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17 FEBRUARY 2022

(Paper No. 683)

* 8322 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—COWRA HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many Year 9 classes at Cowra High School have not had a regular teacher all year?
 - (a) What are the details?
- (2) Why have students been told to read books in Year 9 maths classes in the absence of a maths teacher?
- (3) Why was the school maths teacher now working in a local restaurant sacked by the Department of Education?
- (4) What is the Minister doing to address teacher shortages at Cowra High School?

Answer—

- (1) All Year 9 classes at Cowra High School have a regular classroom teacher assigned in 2022.
- (2) Year 9 mathematics students have not been told to read books in the absence of a teacher. On two occasions when a teacher was absent, the classes were supervised and provided with regular mathematics class work.
- (3) For privacy and confidentiality reasons it would be inappropriate for comment to be made on individual matters.
- (4) As at 22 February 2022, Cowra High School has three permanent teacher vacancies, all with active recruitment underway. The Department's School Recruitment and Placement team is working closely with the Principal to ensure these vacancies are filled as soon as possible.

18 FEBRUARY 2022

(Paper No. 684)

* 8323 TRANSPORT—SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS APPLICATIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of all schools which have submitted applications for school crossing supervisors that are yet to have their application approved?
 - (a) Broken down by:
 - (i) School?
 - (ii) Date of application submission?
 - (iii) The number of crossing guards requested at each school?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

* 8324 TRANSPORT—SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS LIST—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence representing the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of schools which currently have school crossing supervisors?
 - (a) Broken down by:
 - (i) School?

- (ii) Electorate?
- (iii) Date of commencement for the school crossing supervisor?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

10 MARCH 2022

(Paper No. 698)

8413 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—LOW LEVEL ADJUSTMENT FOR DISABILITY—The Hon. Anthony D'Adam to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) According to the Department's figures, the number of students covered by the Low Level Adjustment for Disability was reduced from 135,000 in 2021 (See answer to Supplementary Questions 182, 29 March 2021, Budget Estimates for Education and Early Childhood Learning) to 95,000 in 2022 (see answer to Supplementary Questions 64, 30 November 2021, Budget Estimates for Education and Early Childhood Learning):
 - (a) What was the reason for this reduction?
- (2) What funding support is available for the 40,000 students with disability who are no longer considered eligible for support via the loading?
- (3) Who has the Government consulted with as part of the development of a new allocation methodology for the loading in 2023?
- (4) Has the Department commissioned any independent review or research related to the development of the new methodology?
- (5) Can the Government provide an assurance that a new allocation methodology promised for the Low Level Adjustment for Disability in 2023 will utilise Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

8414 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS—COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY OF NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN RESPECT TO INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REQUIREMENTS OF THE NSW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY—The Hon. Anthony D'Adam to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) Does NSW Industrial Relations continue to have a role in the enforcement of industrial relations requirements under New South Wales Government Procurement Policy?
 - (a) If so, please detail the nature and extent of this role?
 - (b) If not, what agency is responsible for the enforcement of industrial relations requirements under New South Wales Government Procurement Policy?

8415 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—COMMUNITY HOUSING—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many electorates in New South Wales does the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) have contracts with for tenancy management with community housing providers?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by each electorate?
 - (b) Please list the names of the community housing providers with contracts?
- (2) How many electorates in New South Wales does the Department of Family and Community Services (FACs) have contracts with for maintenance management with Community housing providers?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by each electorate?
 - (b) Please list the names of the community housing providers with contracts?

- (3) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman between 1 July 2015 and 1 July 2016 for:
 - (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (4) For each kind of complaint in (3), please disaggregate by electorate?
- (5) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman between 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017 for:
 - (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (6) For each kind of complaint in (5), please disaggregate by electorate?
- (7) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman between 1 July 2017 and 1 July 2018 for:
 - (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (8) For each kind of complaint in (7), please disaggregate by electorate?
- (9) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman between 1 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 for:
 - (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (10) For each kind of complaint in (9), please disaggregate by electorate?
- (11) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman between 1 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 for:
 - (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (12) For each kind of complaint in (11), please disaggregate by electorate?

- (13) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman for between 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2021:
- (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (14) For each kind of complaint in (13), please disaggregate by electorate?
- (15) How many complaints were registered with the NSW Ombudsman between 1 July 2021 and 24 March 2022 for:
- (a) DCJ housing?
 - (b) Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)?
 - (c) DCJ contractors?
 - (d) AHO contractors?
 - (e) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contractors?
- (16) For each kind of complaint in (15), please disaggregate by electorate?

8416 POLICE—FURTHER INFORMATION FOR QUESTION ON NOTICE 8317—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Further to the Minister's Answer to Question on Notice 8317:
- (a) If NSW Police Force systems may not be able to record information about the murder of Trans-people in New South Wales and the Minister is unable to answer Part 2 of the Question on Notice 8317 with any number:
 - (i) How can the Trans-flag be included in the Day of Remembrance, when other identity groups in New South Wales are excluded and the Trans-flag alone flies next to the National Flag and State Flag?
 - (b) What other "relevant community organisations and groups" and victims of violent crime have been consulted in the Minister's answer to Part 4 of Question on Notice 8317?

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