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* 9681 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—GRANDFRIEND DAY—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has Spring Farm Public School renamed Grandparents Day as Grandfriends Day?
 - (a) If so, why was this change made?
- (2) What is a Grandfriend?
- (3) Was this change made so as to not to offend a certain demographic?
 - (a) If so, which demographic?
- (4) Why did the school take down its Facebook post for Grandfriends Day on 29 October 2022?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of the disrespect and hurt grandparents at Spring Farm could feel in having the love and support of their grandchildren downgraded to friendship status?

Answer—

I am advised that Grandfriends day started at Spring Farm Public School in 2016, when the school first opened. According to the school, a Grandfriend can be a grandparent, elderly relative or elderly friend.

While there have been no verified complaints to the school about the name of the event, I have given a directive to the Department of Education to ensure we retain the term ‘grandparents’ in our celebrations and events. This will ensure that the grandparents who are role models in the lives of many children and support them in so many ways continue to be appropriately recognised.

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9720 CORRECTIONS—INMATES WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services representing the Minister for Corrections—

- (1) How many people in Correctional Facilities are there:
 - (a) With cognitive impairments or disabilities without physical disabilities?
 - (b) With both cognitive impairments or disabilities and physical disabilities?
 - (c) Receiving National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding for a cognitive impairment or disability?
 - (d) Receiving NDIS funding for a physical disability?
- (2) How many women in Correctional Facilities are there:
 - (a) With cognitive impairments or disabilities without physical disabilities?
 - (b) With both cognitive impairments or disabilities and physical disabilities?
 - (c) Receiving NDIS funding for a cognitive impairment or disability?
 - (d) Receiving NDIS funding for a physical disability?
- (3) How many Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander People in Correctional Facilities are there:
 - (a) With cognitive impairments or disabilities without physical disabilities?
 - (b) With both cognitive impairments or disabilities and physical disabilities?
 - (c) Receiving NDIS funding for a cognitive impairment or disability?
 - (d) Receiving NDIS funding for a physical disability?
- (4) How many Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women in Correctional Facilities are there:

- (a) With cognitive impairments or disabilities without physical disabilities?
- (b) With both cognitive impairments or disabilities and physical disabilities?
- (c) Receiving NDIS funding for a cognitive impairment or disability?
- (d) Receiving NDIS funding for a physical disability?

9721 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a significant number of Year 7 and 8 students at Camden High School refusing to use the toilets of a day due to smoking, vaping, drug use and sexual acts, plus their filthy condition?
- (2) What action is the school taking to overcome these problems?

9722 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SOMEBODY'S LAND BY ADAM GOODES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has the Mount Kuring-Gai Public School been teaching its students material from a play called Somebody's Land written by Adam Goodes?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Why does the play involve Captain Cook when it is set in 1788 and Cook was dead by that time?
 - (ii) Why does the play describe Cook as a 'coloniser'?
 - (iii) What is the historical evidence for Cook ever saying the words, "I see no owners of this land, I think I'll take it for myself"?
 - (iv) Why have the students been made to recite an apology and political statement about 'stolen land'?
 - (v) What checking of the historical accuracy of the play was undertaken before it was used in the school?

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