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23 FEBRUARY 2022

(Paper No. 687)

* 8326 WOMEN'S SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE FUNDING—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—

- (1) When will domestic violence services receive the \$19.8 million Staying Home Leaving Violence funding announced in June 2021?
- (2) When will providers receive the remaining \$12.7 million?
- (3) Where are the expanded locations?
 - (a) How were the new locations decided?
- (4) What is the average funding amount per location?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 16 March 2022, all providers who received funding under Phase 1 of the expansion have been paid their 2021-22 funding.
 - (2) Details of the distribution of the remaining funding will be finalised shortly.
 - (3) The locations of the Phase 1 expansion have been negotiated and agreed to with the 28 existing providers as expansions to their existing 33 services following analysis of NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data about rates of domestic and family violence, overall population data and information about existing case management services in each location.
 - (4) For Phase 1, \$150,000 has been allocated per expansion site.
- * 8327 SKILLS AND TRAINING—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BUDGET—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) What was the total vocational education and training budget for each year since 2011?
- (2) How much of the budget was provided to TAFE NSW for each year since 2011?
- (3) How much of the budget was provided to private providers for each year since 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This figure is available in relevant years Budget papers.
 - (2) Funding for TAFE annually is set out in TAFE annual reports.
 - (3) The total skills and training budget is set out in the relevant years Budget papers.
- * 8328 WOMEN'S SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—NSW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LINE—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—
- (1) Please provide the total number of calls to the NSW Domestic Violence call line (1800 65 64 63) in the following years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?

- (iv) April?
 - (v) May?
 - (vi) June?
 - (vii) July?
 - (viii) August?
 - (ix) September?
 - (x) October?
 - (xi) November?
 - (xii) December?
- (b) 2019?
- (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
 - (v) May?
 - (vi) June?
 - (vii) July?
 - (viii) August?
 - (ix) September?
 - (x) October?
 - (xi) November?
 - (xii) December?
- (c) 2020
- (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
 - (v) May?
 - (vi) June?
 - (vii) July?
 - (viii) August?
 - (ix) September?
 - (x) October?
 - (xi) November?
 - (xii) December?
- (d) 2021?
- (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?

- (iv) April?
- (v) May?
- (vi) June?
- (vii) July?
- (viii) August?
- (ix) September?
- (x) October?
- (xi) November?
- (xii) December?
- (e) 2022 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data regarding the number of calls to the NSW Domestic Violence Line can be found in the Department of Communities and Justice Annual Reports:

<https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports.html>

* 8329 WOMEN'S SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—WOMENS CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—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—

- (1) For each year since 2011:
 - (a) How many women's refuges delivered women's only crisis accommodation?
 - (i) How many operated from government-owned properties?
 - (ii) How many operated from non-government owned properties?
 - (b) How many women have been provided crisis accommodation?
 - (i) How many at government-owned properties?
 - (ii) How many at non-government owned properties?
 - (c) How many women have requested crisis accommodation?
 - (i) How many at government-owned properties?
 - (ii) How many at non-government owned properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice currently provides funding through specialist homelessness services to 86 women's refuges, an increase from 76 in 2014.

Of the 86 women's refuges, 67 operate from government-owned properties, and 19 are non-government owned.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) publishes data on clients supported by specialist homelessness services, including need and provision of crisis accommodation at: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports-data/health-welfare-services/homelessness-services/overview>.

This includes historical data tables for the period 2011-12 to 2020-21.

* 8330 WOMEN—RETURN TO WORK PROGRAM—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How many women registered their interest for the second phase of the Return to Work Program between 8 February 2022 and 21 February 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 8 February 2022 and 21 February 2022, 119 women registered their interest in phase 2 of the Return to Work Program.

* 8332 POLICE—NSW POLICE CIVIL PAYMENTS FOLLOW UP QUESTION—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) On 16 December 2021 the Minister provided a response to Question on Notice 7839 and on 22 February 2022 the Minister provided a response to Question on Notice 8178:

