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EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING

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Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC on behalf of the Opposition

Jerrabomberra High School

1. When is Jerrabomberra High school expected to open?
 - (a) Will it be open by Term 1 2023?
 - (b) Will this be the regions first STEM based high school?
 - (c) Will enrolment for the year's intake only be open to Years seven and eight?
 - (d) What is the enrolment capacity of Jerrabomberra High School?
 - (e) Is the school expected to have more than 500 students enrolled?
 - (f) Have you considered expanding the school's enrolment capacity to 1000 students?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - (g) What's the delay in announcing the site of Jerrabomberra high school?
 - i. When will the site it be announced?
2. Is the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for Jerrabomberra High school underway?
 - (a) When will community and stakeholder consultation on the proposal take place?
 - (b) Has the project team lodged a request for the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)?
3. Will Jerrabomberra Heights and Googong be zoned to Karabar high school?
 - (a) What suburbs have so far been identified in the zone for Jerrabomberra high school?
4. Why have the project updates, factsheets and FAQ information not been released?
 - (a) When do you expect to release this information?
 - (b) When it is released, will the public be able to access it?
 - (c) Why have they not already been released?
 - (d) What is the delay in releasing this information?

5. Was the former member for Monaro John Barilaro briefed on the status of Jerrabomberra High school?
 - (a) If so, when did this occur?
6. When is the construction contract expected to be finalised?

Questions from the Hon Mark Latham MLC

7. In the Department's spread sheet outlining the vaccination status of its staff, why have some staff on leave been excluded from the list and count?
8. How many Department staff vax status investigations are on hold due to their being on:
 - (a) sick leave? and/or
 - (b) other forms of leave?
9. How many Student Learning Support Officers (teachers aides) have been advised by the Department of their unattested vaccination status and inability to work in schools?
 - a. On which dates did this occur?

Covid 19 Vaccination Guidelines, s 8.4, 5.2.1.2, 5.2.2.8

10. Does the Dept allow Covid-exemptions for staff working in schools across NSW?
11. For staff members who have been on approved leave prior to November 8 and have now attempted to return with an approved Covid-exemption, why is the Dept continuing to keep them 'under investigation', forcing them to take leave for an entire term even though your own information, documents, guidelines as well as the PHO indicates that they can return to work?
12. Why is the Dept not following its own guidelines and procedures?