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(Paper No. 790)

* 9278 HOMES—SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—The Hon. Rose Jackson 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) How many social housing properties were sold in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?
- (2) How much revenue was generated by the sale of public housing properties in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?
- (3) How much revenue generated by the sale of public housing properties was reinvested in the development of new social housing properties in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?
- (4) How many social housing properties in the 2306 postcode were sold in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?
- (5) How much revenue was generated by the sale of social housing properties in the 2306 postcode in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?
- (6) How many new social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2020-22?
- (7) How many new social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in the 2306 postcode in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2021-22?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total number of social housing properties sold in the following financial years are:
 - (a) 2020-21: 247 dwellings.
 - (b) 2021-22: 262 dwellings.
- (2) Revenue that was generated by the sale of public housing properties in the following financial years is:
 - (a) 2020-21: \$154.8 million.
 - (b) 2021-22: This data is not yet available.

- (3) Every dollar generated from a property sale goes back to LAHC for more and better, social housing to fund new homes and capital maintenance.
- (4) The total number of social housing properties in postcode 2306 sold in the following financial years are:
 - (a) 2020-21: Nil.
 - (b) 2021-22: 3 dwellings.
- (5) Revenue that was generated by the sale of social housing properties in postcode 2306 in the following financial years is:
 - (a) 2020-21: Nil.
 - (b) 2021-22: This data is not yet available.
- (6) The total number of new social housing properties built or otherwise acquired in the following financial years are:
 - (a) 2020-21: 408 dwellings.
 - (b) 2020-22: 516 dwellings.
- (7) There were no social housing properties built or otherwise acquired in postcode 2306 in financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

* 9279 LANDS AND WATER—NATIONAL RESOURCE ACCESS REGULATOR—The Hon. Rose Jackson 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) In relation to the National Resource Access Regulator for the last financial year, 2021-22, could the Minister please advise:
 - (a) The number of current enforcement matters?
 - (b) The number of alleged breaches that resulted in further investigation?
 - (c) The number of alleged breaches that have not resulted in further investigation?
 - (d) The number of alleged breaches resulting in a decision to prosecute?
 - (e) The number of alleged breaches resulting in a decision not to proceed with prosecution?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) NRAR had 826 active investigations as at 30 June 2022.
 - (b) NRAR commenced 1210 investigations into alleged breaches between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022.
 - (c) 563 allegations were assessed as unable to be substantiated as a breach of the Water Management Act 2000 to the threshold required by law.
 - (d) NRAR commenced 4 prosecutions in the financial year 2021-22, bringing the total commenced since establishment to 34.
 - (e) NRAR had carriage of 1206 alleged breaches in the financial year 2021-22 that did not proceed to prosecution.

During this period the following top-tier sanctions for breaches of water law were concluded:

In addition, 11 prosecutions remain before the courts.

* 9280 HOMES—OLDER WOMEN IN SOCIAL HOUSING—The Hon. Rose Jackson 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) How many women are on the waiting list for social housing properties in the following age groups:

- (a) 55 to 65 years?
 - (b) 65 to 75 years?
 - (c) 75 years and over?
- (2) How many women in the following age groups are on the priority list for social housing:
 - (a) 55 to 65 years?
 - (b) 65 to 75 years?
 - (c) 75 years and over?
 - (3) How many women in the following age groups are currently social housing tenants:
 - (a) 55 to 65 years?
 - (b) 65 to 75 years?
 - (c) 75 years and over?
 - (4) What is the longest time that a woman over 55 who is currently on the waiting list has been waiting for a social housing property?
 - (5) How many new public or social housing properties will be allocated to older women?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.

* 9281 FAIR TRADING—RESPECT AT WORK TASKFORCE—The Hon. Rose Jackson to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What is the timeline for the Respect at Work Taskforce to be up and running?
- (2) Which organisations will be represented on the Respect at Work Taskforce?
- (3) How will organisations be recruited for the Respect at Work Taskforce?
 - (a) Has the Government identified organisations it will invite to be involved?
 - (b) Are organisations able to express interest in being part of the taskforce?
- (4) Have any individuals been identified to sit on the Respect at Work Taskforce at this time?
 - (a) If so, who are they?
 - (b) If so, which organisations do they represent?