- (a) What issues have been identified out of the 1614 claims over the last five years that have required educational or training opportunities?
- (b) What training and educational strategies have been put in place to address these issues?
- (c) What systemic issues have been identified?
- (d) What has been done to address those systemic issues?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Educational and training opportunities identified include non-compliance with sections of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 and Police Act 1990, failures to record certain information on the Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS), and non-compliance with various policies or operating procedures of the NSW Police Force.
- (b) A number of measures have been undertaken to address educational and training opportunities identified as a result of civil claims, or other processes. These include:
- in-command training,
 - police powers face-to-face training sessions,
 - development or updating of reference materials,
 - publication of further information on key NSW Police Force intra net sites,
 - creation of open e-learning modules and Microlearns, and
 - development of Commissioner's Training Directives, Mandatory Continuing Police Education (MCPE) packages and Employee Acknowledgments.
- (c) Systemic issues identified include the failure to comply with certain legislative or NSW Police Force policy requirements.
- (d) A number of measures have been undertaken to address systemic issues identified as a result of civil claims, or other processes. These include:
- various amendments to the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002,
 - development of various manuals and guidelines,
 - creation of the Police Powers -Person Search face-to-face training workshop,
 - amendments to COPS,
 - development of other educational resources such as Microlearns, and
 - the distribution of further information via email and Police Monthly articles.

24 FEBRUARY 2022

(Paper No. 688)

* 8340 ENERGY—EMPOWERING HOMES—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How many homeowners have applied for a solar battery loan through the Empowering Homes program?
 - (a) Please provide details per region:
 - (i) Newcastle, Central Coast and surrounding regions?
 - (ii) Blue Mountains and surrounding regions?
 - (iii) Tamworth?
 - (iv) Port Macquarie, Great Lakes and surrounding regions?
 - (v) Orange and surrounding regions?
 - (vi) Hunter Valley and Upper Hunter?
- (2) How many homeowners have installed a solar battery system through the Empowering Homes program?
 - (a) Please provide details per region:
 - (i) Newcastle, Central Coast and surrounding regions?
 - (ii) Blue Mountains and surrounding regions?
 - (iii) Tamworth?
 - (iv) Port Macquarie, Great Lakes and surrounding regions?
 - (v) Orange and surrounding regions?
 - (vi) Hunter Valley and Upper Hunter?
- (3) What is the average loan amount?
- (4) Are there plans to increase the number of eligible postcodes?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) As at 23 February 2022, the pilot has had the following number of households apply for a solar battery loan:
 - (i) 307 applications in the Newcastle, Central Coast and surrounding regions
 - (ii) 64 applications in the Blue Mountains and surrounding regions
 - (iii) 13 applications in the Tamworth region
 - (iv) 57 applications in the Port Macquarie, Great Lakes and surrounding regions
 - (v) 40 applications in the Orange and surrounding regions
 - (vi) 73 applications in the Hunter Valley, Upper Hunter region.
- (2)
 - (a) As at 23 February 2022, the pilot has led to the installation of the following number of solar battery systems:
 - (i) 287 installations in the Newcastle, Central Coast and surrounding regions
 - (ii) 47 installations in the Blue Mountains and surrounding regions
 - (iii) 13 installations in the Tamworth region

- (iv) 55 installations in the Port Macquarie, Great Lakes and surrounding regions
 - (v) 31 installations in the Orange and surrounding regions
 - (vi) 39 installations in the Hunter Valley, Upper Hunter region.
- (3) As at 23 February 2022, the average loan amount for a battery plus solar system was \$13,837, and the average loan amount for a battery retrofit was \$8,686.
- (4) The initial pilot was expanded from nine local government areas (LGAs) to 24 LGAs in December 2020, to further test key aspects of the program's design and delivery. The results of the pilot are currently being analysed and will be used to inform future stages of the program.

25 FEBRUARY 2022

(Paper No. 689)

* 8375 FINANCE—WESTERN SYDNEY CARGO—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) Is it the case that at the commencement of operation, the new Western Sydney Airport is predicted to move over 200,000 tonnes of cargo annually?
- (a) If not, what is the predicted tonnage?
 - (b) How much is cargo predicted to increase by tonnage over the first five years of the airport's operation?
- (2) For each year commencing calendar year 2026 until 2030, what is the estimated proportion of cargo that will be moved to and from the Western Sydney Airport by rail as compared to road?
- (a) What is estimated to be the total tonnage in each category?
 - (b) What currently available New South Wales public documents detail the expected movement of cargo by road?
 - (i) What is the web address for each public document?
 - (c) What currently available New South Wales public documents detail the expected movement of cargo by rail?
 - (i) What is the web address for each public document?
- (3) Which dedicated freight rail line currently services the Western Sydney Employment Area?
- (4) Which dedicated freight rail lines will service the Western Sydney Employment Area in 2026?
- (5) What New South Wales public documents detail the construction of dedicated freight rail to the Western Sydney Employment Area?
- (a) What is the web address for each public document?
- (6) What New South Wales public documents detail the construction of dedicated freight rail to the Western Sydney Airport?
- (a) What is the web address for each public document?
- (7) When is construction estimated to commence for a dedicated freight rail line for the:
- (a) Western Sydney Airport?
 - (b) Western Sydney Employment Area?
- (8) What year is the dedicated freight rail line expected to be completed for:
- (a) Western Sydney Airport?
 - (b) Western Sydney Employment Area?
- (9) What is the estimated allocation of funding over the next ten years for a dedicated freight rail line for:

