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**15 MAY 2023**

(Paper No. 5)

\* 0029 WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Which Local Government Areas (LGAs) does the Minister represent in her capacity as Minister for Western NSW?
- (2) With reference to the answer provided in (1), how many these LGAs had the Minister visited prior to her appointment as Minister for Western NSW?
- (3) How many ministerial staff does the Minister currently have working for her in the Western NSW portfolio?

Answer—

- (1) I will represent the Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the Western NSW portfolio set by the former government. Over the coming months I will talk to communities, councils, key stakeholders, and the Department of Regional NSW about how I can best represent western NSW communities through my role, including which LGAs that might cover.
- (2) Having grown up in Queanbeyan and spent the first 23 years of my life living in regional NSW, I travelled extensively through all parts of the State.
- (3) Staffing arrangements in my office are yet to be finalised.

\* 0030 DEPUTY PREMIER—TEACHER WORKLOAD—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Regarding the Deputy Premier's recent announcement to cut teacher workload and administration by five hours per week:
  - (a) What metrics will be used to measure five hours per week?
  - (b) Will the five hours per week reduction be reached for every teacher in New South Wales in 2023?
    - (i) If not, when will this target be reached?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that communication with parents and carers will not be impacted?
- (3) Will the Minister consult the P & C Federation on the details of the announcement?
- (4) What measures will be taken to ensure that reducing administrative tasks does not lead to any gaps in documentation or compliance with regulations?
- (5) How will the overall impact of this reduction in administrative tasks on job satisfaction and performance be measured?
- (6) How will this reduction in administrative tasks affect school support staff?
- (7) Will school support staff be expected to take on additional administrative tasks?

Answer—

I am advised by Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney that:

The Government has instructed the Department of Education to work with key stakeholder groups in consultation with the teaching workforce to establish meaningful ways to measure the impact of workload reduction initiatives and to deliver on the commitment of a reduction of five hours per week.

A line-by-line audit of all administrative tasks and policies all teachers are required to undertake has commenced. We are working with schools to identify what can be stopped, streamlined or reallocated.

Communication from schools to parents and carers will continue to occur.

The department is already engaging with the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW on the plans for workload reduction.

The Government's actions to reduce administrative tasks are being undertaken with the relevant considerations for compliance and risk.

The Government is identifying what work can be removed, simplified or where more support is required. School administration and support staff will benefit from streamlined processes, removed tasks, and additional support. The Government also announced on 18 May 2023 the recruitment of an additional 400 support staff in schools to specifically focus on taking administrative work from teacher workloads.

\* 0031 DEPUTY PREMIER—TEACHER WORKLOAD—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Can the Minister please provide a full list of all pilots and programs that are now being paused for review but were due to be rolled out in term two of 2023?

Answer—

I am advised by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney that:

The list of the pilots and programs will be available at the conclusion of the review process.

\* 0032 DEPUTY PREMIER—TEACHER WORKLOAD—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Of the more than 70 mandated changes to policies and processes that were due for roll out in term two of 2023, can the Minister please provide:

(a) A full list of changes to policies and procedures that will be rolled out in term two?

(i) Why were these deemed to be essential for term two?

(b) A full list of the changes to policies and procedures that will not be rolled out in term two?

(i) Why were these deemed not to be essential for term two?

(2) For the policies and procedures set out in (1)(b), will these changes be implemented later in the year?

Answer—

I am advised by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney that:

The Department has reviewed the policies and processes to be rolled out for term 2. Advice on the process has been made public on the Department's website here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/term-2-change-impacts-on-schools>

**17 MAY 2023**

(Paper No. 7)

\* 0066 WOMEN—MINISTERIAL STAFF—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How many ministerial staff does the Minister have working in their office:

(a) By head count?

(b) By full time equivalent?

- (2) With reference to the answer provided in (1), please provide their grade level from MS1 to MS7?
- (3) Can the Minister please provide how many Departmental Liaison Officers are working in their office:
  - (a) By head count?
  - (b) By full time equivalent?
- (4) With reference to the answer provide in (3), please provide the details of:
  - (a) Their substantive role with the Department?
  - (b) Which specific agency/area of the Department they are usually employed in?
  - (c) Their Clerk Grade level?
  - (d) How long they are anticipated to remain in the Minister's office?
- (5) How many Subject Matter Experts does the Minister have working in their office:
  - (a) By head count?
  - (b) By full time equivalent?
- (6) With reference to the answer provided in (5), please provide the details of:
  - (a) Their substantive role with the Department?
  - (b) Which specific agency/area of the Department they are usually employed in?
  - (c) Their Clerk Grade level?
  - (d) How long they are anticipated to remain in the Minister's office?

