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\*1849 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PENINSULA PARK, WENTWORTH POINT—Mr D'Adam asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, 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—

- (1) Given there has been no work on the Peninsula Park Wentworth Point since the 2019 election, when will further construction begin?
- (2) What is the new completion date for Wentworth Point Peninsula Park?
  - (a) What date was the final design approved?
  - (b) When will a construction schedule be released to the public?
- (3) Has Transport NSW committed funds to build this park?
  - (a) If so, what is the amount of funds committed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is planning the next stage of redevelopment of Wentworth Point, including the Peninsula Park, boating facilities, and public domain improvements.

Transport for NSW will engage with City of Parramatta Council, the community and other stakeholders throughout the planning and delivery process as soon as it has more to say.

\*1850 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—POLICE ESTIMATES OF CROWDS—Mr D'Adam asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What methods are used by NSW Police to estimate the number of attendees at public events and protests?
- (2) Are the methods codified in any procedure or manual?
  - (a) If so, where is this published?
- (3) Who in the NSW Police hierarchy is responsible for calculating and publicising the estimated number of people attending a public event or protest?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force uses geospatial mapping and crowd science principles to determine crowd capacities. This calculation takes into consideration the event location and its topography.
- (2) No.
- (3) The NSW Police Force will establish a Forward or Major Even Commander for each event where crowd assessments will be a part of their operational role.

\*1851 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—GOVERNMENT USE OF UNIFIED SECURITY IN HOTEL QUARANTINE—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) By which process was Unified Security deployed by the Government as part of its hotel quarantine arrangements?
- (2) How much work and contract income has Unified Security been awarded in Question 1 above?
  - (a) Over what time period?
- (3) Was Unified Security previously included on government lists of preferred security service providers?

(a) If so, what are the details?

- (4) In Questions 1 to 3 above, what preference was given to Unified Security in light of its Indigenous ownership?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Unified Security is an existing panel supplier contractor on the Whole of Government Security Contract 1400840 and was engaged from that panel to undertake some of the hotel quarantine private security arrangements.
- (2) Total expenditure and committed costs for Unified Security contract work from April 2020 to August 2020 amounts to c. \$11.37m.
- (3) Yes, as part of Whole of Government Security Contracts 1400840.
- (4) Selection of all Government Security Contractors are based on merit - capacity, capability, performance and price.

\*1852 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—GOVERNMENT USE OF UNIFIED SECURITY IN HOTEL QUARANTINE—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

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Answer—

Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice 1851 by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*1853 PUBLIC SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, AND THE ARTS—GOVERNMENT USE OF UNIFIED SECURITY IN HOTEL QUARANTINE—Mr Latham asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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Answer—

I refer you to the response to question on notice 1851.

\*1854 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN SCHOOLS—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In 2019, which New South Wales government schools notified parents of controversial content under the 'Controversial Issues in Schools - Procedures' policy?
  - (a) In each case identified in Question 1:
    - (i) What was the content notified?
    - (ii) How many parents withdrew their children from the relevant school event or class?

Answer—

Principals are not required to report centrally on individual discussions with the school community. They deal with any issues that are raised on a school by school, case by case basis, in accordance with the Controversial Issues in Schools Policy.

\*1855 ATTORNEY GENERAL—PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How much money has the Government contributed to the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019 to 2020?
  - (b) 2018 to 2019?
  - (c) 2017 to 2018?
  - (d) 2016 to 2017?
  - (e) 2015 to 2016?
- (2) Which projects have been completed and reported back to the Government demonstrating value for money in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019 to 2020?
  - (b) 2018 to 2019?
  - (c) 2017 to 2018?
  - (d) 2016 to 2017?
  - (e) 2015 to 2016?
- (3) In Question 2 above, which projects addressed the problem of:
  - (a) Intergenerational poverty in Western Sydney public housing estates?
  - (b) Breaking the poverty cycle in New South Wales' poorest neighbourhoods?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) received the following funding from the NSW Government through the Community Legal Centres Program:
  - (a) \$184,812 in 2019-20.
  - (b) \$182,838 in 2018-19.
  - (c) \$148,330 in 2017-18.
  - (d) \$143,470 in 2016-17.
  - (e) \$138,687 in 2015-16.
- (2) Over the financial years 2015-16 to 2019-20, PIAC reported to Legal Aid NSW on the ongoing delivery of legal assistance services in NSW funded by the Community Legal Centres Program. Reporting for the program included outputs and outcomes for the following projects:
  - (a) The Homeless Persons' Legal Service (HPLS) providing free legal assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness at 15 outreach clinics in Sydney and Newcastle;
  - (b) Policing and Detention Project focusing on police powers and discretion; and
  - (c) Discrimination Project focusing on systemic discrimination against people with a disability and

sex discrimination.

All projects are ongoing and will provide legal assistance services in 2020-21.

- (3) Under the Community Legal Centres Program, PIAC must focus its legal assistance services to people experiencing financial and social disadvantage in NSW.

