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(Paper No. 873)

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) 1066.
  - (b) 81.
  - (c) 321.
  - (d) 31.
- (2)
  - (a) 51.
  - (b) 16.
  - (c) 21.
  - (d) 2.
- (3)
  - (a) 544.

- (b) 30.
  - (c) 184.
  - (d) 11.
- (4)
- (a) 28.
  - (b) 11.
  - (c) 13.
  - (d) 1.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that Camden High School toilets are cleaned daily and are maintained in a satisfactory condition. As with other common areas around the school, the toilet areas are appropriately supervised by staff. As soon as any inappropriate activity, including anti-social behaviours is reported to have occurred in the toilets, immediate action is taken to investigate the matter, initiate disciplinary action and mobilise supports for students found to be involved.

\* 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?

Answer—

Some students received a draft copy of a script of a play based on a book by Adam Goodes. The play was not written by Adam Goodes and was not taught to students.

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9755 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—DEADLY AWARDS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Is the St Helen's Park Public School holding a school awards presentation on 13 December 2022?

- (2) Do these awards include so-called Deadly Awards, presented to Aboriginal students simply for being Aboriginal?
- (3) What is the justification for Deadly Awards being awarded solely to a certain racial group?
- (4) Have parents complained to the school that:
  - (a) The Deadly Awards are a form of ‘educational apartheid’ whereby a certain race receives benefits, not on merit, but because of their racial background?
  - (b) The Deadly Awards have created division within the student body, with resentment and bullying directed towards Aboriginal students because of the unfair benefits and recognition received?
- (5) How many Aboriginal students attend the school?
- (6) Which of the following are the Deadly Awards an initiative of?
  - (a) The School?
  - (b) The Education Department?
  - (c) An Aboriginal advisory group?
- (7) Are other groups at the school recognised and rewarded for their racial background?
  - (a) If so, which groups?

9756 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—NORTH RICHMOND BRIDGE HANDRAIL—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What height does the Australian Standard require a safeguard or handrail for pedestrians and cyclists to be on a bridge?
- (2) Is the handrail on the North Richmond bridge only around 900 mm high?
  - (a) Does the handrail comply with the Australian Standard?
    - (i) If not, what action is proposed to make it be compliant with the safety standard?

9757 METROPOLITAN ROADS—NORTH RICHMOND BRIDGE HANDRAIL—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) What height does the Australian Standard require a safeguard or handrail for pedestrians and cyclists to be on a bridge?
- (2) Is the handrail on the North Richmond bridge only around 900 mm high?
  - (a) Does the handrail comply with the Australian Standard?
    - (i) If not, what action is proposed to make it be compliant with the safety standard?

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