Answer—

I am advised Minister's staff numbers and salaries are regularly published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website. The next publication is scheduled for July 2023 (capturing 30 June 2023 numbers) as per standard practice.

\* 0069 TREASURER—TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Minister currently a member of a Trade Union?
- (2) If so, what Trade Union is the Minister currently a member of?

Answer—

- (1) I refer to my Supplementary Ordinary Return and Discretionary Returns in the NSW Register of Disclosures by Members of the Legislative Council for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed 10 May 2023.
- (2) I refer to my Supplementary Ordinary Return and Discretionary Returns in the NSW Register of Disclosures by Members of the Legislative Council for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed 10 May 2023.
- (3) If the member is interested in joining a trade union, he should visit <https://www.australianunions.org.au>.

**5 JUNE 2023**

(Paper No. 20)

0149 PREMIER—CAUCUS LIAISON SERVICES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Which Labor Members of Parliament have been allocated Caucus Liaison Officer services from:
  - (a) Cherie Burton?

(b) Paul Mills?

0150 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—INNOVATION AND INDUSTRY GRANTS—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise with regard to the Minimal Viable Product Ventures:
  - (a) When was the decision made to place applications on hold for grants under this program?
  - (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received, but not yet finalised?
  - (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants, whose applications had been received but not yet finalised?
  - (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
  - (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
    - (i) Applicants relocating their ventures to another State which offers better support to Minimal Viable Product?
    - (ii) Applicant ventures failing, due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
    - (iii) Job creation in New South Wales?
- (2) Regarding the NSW Future Industries Investment Program:
  - (a) When was the decision made to place applications for grants under this program on hold?
  - (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received but not yet finalised?
  - (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants, whose applications had been received but not yet finalised?
  - (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
  - (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
    - (i) Applicants relocating their ventures to another State offering better support to Future Industries?
    - (ii) Applicant ventures failing, due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
    - (iii) Job creation in New South Wales?
- (3) Regarding the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Program:
  - (a) When was the decision made to place applications for grants under this program on hold?
  - (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received but not yet finalised?
  - (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants whose applications had been received but not yet finalised?
  - (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
  - (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
    - (i) Applications relocating their research to another State offering better support to NCRIS?
    - (ii) Applicants research programs failing due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
    - (iii) Job creation in NSW?

- (4) Regarding the Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) Program:
- (a) When was the decision made to place applications for grants under this program on hold?
  - (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received but not yet determined?
  - (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants whose applications had been received but not yet determined?
  - (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
  - (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
    - (i) Applicants relocating their research to another State offering better support to small business innovation and research?
    - (ii) Applicant ventures failing, due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
    - (iii) Job creation in New South Wales?
- (5) Regarding the NSW Biosciences Fund:
- (a) When was the decision made to place applications for grants from this Fund on hold?
  - (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received but not yet determined?
  - (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants whose applications had been received but not yet determined?
  - (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
  - (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
    - (i) Applicants relocating their biosciences research to another State offering better support?
    - (ii) Applicant ventures failing, due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
    - (iii) Job creation in New South Wales?
- (6) Regarding the Infrastructure Build Out Program:
- (a) When was the decision made to place applications for grants from this Program on hold?
  - (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received but not yet determined?
  - (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants whose applications had been received but not yet determined?
  - (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
  - (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
    - (i) Applicants relocating their ventures to another State offering better support?
    - (ii) Applicant research programs failing, due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
    - (iii) Job creation in New South Wales?
- (7) What other grants programs for which the Minister is responsible have been placed on hold and for each of these programs:
- (a) When was the decision made to place applications for grants from these programs on hold?

- (b) At the time of this decision, how many applications had been received but not yet determined?
- (c) When, and how, was the decision to place applications on hold communicated to applicants whose applications had been received but not yet determined?
- (d) When will a decision be made on whether applications placed on hold will be processed or cancelled?
- (e) In placing applications on hold, what consideration was given to the likely impact on:
  - (i) Applicants relocating their research or business to another State offering better support?
  - (ii) Applicant research or businesses failing due to a delay in receiving a decision on their grant application?
  - (iii) Job creation in New South Wales?