Answer—

- (1) Recruitment for the Respect at Work Taskforce has commenced, and it is anticipated it will be operational later this year.
- (2) The Respect at Work Taskforce will be an internal unit within the Department of Customer Service and will not have external members. It will consult and work with external stakeholders, such as employer and employee representatives and women's organisations, to collaborate on preventing sexual harassment at work.
- (3) Refer to the responses to questions (1) and (2).
- (4) Refer to the responses to questions (1) and (2).

* 9282 WOMEN'S SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE—FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR DOMESTIC FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) The Federal Government allocated \$260 million to New South Wales under the National Partnership Agreement on Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence. Has this funding been allocated to specific organisations yet?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Has funding been received by these organisations?
 - (ii) Please provide a list of organisations being funded, and the amounts they are being funded?
 - (b) If not, when will allocations be finalised and announced?
- (2) Has all of the funding allocated to New South Wales been received by the Government?
 - (a) If not, how much of the funding has been received?
 - (i) When is the remainder expected to be received?
 - (b) How much of this funding has been received but not yet been allocated to specific organisations?
 - (c) How much of this funding has been allocated to specific organisations but not yet delivered to those organisations?
 - (d) What is the reason for any such funding not yet being delivered to specific organisations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Federal Government allocated \$260 million to all states and territories. New South Wales' allocation was a total amount of \$80 million. All funds received from the Federal Government to date (\$40 million) have been allocated to specific projects.

The allocation of payment one was announced in November 2021 and all organisations allocated funding from payment one have received the funding. The second payment was announced in August 2022.

Information regarding funding recipients is available here:

<https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/children-and-families/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence/programs-grants-and-resources/grants-and-funding/national-partnership-agreement.html>

* 9284 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—GENDER IMBALANCE OF TEACHERS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS—The Hon. Rod Roberts to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) In relation to the gender imbalance for teachers and early childhood educators:
 - (a) As at 25 July 2022, what percentage of teachers are male?
 - (b) As at 25 July 2022, what percentage of early childhood educators are male?
 - (c) As at 11 November 2020, what percentage of teachers were male?
 - (d) As at 11 November 2020, what percentage of early childhood educators were male?
 - (e) Why is this information not available on the Department's website?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) The Department of Education publishes data on the gender proportions of New South Wales public school teachers on an annual basis, using the workforce profile as the source. The data can be accessed on the Department's data hub website at:

<https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/gender-ratio-of-nsw-government-school-teachers>.

Data from the 2022 workforce profile will be available in November 2022.

- (b) The Department does not hold the data for the whole early childhood education and care sector. The Commonwealth has collected 2021 data but that this has not yet been publicly released.
- (c) See answer to (a).
- (d) The Department does not hold the data for the whole early childhood education and care sector. The Commonwealth collects data, however there was no collection in 2020.
- (e) The Department does publish data on the gender proportions of New South Wales public school teachers on an annual basis. The data can be accessed on the Department's data hub website at:

<https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/gender-ratio-of-nsw-government-school-teachers>.

* 9285 HEALTH—ADDITIONAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the 7,674 additional healthcare workers that the Government said would be recruited over the next year:
 - (a) As at 25 July 2022, how many of these healthcare workers have been recruited (actual and full time equivalent)?
 - (b) Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of the Local Health Districts to which they have been allocated?

Answer—

The Government announced that a record 10,148 full-time equivalent staff will be recruited to hospitals and health services across the State over four years, as part of the 2022-23 NSW Budget. The additional staff will include nurses and midwives, doctors, paramedics, pathologists and scientific staff, pharmacists and allied health professionals, as well as support and ancillary staff who ensure the continued operations of New South Wales hospitals and the wider public health system.

