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* 7728 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—DESTINATIONS NSW GRANTS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Industry and Trade—

- (1) What are the various grant programs run by Destinations NSW?
 - (a) What are the terms and conditions of the grants?
 - (b) What is the amount spent in 2020/21?
- (2) For each of the programs in (1) above:
 - (a) When were they last evaluated?
 - (b) What did the evaluations show?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The 2021-22 programs administered by Destination NSW are:

- Regional Business Event Development Fund
- Regional Event Fund
- Cooperative Marketing Program
- Tourism Product Development Fund

These programs are listed on Destination NSW's corporate website: www.destinationnsw.com.au/tourism/business-development-resources/funding-and-grants

- (a) See answer to question 1.
- (b) The amount spent in 2020/21 on the programs are as follows:
 - Regional Business Event Development Fund: \$1,000,000
 - Tourism Product Development Fund: \$3,000,000
 - The Regional Event Fund and Cooperative Marketing Program did not run in 2020-21.
- (2) The programs listed in question 1 are currently open or will open shortly.

* 7729 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL NSW GRANTS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) What are the various Grant programs run by Regional NSW?
 - (a) What are the terms and conditions for the grants?
 - (b) What is the amount of money spent in 2020/21?
- (2) For the grant programs in (1) above:
 - (a) When were they last evaluated?
 - (b) What did these evaluations show?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) The Department of Regional NSW delivers a broad suite of grant programs and the terms and conditions of each are outlined in the publicly available Program Guidelines.
 - (b) Details regarding the distribution of funding is available in annual reports.
- (2)
 - (a-b) Evaluations are required for all programs and these are published online.

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7818 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—FARM HARVEST—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) When did the 55,000 Pacific Islander workers brought in for the farm harvest arrive in New South Wales?
- (2) Were these workers double COVID-19 vaccinated?
 - (a) What proof is there of this status?

7819 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—FARM HARVEST—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) When did the 55,000 Pacific Islander workers brought in for the farm harvest arrive in New South Wales?
- (2) Were these workers double COVID-19 vaccinated?
 - (a) What proof is there of this status?

7820 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—FARM HARVEST—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) When did the 55,000 Pacific Islander workers brought in for the farm harvest arrive in New South Wales?
- (2) Were these workers double COVID-19 vaccinated?
 - (a) What proof is there of this status?

7821 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WATER NSW STRATEGIES—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the status of Water NSW's Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy?
 - (a) Has it been released?
 - (i) If not, why not
 - (b) What is the timeline for its release?
 - (c) Why was it delayed?
- (2) Why has the final discussion paper for a Biodiversity Offset Strategy been delayed?
 - (a) What date will this be released?
 - (b) Why has it been delayed?
 - (c) Will the Minister release the draft that has been internally circulated?

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