. How many staff are employed by the NSW Government focusing on metropolitan youth affairs?
 - (a) In which agencies are they employed?

19. Which of the Premiers Priorities are relevant to Metropolitan Youth?
 - (a) Which agencies have identified staff to implement those priorities with a focus on metropolitan youth?

Charter bus operators

20. What instructions have been given to schools regarding the safety of school excursions and school camps, and whether those activities can proceed?
21. What financial support has been offered to charter bus operators who have seen all their tours cancelled, and are reliant on either tourism or school excursions?
22. Will you commit to replying to correspondence received from Rod Williams, a charter bus operator and small business owner located in the Blue Mountains, who has seen his business decimated through cancellations?