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*1940 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WESTCONNEX ASBESTOS—Ms Boyd 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) In relation to the discovery of asbestos at the St Peters WestConnex construction site and the safety of workers on site:
 - (a) What action is the Minister taking regarding the recent reports about the adequacy of the health and safety systems at the WestConnex St Peters construction site in relation to asbestos contamination?
 - (b) Has the Minister seen any reports from Safe Work about this situation?
 - (c) Is the Minister aware of the independent industrial hygienist review which is being undertaken as a result of the Electrical Trade Union's concerns about inadequate soil and water testing systems on this site?
 - (d) What steps will the Minister take to ensure that the workers on this site, as well as local residents and users of Sydney Park, are safe from asbestos contamination from the St Peters WestConnex construction site?

Answer—

I am advised:

Small amounts of bonded asbestos were recently identified by an M4-M5 Link Tunnels contractor at the St Peters Interchange site, a former landfill site.

The M4-M5 Link Tunnels contractor is meeting all SafeWork NSW requirements at this site, to ensure the safety of its workers and the community.

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2188 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—BABY BUNDLE—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were received by HealthShare NSW for the Baby Bundle following the closure of tenders on 13 August 2018?
- (2) How many RFPs are located in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Interstate?
 - (c) Overseas?
- (3) How many RFPs were received from the applicants in Question 2 for:
 - (a) Option A - Supply of Goods only:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Interstate?
 - (iii) Overseas?
 - (b) Option B - Fulfilment and Logistics only:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Interstate?
 - (iii) Overseas?
 - (c) Option C – Supply of Goods and Fulfilment and Logistics:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Interstate?
 - (iii) Overseas?

- (4) For each of the six successful tenderers below, which of them are providing based on Option A, Option B, Option C, or any other option that the Minister can describe or outline?
 - (a) Actisafe Pty Ltd?
 - (b) The Kanga Group Pty Ltd?
 - (c) Civic Disability Services Limited?
 - (d) Bubba Blue Pty Ltd?
 - (e) Baobag Pty Ltd?
 - (f) Bobby Bebe Pty Ltd?
 - (5) What items are contained in the Baby Bundle?
 - (6) For each of the items contained in the Baby Bundle, as outlined in Question 5 above, please outline how many items are manufactured or produced in each of the following:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) Interstate?
 - (c) Overseas?
 - (7) For each of the items contained in the Baby Bundle, as outlined in Question 5 above, please outline where each individual item is manufactured or produced?
 - (a) What is the cost of each individual item?
- 2189 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—RANDOM BREATH TESTING (RBT) COVID-19 PROCEDURES—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What current COVID-safe practices do NSW Police undertake when conducting Random Breath Testing?
 - (2) Are police observing social distancing requirements when conducting RBTs?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (3) Is the breathalyser required to be wiped down between tests?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (4) Are NSW Police trained on how to properly disinfect RBT equipment and safely conduct roadside testing between cars during the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - (a) If so, how is this training delivered?
 - (5) Is personal protective equipment (PPE) compulsory for police who are undertaking RBTs?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 2190 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—POLICE NUMBERS—Mr D'Adam to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) Could the Minister provide:
 - (a) The total number of police officers per day undertaking duties on the New South Wales borders for COVID-19 Public Health Orders (PHOs) in August and September?
 - (b) The total number of police officers per day undertaking COVID-19 quarantine duties in NSW for August and September?
 - (c) The number on average for each of the Police Area Commands (PACs) and Police Districts (PDs) for August and September of officers that are seconded for these duties?
- 2191 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—CLEANERS EMPLOYED AT JOHN HUNTER 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 full-time cleaners are currently employed at John Hunter Hospital?
 - (2) How many full-time cleaner positions are currently vacant at John Hunter Hospital?
 - (3) How many permanent part-time cleaners are currently employed at John Hunter Hospital?

- (4) How many permanent part-time cleaner positions are currently vacant at John Hunter Hospital?
- (5) How many casual cleaners are currently employed at John Hunter Hospital?
- (6) How many casual cleaner positions are currently vacant at John Hunter Hospital?
- (7) How many cleaners at John Hunter Hospital are obtained from labour hire sources?

2192 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—IMPACT OF QUEENSLAND BORDER CLOSURE—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is it the case that a father of four who is dying in a Brisbane hospital is only being allowed a visit from one child before his passing due to ongoing coronavirus restrictions, as reported on 9 News by Luke Cooper on 9 September 2020?
- (2) Will the Minister assist the family to be allowed to cross the New South Wales and Queensland border to say their goodbyes, without having to incur up to \$10,000 for quarantine in Queensland?
- (3) Have there been other cases where terminally ill people have been prevented from seeing members of their family due to coronavirus restrictions?

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