The PIAC HPLS provides free legal advice and assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It also aims to address and reduce the causes of homelessness by tackling legal, individual and systemic barriers, such as those that prevent people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, from accessing and maintaining appropriate, stable housing.

The HPLS operates 15 outreach clinics in areas of Sydney, Western Sydney and Newcastle with disadvantaged communities including the Wayside Chapel and Matthew Talbot Hostel in inner Sydney, Parramatta Mission in western Sydney, and the Salvation Army Community Centre in Raymond Terrace.

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- 1988 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SALE OF LAND ON THE FORMER COCKLE CREEK SMELTER SITE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With regard to the recent sale of land on the former Cockle Creek Smelter site:

- (1) Who was the land sold to?
- (2) What was the sale price?
- (3) Were any interested parties prevented from bidding?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (4) Was the Minister made aware that an agency called Avenue Capital had been in contact with Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) to discuss their interest in the property and that their interest included a significantly higher bid for the site?
- (5) Has a referral been made to the New South Wales procurement agency to consider the conduct of this sale process where a potential higher bid was refused?
- (6) Was the matter referred to the New South Wales procurement agency?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, when was the decision made not to refer the matter?
  - (c) If not, why was the decision made not to refer the matter?
- (7) If the matter has been referred to the NSW procurement agency, have they finalised their inquiry into the matter?
  - (a) Are their findings/report publicly available?
  - (b) If so, where can it be found?

- 1989 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SALE OF LAND ON THE FORMER COCKLE CREEK SMELTER SITE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- 1990 PREMIER—MINISTERIAL CHARTER LETTERS—Mr Primrose to ask the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, 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—
- (1) Are there in existence Ministerial Charter letters from April 2019, and any subsequent amendments since then, that detail the Government's commitments and priorities Ministers are responsible for delivering through the agencies within their Ministerial Portfolio?
- If not, why not?
- 1991 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—INTENSIVE CARE BEDS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total number of current number of intensive care unit beds in New South Wales?
- What is this number of intensive care bed by public hospital in New South Wales?
- 1992 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What are the current wait-times for palliative care in the South Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) What are the current wait-times for speech pathology in the South Western Sydney Local Health District?
- 1993 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—PUBLIC DENTAL CARE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What are the current wait-times for public dental care in New South Wales?
- 1994 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) How many hospital beds will be at the new Tweed Hospital?
- 1995 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—QUARANTINE SECURITY CONTRACTS—Ms Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Please provide a list of the security companies who have, or had, security contracts with the NSW Government for hotel quarantine?

- 1996 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—QUARANTINE SECURITY CONTRACTS—Ms Jackson to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) Please provide a list of the security companies who have (or had) security contracts with the NSW Government for hotel quarantine?
- 1997 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN PDHPE CURRICULUM—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) In the years 7 to 10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum:
    - (a) How are the following terms below defined and taught in schools?
      - (i) 'Building respectful relationships'?
      - (ii) 'Exploring personal identity'?
      - (iii) 'Strategies to manage change, challenges, power, abuse, violence'?
      - (iv) 'Learn how to protect themselves and others in a range of situations'?
    - (b) What learning materials are recommended by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) in teaching each of the following?
      - (i) 'Building respectful relationships'?
      - (ii) 'Exploring personal identity'?
      - (iii) 'Strategies to manage change, challenges, power, abuse, violence'?
      - (iv) 'Learn how to protect themselves and others in a range of situations'?
- 1998 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—WEAR IT PURPLE DAY AT WALLACIA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Regarding the published material on the Department of Education website on Friday 28 August 2020, promoting 'Wear It Purple Day', using a photo from Wallacia Public School that included twenty small students who looked no older than seven years of age, with the caption that this was "empowering rainbow young people":
    - (a) How many students in the photo have identified as LGBTIQ?
    - (b) How did 'Wear It Purple Day' empower them?
    - (c) How does the department define and identify "rainbow young people" in our schools?
- 1999 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—COVID-19 - MINISTERIAL PAROLE DECISIONS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- (1) Under the extraordinary powers granted to the Corrections Commissioner under the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020, 2.5 Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 No 93, what parole orders have been made from 24 August 2020 to 31 August 2020?
    - (a) For which inmates were these orders made?
    - (b) What reasons were there for the orders?
    - (c) How is parole supervision being administered?
    - (d) For what crime was each paroled inmate originally convicted?
      - (i) How long was that sentence?
- 2000 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT OF WEAR IT PURPLE DAY—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Did the NSW Education Department for the first time this year endorse the conduct of 'Wear It Purple Day' in its schools and communicate this to teachers, encouraging participation on 28 August 2020?
    - (a) If so, what are the details?
  - (2) What School Biz communication was made to teachers in question 1 above?



- (a) What resources were recommended and linked to this communication for teachers and schools to use?
- (3) In the department's research:
  - (a) What proportion of primary school students identify as LGBTIQ?
  - (b) What proportion of primary school students have a clear understanding of the meaning of these letters?
- (4) Further to question 3, why do government primary schools, with students as young as four years old, participate in these days?

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