- (a) Western Sydney Airport?
- (b) Western Sydney Employment Area?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is best directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 8379 PREMIER—WESTERN SYDNEY CARGO—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) Is it the case that at the commencement of operation, the new Western Sydney Airport is predicted to move over 200,000 tonnes of cargo annually?
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Answer—

On behalf of the Premier, I am advised that this question is best directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

- * 8381 TREASURER—WESTERN SYDNEY CARGO—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) Is it the case that at the commencement of operation, the new Western Sydney Airport is predicted to move over 200,000 tonnes of cargo annually?
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Answer—

On behalf of the Premier, I am advised that this question is best directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

15 MARCH 2022

(Paper No. 701)

* 8466 FINANCE—BUDGET PAPERS AND REPORTING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) Does the NSW Infrastructure Statement budget paper contain all infrastructure projects considered “major projects” from the general government sector?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) What are the exceptions to this requirement in the 2021/22 budget?
 - (ii) What are the reasons for not including major infrastructure projects in the NSW Infrastructure Statement budget paper?
 - (iii) Where in the budget papers would these major infrastructure projects be listed and accounted for?
 - (b) If so, who is responsible for ensuring all major infrastructure projects are included in the budget papers?
- (2) Are there differing requirements to report major projects in the budget papers depending on the source of the funding for the general government sector, for example funded projects from the Restart Fund?
 - (a) If so, what are the reasons for this being the case?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Treasurer.

* 8470 PREMIER—BUDGET PAPERS AND REPORTING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) Does the NSW Infrastructure Statement budget paper contain all infrastructure projects considered “major projects” from the general government sector?
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Answer—

On behalf of the Premier, I am advised that this question is best directed to the Treasurer.

16 MARCH 2022

(Paper No. 702)

8476 HEALTH—ACCOMMODATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much did NSW Health spend on the housing and accommodation of health care providers (HCPs) in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2018/19?
 - (b) 2019/20?
 - (c) 2020/21?
 - (d) 2021 to date?
- (2) How many HCPs were placed in accommodation for less than 1 month?
 - (a) What is the cost of this in the following financial years:
 - (i) 2020/21?
 - (ii) 2021 to date?
- (3) How many HCPs were placed in accommodation for more than 1 month?
 - (a) What is the cost of this in the following financial years:
 - (i) 2020/21?
 - (ii) 2021 to date?
- (4) What is the breakdown of HCPs who utilise accommodation provided by NSW Health?

8477 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—HEALTH ADVICE IN SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) I refer the Minister to the statement by Premier Perrottet at the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) on 25 February when the Premier said in relation to RAT surveillance testing in schools, “Health completely disagreed with this approach by the way, they didn’t want it”:
 - (a) Did the Department of Education reject the health advice?
 - (i) If so, for what reason?
 - (b) What other health advice has the Department of Education rejected in relation to COVID-19 in schools?
 - (c) Why has the Department of Education accepted health advice for Vaccination Mandates when these have aggravated critical teacher shortages in Government schools, with at least 7000 teachers fired or stood down?

8478 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—PENNANT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Why have year 8 students at Pennant Hills High School been asked to complete a health class assignment on Black Lives Matter (BLM) and HeForShe?
- (2) Does the Minister regard BLM as an American leftist political body suitable for PDHPE studies in New South Wales, especially given its stated commitment to defunding police, abolishing the nuclear family and encouraging street protests, rioting and looting?
- (3) Will the Government update its Controversial Issues in Schools policy to declare BLM as controversial, requiring parental permission for school studies?
- (4) What have the parents at Pennant Hills High said about the study of BLM?
- (5) Why wasn’t Australian content on health issues chosen for the health class?
- (6) Why is Pennant Hills High running political classes for Year 8 under the cover of PDHPE?

8479 METROPOLITAN ROADS—SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—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—

- (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?
- (2) 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?

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