Local health districts are responsible for ensuring a skilled workforce is recruited to ensure optimal and quality care for the people of New South Wales. The workforce requirements are managed locally as they are dependent on model of care needs.

I am advised that workforce figures for June 2022 are currently being finalised and that FTE staff numbers for the financial year will soon be published publicly in the NSW Health Annual Report 2022.

1 AUGUST 2022

(Paper No. 795)

* 9340 HOMES—ABUSE IN PUBLIC HOUSING—The Hon. Mark Latham 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) Over the past decade what estimations have New South Wales public housing authorities prepared regarding the level of child sexual assault being perpetrated in their housing estates by:
 - (a) Specific location?
 - (i) What are the details?
 - (b) Statewide?
 - (i) What are the details?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.

15 AUGUST 2022

(Paper No. 805)

9365 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—NATIVE ANIMALS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism representing the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many people are employed to oversee and enforce compliance issues relating to the ‘native animal keeper licence’ scheme under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016?
- (2) Is there currently a review considering de-regulating the ‘native animal keeper licence’ scheme in relation to certain native animals:
 - (a) If so, which native bird species are being considered to have the licensing requirements removed as part of the review?
 - (i) Could a list please be provided of all species being considered?
 - (b) If so, which native reptile species are being considered to have the licensing requirements removed as part of the review?
 - (i) Could a list please be provided of all species being considered?
- (3) Could a list please be provided of any species whose licensing requirements are being considered for alteration as part of the review?
- (4) What is the timeline for this review process?
- (5) Will the process be completed before the end of 2022?
- (6) Are there any other changes to the ‘native animal keeper licence’ scheme being considered by this review committee?
- (7) Why has the Government decided to conduct this review process?
- (8) How much funding has the Government allocated, in total, to this review?
- (9) How much funding has been spent on reviews and consultations on the ‘native animal keeper licence’ scheme over the past five years?
- (10) What groups have been consulted as part of this review process?
 - (a) Could a list of all stakeholders included please be provided?
- (11) Will there be any public consultation around any proposed changes to the ‘native animal keeper licence’ scheme?
 - (a) If, so, when will this occur?

9366 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—NATIVE VEGETATION ON DOE SITES—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Does the Department of Education (DoE) have a registry or centralised record of native vegetation on DoE sites across the state?
- (2) What regulations and planning controls apply to the management of native vegetation on DoE sites?
- (3) What is the DoE’s responsibility for native vegetation management on its sites?
- (4) What assessment, monitoring or support is there for managing native vegetation to preserve its biodiversity value?
- (5) What are the processes for providing advice or practical support to school principals in managing native vegetation?
- (6) What is the DoE’s process for assessing bushfire risk on its sites?

- (7) Is there a list of schools assessed as needing Asset Protections Zone (APZ) works?
 - (a) If so, is the list publicly available?
- (8) Can the public access the tender documents for current contracts for APZ assessment and works?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (9) Given that school sites vary enormously in their land area, vegetation, and land management issues, what sources of additional funding are available relating to particular land management needs (e.g. invasive weed removal)?
- (10) What avenues are there for schools to address significant weed problems?

9367 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—THE 'WHO CARES ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT' SURVEY AND REPORT—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism representing the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Regarding the 'Who Cares about the Environment' survey and report, which has been conducted every three years since 1994, has there been a decision by the Government to stop undertaking this survey and report?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Why has the 'Who Cares about the Environment?' survey and report been discontinued?
 - (ii) Who made the decision to discontinue the 'Who Cares about the Environment' survey and report?
 - (b) If the program is not being discontinued, when will the next report be published, given the last report was completed in 2015?
- (2) How has the information and analysis contained in the 'Who Cares about the Environment?' report been used by the Government in the past to inform environmental policy and programs?
- (3) Given several different governments, over a span of 25 years, decided to consistently invest in the 'Who Cares about the Environment' survey and report, what has been the value of this information to the work of the current Government?

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