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(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?

Answer-

- (1) There is no reduction. These figures are referring to two different cuts of data. The number of students receiving support has consistently increased year on year.
- (2) Schools are able to use their LLAD loading to provide additional supports to all students in their school who have additional learning and support needs. These students are still eligible for LLAD funding.
- (3) The Department is consulting a number of stakeholder groups regarding data sources that could be used in the methodology review. This includes the Primary Principals Association (PPA), Secondary Principals Council (SPC), NSW Teachers Federation, and (from April 2022) the Department's Disability Advisory Group.
- (4) No independent research is necessary.
- (5) The Department, in consultation with stakeholder groups, is continuing to explore the use of data collected through the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) as a component of the allocation methodology.
- * 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?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1-2) A list of Community Housing Providers by electorate is available on the DCJ website at https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/download?file=330036 The information is from July 2014. Current information is not publicly available by electorate.
- (3-16) For complaints registered with the NSW Ombudsman for DCJ housing please refer to NSW Ombudsman Annual Reports, https://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au/news-and-publications/publications/annual-reports/nsw-ombudsman.

This information is not available by electorate.

Insofar as these questions pertain to LAHC and AHO, they should be referred to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes as the responsible minister.

- * 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?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (a) As per the response to Question on Notice 8317, unless a person's gender identity was considered a factor, or the incident was flagged as an alleged or actual hate crime due to the person's gender identity, NSW Police Force systems may not record this information. However, there have sadly been a number of recent murders of transgender or gender diverse people in NSW.
 - (i) The NSW Police Force supports flying the Australian, NSW State and NSW Police Force flag. Any additional requests to fly any other flags are subject to approval by the Commissioner of Police.

(b) These relevant community organisations and groups include Drinkwize, Homicide Victims Support Group, Kids helpline, Survivors and Mates Support Network (SAMSN), and 1800 Respect.

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- * 8499 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FLOODING OF ROAD ACCESS TO WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
 - (1) Are any of the roads that will provide access to Western Sydney Airport for freight, passengers, workers and visitors, subject to flooding?
 - (a) If so, which ones?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

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- 8598 INFRASTRUCTURE—PENINSULA PARK AT WENTWORTH POINT—The Hon. Anthony D'Adam 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 Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
 - (1) Has a design been finalised for the construction of Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point?
 - (a) Is this design publicly available?
 - (i) If not, when is the projected date a design will be publicly available?
 - (2) Has a contract been given for the construction of Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point?
 - (a) If so, to whom?
 - (3) Will the construction of the Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point be funded by Transport for NSW?
 - (4) Given this project was originally due to be completed in 2016, what is the current date of completion?
 - (5) Is the construction of an oval on Peninsula Park required for the Wentworth Park High School being funded from within the Transport portfolio or Department of Education?
 - (6) Will the oval be completed as part of the contract for the construction of the park or will it be undertaken by the Department of Education?
 - (7) Has there been any amendment to Wentworth Point Precinct DCP 2014 to rezone the Transport for NSW land at Wentworth Point?
 - (8) Has any land within the area of Wentworth Point DCP 2014 owned by Transport for NSW recently been sold or leased?
 - (a) If so, which sites to whom?
 - (i) On which date?
 - (9) Are any lands within the area of Wentworth Point DCP 2014 owned by Transport for NSW currently under negotiations for sale or lease?
 - (a) If so, which sites?
- 8599 SMALL BUSINESS—CARAVAN PARKS AFFECTED BY FLOODS IN THE NORTHERN RIVERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What support is being provided for long term residents in caravan parks affected by the recent floods in the Northern Rivers?
- (2) Does the Minister have any specific grants available for long-term residents in caravan parks?
- (3) How many applications has the Minister received for these grants?
- 8600 LANDS AND WATER—PROSPECT RESERVOIR—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth representing the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
 - (1) How many times since January 2017 has water be drawn from Prospect Reservoir for use in Sydney's drinking water supply?
 - (2) When was the last time water was drawn from Prospect Reservoir for use in Sydney's drinking water supply?

David Blunt Clerk of the Parliament

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