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* 9236 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—DATA CENTRE ELECTRICITY USAGE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) What instructions have been issued to the Government data centres at Silverwater and Unanderra to reduce their electricity usage?
 - (a) What is the purpose of any such directive?
- (2) With the inevitable rise in temperatures in the data centres from reduced air conditioning in summer:
 - (a) What impact will this have on the data machinery?
 - (b) What impact will this have on the warranty arrangements?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Customer Service recently wrote to Government Data Centre (GovDC) tenants advising them that the maximum cold aisle temperature would be increasing from 24 to 25 degrees and increasing the acceptable humidity range.

This will ultimately result in reduced power consumption by the cooling systems at the data centres, increasing the sustainability of the sites.

- (a) The ultimate purpose of the directive is to reduce the power consumption of the data centre cooling systems and thus making the sites more energy efficient.
- (2) The data centres are designed to maintain a constant temperature range of between 21.5 to 24 degrees all year round, independent on the outside temperature. The lower set point is used when free air cooling is utilised and the higher set point is used when mechanical cooling is used.
 - (a) NSW Government Data Centre tenants are experienced managers of their environments and are supportive of the increase in temperature and humidity.

There is no expected impact of this slight temperature change on the data centres ICT equipment.

Modern ICT equipment is designed to run and operate at higher input air temperatures. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) are an internationally recognised organisation for temperature ranges relating to data centres and ICT equipment.

The change in temperature is well within the ASHRAE standard for operating enterprise servers and storage products.

- (b) No impact is expected as input temperatures will remain within the ASHRAE standards for data centre cooling which are adopted by ICT equipment manufacturers.

* 9237 PLANNING—LAND SALES—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Could the Minister please update LC Question on Notice 3819 with the most recent data for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?
 - (e) 2015-16?

- (f) 2016-17?
- (g) 2017-18?
- (h) 2018-19?
- (i) 2019-20?
- (j) 2020-21?
- (k) 2021-22?
- (l) 2022-23?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment requires more time to prepare the response to this Question on Notice and to consult with relevant NSW Government agencies.

The Department extracts information on sales of NSW Government owned properties from the Government Property Register, which in turn relies on sales being registered on the Land Titles System. This sales data may differ from NSW Government agencies' internal sales records and so the Department will need time to consult with relevant agencies in order to prepare a response.

The Department will submit a response to me by the first week of September 2022.

* 9238 LANDS AND WATER—LAND SALES—The Hon. Courtney Houssos 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) Could the Minister please update LC Question on Notice 3819 with the most recent data for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?
 - (e) 2015-16?
 - (f) 2016-17?
 - (g) 2017-18?
 - (h) 2018-19?
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (j) 2020-21?
 - (k) 2021-22?
 - (l) 2022-23?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

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9349 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Have Year 10 personal development, health and physical education (PDHPE) students at Balranald Central School been taught a unit of study examining dozens of gender and sexuality types, including a lesson where students were sent to opposite sides of the room depending on their level of agreement with the subject matter?
- (a) What part of the curriculum is this unit drawn from?
- (b) What action will the Minister take regarding the divisive, excessive nature of the lessons?
- 9350 AGRICULTURE—COMMERCIAL CARP FISHERS S-37 PERMIT SYSTEM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) With regard to the Commercial Carp Fishers S-37 Permit system:
- (a) What are the recent changes to the permit system?
- (b) When did the new arrangements commence?
- (c) Please list the consultation provided to relevant stakeholders regarding changes to the process and the dates and locations of public consultation meetings?
- (d) Was any research undertaken to inform the new permit system?
- (i) If so, please list the research?
- (e) Why was this particular fishery omitted in the Draft NSW Sustainable Seafood Strategy 2022-25?
- 9351 WOMEN'S SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—NSW WOMEN'S SAFETY COMMISSIONER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) In relation to the Department of Communities and Justice's recent advertisement for applicants for the position of NSW Women's Safety Commissioner/Executive Director (ED), Women, Family and Community Safety:
- (a) What will be the role of the NSW Women's Safety Commissioner/ED, Women, Family and Community Safety?
- (b) What particular policy and/or operational areas will the position be targeting?
- (c) What will be the budget of the Commissioner?
- (d) What authority will the Commissioner have to affect change or influence policy?
- 9352 EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RESILIENCE—COMMISSIONER AND TAX PAYER FUNDS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads representing the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- (1) Give that most senior public servants are required to package their motor vehicles through a novated lease arrangement:
- (a) Why did Fire and Rescue NSW use New South Wales taxpayer funds when purchasing the new motor vehicle for Commissioner Baxter?
- (b) What was the cost of the vehicle purchased with those taxpayer funds?
- (2) In light of the fact that Fire and Rescue NSW has a deficit in 2022 of more than \$60 million:
- (a) Why has the Commissioner insisted that it is now compulsory for all firemen and women to wear new gym shorts with the new logo?
- (b) Does the Minister consider this to be a good use of taxpayer money?
- (3) Why does the Commissioner require two executive assistants, an executive officer and a further employee as direct assistance?

- (a) How many executive assistants and executive officers do the Commissioners of Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service have?
- (4) In relation to the refurbishment of the Commissioner's offices:
 - (a) What was the cost of the refurbishment of the Commissioner's Office?
 - (b) Why does the refurbished Commissioner's Office require, in addition to private shower facilities, a bathtub?
 - (c) Does the Minister believe this was effective use of taxpayer money after the Commissioner remodelled his office at Greenacre?
 - (d) How many times has the Commissioner attended the Greenacre Head Office in the past twelve months?

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