0151 ENVIRONMENT—WHALE ENTANGLEMENT AT PORT KEMBLA—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what investigations are taking place to determine the source of the “series of lines and floats” that led to the entanglement of a whale at Port Kembla on 3 June 2023?
- (2) If an investigation has been completed:
  - (a) What was the whale entangled in?
  - (b) What was the source of the material that caused the entanglement?

0152 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Regarding the directive to pause the sale of all government property, can the Minister please advise how long the pause is in place for each department and agency that the Minister has responsibility for?
- (2) What are the circumstances in which the pause does not apply for each department and agency that the Minister has responsibility for?
- (3) Did the Minister or the departments and agencies that they have responsibility for request additional exemptions?
  - (a) If so, what were they?
- (4) Have there been any amendments to exemptions to this pause from the original directive for the department and agencies the Minister is responsible for?
  - (a) If so, what were they?
- (5) Have the department and agencies the Minister is responsible for had to make any compensation payments as a result of this pause?
  - (a) If so, what were they?
- (6) Are the department and agencies the Minister is responsible for in any current negotiations for the sale of land or property held by the department or agency?
  - (a) If so, what are the parcels of land or property that are in negotiation?
- (7) Have the department and agencies the Minister is responsible for sold any land or property held by the department or agency since the Minister for Lands and Property issued the directive to freeze land sales?
  - (a) If so, what are they?



- (8) When was the last sale of a parcel of land or property for each department and agency that the Minister is responsible for?

0153 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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0154 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND TREATY—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

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0155 TRANSPORT—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

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0156 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

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0157 DEPUTY PREMIER—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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0158 BETTER REGULATION AND FAIR TRADING—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

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0159 HEALTH—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 0160 WATER—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) Regarding the directive to pause the sale of all government property, can the Minister please advise how long the pause is in place for each department and agency that the Minister has responsibility for?
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- 0161 SKILLS, TAFE AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast representing the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—
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0162 WOMEN—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Regarding the directive to pause the sale of all government property, can the Minister please advise how long the pause is in place for each department and agency that the Minister has responsibility for?
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0163 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

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0164 ATTORNEY GENERAL—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—

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- 0165 SMALL BUSINESS—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
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- 0166 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- (1) Regarding the directive to pause the sale of all government property, can the Minister please advise how long the pause is in place for each department and agency that the Minister has responsibility for?
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- 0167 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Regarding the directive to pause the sale of all government property, can the Minister please advise how long the pause is in place for each department and agency that the Minister has responsibility for?
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- 0168 PREMIER—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—
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- 0169 CLIMATE CHANGE—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
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- 0170 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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0171 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

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- 0172 DEPUTY PREMIER—CAUCUS LIAISON SERVICES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise which Labor Members of Parliament have been allocated Caucus Liaison Officer services from James Callow?
- 0173 CORRECTIONS—USE OF TABLETS IN PRISONS—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- (1) With respect to tablet computers in New South Wales prisons:
- (a) What is their use?
- (b) Do all inmates in all correctional centres have access to tablet computers?
- (i) If no, who does have access and who does not?
- (c) How many hours per week do inmates have access to educational material on the tablet computers?
- (d) What are the educational materials provided?
- (e) Is there any reporting on the use of tablet computers?
- (i) If yes, what reporting is carried out and where is it stored?
- (f) Have there been any complaints made about the use of tablets?
- (i) If yes, how many?
- (2) With respect to the use of tablet computers for video and audio calling:
- (a) Are tablet computers able to be used for video and audio calling?
- (i) If yes, what is the standard rate applied for inmates to use the device for such purposes?
- (ii) If yes, is the call made via wifi or via a telecommunications network?
- (b) If it is made via a telecommunications network, who is the provider for this service?
- (c) If there is a telecommunications provider, how much profit does the provider generate through provision of this service?
- (d) Who is responsible for the service, maintenance and replacement of these tablets?
- (3) With respect to the antivirus and security services installed on the tablet computers:
- (a) What antivirus and security services are installed?
- (b) Who is the provider of these services?
- (c) What is the annual cost of these services?
- (d) Who pays for these services?
- 0174 AGRICULTURE—FREEZE ON THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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0175 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—ELECTORATE ALLOWANCES—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) As at 25 March 2023, can the Minister please advise which electorate allowances were available to Legislative Assembly MPs and to what value?
- (2) Have the electorate allowances listed in response to question (1) changed under the new Government?
  - (a) If so, how?
- (3) Is the Minister considering further changes to the arrangements in question (1) above?

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliament