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(Paper No. 876)

* 9724 POLICE—POLICE DOG DEPLOYMENT—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How many total police dog deployments were recorded for each of the 6 month periods during the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022 to date?
- (2) How many police dog deployments were recorded against people who identified as Indigenous or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander for each of the 6 month periods during the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022 to date?
- (3) How many injuries were recorded as a result of police dog deployments for each of the 6 month periods during the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022 to date?
- (4) How many people, who identified as Indigenous and/or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, recorded injuries as a result of police dog deployments for each of the 6 month periods during the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022 to date?

Answer—

[Please see the answer as an attachment on the Parliament's website.](#)

* 9725 REGIONAL HEALTH—VALE POINT POWER STATION—The Hon. Penny Sharpe to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) What monitoring has the government undertaken to review any adverse health effects experienced by communities proximate to Vales Point Power Station?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health routinely monitors the rate and distribution of illness among the New South Wales community. Information is publicly available at HealthStats NSW and Cancer Statistics NSW. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) also undertake environmental monitoring proximate to Vales Point Power Station.

* 9726 ENERGY—VALE POINT POWER STATION—The Hon. Penny Sharpe to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Is there a clause in the original sale of Vales Point Power Station (VPPS) that makes the Government a party to consent on any on-sale of VPPS?

- (2) Will the sale of VPPS to Sev.En mean that VPPS will be able to continue past its scheduled 2027-2029 closure date?
 - (a) What representations has the Minister or Department made to confirm this?
- (3) What is the contractual agreement regarding who is responsible for the cost of clean-up and deconstruction of the site VPPS is located on?
- (4) How does the application to extend the Chain Valley & Mannering mines to 2029 align with VPPS' expected closure of 2027 when its air pollution exemptions expires?
- (5) Given that Chain Valley & Mannering mines are applying for mine extensions with an official subsidence calculation of 780mm why has the subsidence status been lifted from districts on the Central Coast?
- (6) Who is responsible for any/all of subsidence remediation costs caused by the mines extension?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The closure of Vales Point is a matter for the new private owner.
- (3) The new private owner is responsible for the:
 - (a) remediation of any operating period contamination; and
 - (b) decommissioning of Vales Point power station when it is closed.
 The State is responsible for the:
 - (a) remediation of any pre-existing contamination, if required; and,
 - (b) demolition and remediation of the site when it is handed back to the State (excluding the operating period contamination caused by the Vales Point operator).
- (4) I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning.
- (5) I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Fair Trading.
- (6) This matter is managed by a range of agencies and is best addressed by the Minister for Fair Trading, the Minister for Planning and the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW.

* 9727 TRANSPORT—TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION—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 representing the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) On what date did Transport for NSW receive a request from Newcastle council to approve the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Clyde and Chinchin Streets, Islington?
 - (a) How many times was this request followed up with Transport for NSW?
 - (b) What caused the delays in approving this request?
 - (c) Is it normal practice for traffic signal requests to take this long to approve?
 - (d) The delays in approving the traffic signals have resulted in a dangerous intersection not being upgraded to improve safety at this location, does this concern the Minister?
 - (e) What action has the Minister taken to ensure these delays do not happen again?
 - (f) What can the Minister do to expedite the installation of the traffic signals?
- (2) Will Transport for NSW urgently work with Newcastle council to improve pedestrian safety at this location after a student was hit by a car?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the City of Newcastle Council.

Transport for NSW has provided information to City of Newcastle Council to assist the Council in making safety improvements to the intersection.

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(Paper No. 877)

* 9728 PREMIER—2041 HOUSING STRATEGY—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations representing the Premier—

- (1) In the Housing 2041 NSW Housing Strategy, the Government outlines its commitment to “[working] collaboratively with community partners and the private sector to deliver housing on government-owned land or assets” and “testing... new housing types, tenures and delivery models to demonstrate best practice on government-owned land”:
 - (a) In light of this, and given this relates to a number of ministerial portfolios, what processes are in place to identify Government land and assets that may be suitable for use as housing across the whole of the Premier's Government?

Answer—

On behalf of the Premier, I am advised that this question is best directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

15 DECEMBER 2022

(Paper No. 891)

9759 POLICE—VACCINE MANDATES FOR POLICE—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) Has the Government lifted its vaccination mandates for the New South Wales Police and Emergency Services?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
 - (b) If not, what advice is the Minister relying-upon to maintain the mandates?
 - (c) If not, what is the justification, given Covid transmission is still occurring despite vaccinations and given the Premier has said these mandates should be lifted?

9760 REGIONAL HEALTH—RATE OF UNVACCINATION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) I refer the Minister to Professor Kelly's statement in Senate Estimates on 23 November 2022 that the Covid-unvaccinated are 30 times more likely to end up in hospital than those with 2 doses of the vaccine:
 - (a) What data did NSW Health provide to the Commonwealth to make the calculation of this statistic possible?
 - (b) What is the comparable statistic for New South Wales?
 - (c) What are the comparable statistics for Regional Health in New South Wales?
 - (d) What are the comparable statistics for Metropolitan Health in New South Wales?
- (2) What communication did the Federal Health Department have with NSW Health in requesting data for this calculation?
 - (a) What communication did the Federal Health Department have with NSW Health with respect to reporting back to New South Wales on its findings?

- (i) What are the details?
 - (3) What communication did the Professor Kelly have with NSW Health in requesting data for this calculation?
 - (a) What communication did the Professor Kelly have with NSW Health with respect to reporting back to New South Wales on its findings?
 - (i) What are the details?
- 9761 REGIONAL HEALTH—CARDIAC STATISTICS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- (1) For all of New South Wales, what is the age-stratified statistical breakdown of:
 - (a) All presentations to hospitals operated by NSW Health for:
 - (i) Cardiac symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (ii) Cardiac-related symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (b) All admissions to hospitals operated by NSW Health for:
 - (i) Cardiac symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (ii) Cardiac-related symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (2) For all of Regional Health, what is the age-stratified statistical breakdown of:
 - (a) All presentations to hospitals operated by NSW Health for:
 - (i) Cardiac symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (ii) Cardiac-related symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (b) All admissions to hospitals operated by NSW Health for:
 - (i) Cardiac symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (ii) Cardiac-related symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (3) For all of Metropolitan Health, what is the age-stratified statistical breakdown of:
 - (a) All presentations to hospitals operated by NSW Health for:
 - (i) Cardiac symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (ii) Cardiac-related symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (b) All admissions to hospitals operated by NSW Health for:
 - (i) Cardiac symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
 - (ii) Cardiac-related symptoms and conditions, for each month during the period 1 January 2018 to 30 October 2022?
- 9762 REGIONAL HEALTH—BLENDED VACCINATION STATISTICS—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

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- (1) I refer the Minister to the way in which, during the 12-week period from 26 February 2022 to 21 May 2022, NSW Health blended its vaccination dose data covering 0 Doses and Unknown in its reporting of hospitalisation, ICU admission and death with Covid numbers:
- (a) Why did NSW Health change the reporting standard to blended data from 26 February 2022?
 - (i) What documentation or advice was relied on to support this change?
 - (b) Why did NSW Health change the reporting standard back to having 0 Doses and Unknowns separated as of 28 May 2022?
 - (i) What documentation or advice was relied on to support this change?
 - (c) For Regional Health, as per the 0 Dose and Unknown vaccination categories, what were the hospitalisation, ICU admission and death-with-Covid numbers for each of the reporting weeks 26 February 2022 to 21 May 2022?
 - (d) For Metropolitan Health as per the 0 Dose and Unknown vaccination categories, what were the hospitalisation, ICU admission and death-with-Covid numbers for each of the reporting weeks 26 February 2022 to 21 May 2022?
- (2) What were the documented protocols adopted by NSW Health for assigning deaths, hospitalisations and ICU admission numbers to the no vaccination/0 Dose status of patients?
- (a) What are the details?
- 9763 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—CASUAL SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM REGIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the regions which are currently covered by employed Casual Supplementation Program pool teachers?
- 9764 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—COOLER CLASSROOMS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the Round 1 Cooler Classrooms schools that are in the design, tender or construction phases?
 - (a) Broken down by the estimated completion timeframe of each project?
 - (2) Could the Minister please provide a list of the Round 1 Cooler Classrooms schools that are currently on hold?
- 9765 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—DEMOUNTABLES—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the new demountables that have been added to school grounds in 2022?
 - (a) Broken down by school?
 - (b) State electorate?
 - (c) Number of new demountables in 2022?
 - (d) Number of total demountables?
 - (2) How many demountables on school sites currently contain asbestos identified in the schools asbestos report as at December 2022?
- 9766 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—ENROLMENT PERCENTAGE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of all public schools and the number and percentage increase or decrease in student enrolments in 2023?
 - (a) Broken down by electorate?

- (2) Could the Minister please provide a list of all New South Wales public schools, with their current enrolment and their anticipated 2023 enrolment?
- (a) Broken down by electorate?
- (3) How many additional enrolments are predicted in New South Wales public schools?
- (a) Broken down by school type?
- 9767 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—LAND ACQUISITIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide a list of any land or properties approved for disposal or sold between 1 November 2021 and 9 December 2022, broken down by:
- (a) Site address?
- (b) Site size?
- (c) Sale price?
- (d) Status (sold or approved for disposal)?
- (2) Can the Minister please provide a list of any land or properties acquired between 1 November 2021 and 9 December 2022, broken down by:
- (a) Site address?
- (b) Site size?
- (c) Site cost (if any)?
- (d) Intended use (if determined)?
- 9768 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—LANGUAGES STUDY—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What is the percentage of Year 10 students learning a second language?
- (a) Broken down by state electorate?
- (2) What is the percentage of Year 11 and 12 students learning a second language?
- (a) Broken down by state electorate?
- 9769 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—PLUNKETT STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How does the Department of Education ensure the demarcation between Plunkett Street Public School and the co-located Sydney Distance Education High School?
- 9770 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—RECRUITING ACADEMICS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) How many academics are currently teaching in public schools, as a result of undertaking the Mid-Career Transition to Teaching Program?
- 9771 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SCHOOL BATHROOM SOAP—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Why was school bathroom soap not provided in the girls C Block toilets at Brisbane Waters Secondary College, Umina Campus for a number of weeks?
- (2) Has school bathroom soap now been provided in the girls C Block toilets at Brisbane Waters Secondary College, Umina Campus?
- (a) If not, why not?

9772 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—SCHOOLS IN RECESS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of all the schools currently in recess as at December 2022?
 - (a) Broken down by the number of students that were enrolled at the school at the time of the decision?
- (2) Could the Minister please provide a list of any new schools going into recess in 2023?
 - (a) Broken down by the number of students that were enrolled at the school at the time of the decision?

9773 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—STUDENT COHORT - PUBLIC SCHOOLS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) What percentage of New South Wales students are predicted to be enrolled in the New South Wales public school system in 2023?
 - (a) How does this compare with 2022?
 - (i) Broken down by primary and high schools?

9774 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—STUDENTS WITH SPECTRUM DISORDERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many students in the public school system had an attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder diagnosis, broken down by the years:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2015?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2017?
 - (h) 2018?
 - (i) 2019?
 - (j) 2020?
 - (k) 2021?
 - (l) 2022?
- (2) How many students in the public school system had an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis, broken down by the following years:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2015?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2017?
 - (h) 2018?
 - (i) 2019?

(j) 2020?

(k) 2021?

(l) 2022?

9775 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—CASUAL SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM - SCHOOLS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) How many schools are currently being supported by the Casual Supplementation Program as at November 2022?

9776 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—CASUAL SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) How many teachers are currently employed in the Casual Supplementation Program pool as at November 2022?

9777 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—DEMOUNTABLE TOILETS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) Could the Minister please provide a list of the schools which currently have demountable toilets on site?

(a) Broken down by school?

(b) Broken down by the number of demountable toilets per school?

(c) Broken down by the year of installation of each set of toilets?

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