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(Paper No. 580)

* 4418 YOUTH JUSTICE—CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CUSTODY IN YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRES—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, 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—

- (1) What is the current headcount by centre as of 9 September 2025, how many children and young people were in custody in each of the six New South Wales Youth Justice centres?
- (2) Could you please list totals by centre and provide a state-wide total?
- (3) Could you please list the capacity vs occupancy (by centre)?
 - (a) For the same date, what is each centre's:
 - (i) rated capacity (beds approved for ongoing use)?
 - (ii) operational capacity (beds open or usable on the day, accounting for refurbishments, staffing or safety closures)?
 - (iii) peak temporary or overflow capacity (if applicable)?
 - (iv) occupancy (per cent) calculated against operational capacity?
 - (b) For the answer provided to (a), could you please note any units closed or beds offline and why (maintenance, staffing, safety, refurbishment)?
- (4) Could you please list the legal status of occupants (by centre), e.g. sentenced or on remand?
 - (a) For each centre on the snapshot date, could you please provide the count of sentenced and unsentenced or remand detainees, plus a centre total?
- (5) Could you please list the age bands by centre and legal status?
 - (a) For each centre on the snapshot date, provide counts in the following age bands:
 - (i) 10?
 - (ii) 11 to 14?
 - (iii) 15 to 16?
 - (iv) 17 to 18?
 - (v) 19 and over, if any young people remain under Youth Justice jurisdiction?
 - (b) For the answer provided to (a), could you please cross-tab these by legal status (sentenced or remand) for each centre?
 - (i) Could you please provide centre totals and a state-wide total?
- (6) Could you please list the total number of individuals with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, by centre, age band and legal status?
 - (a) For each centre on the snapshot date, could you please provide counts by the following Indigenous status:
 - (i) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
 - (ii) non-Indigenous?
 - (ii) not stated or unknown (if applicable)?
 - (b) For the answer provided to (a), could you please cross-tab with the age bands and legal status above for each centre, with both centre totals and a state-wide total?

Answer—

NSW Custody Statistics are available via the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website at <https://bocsar.nsw.gov.au/statistics-dashboards/custody.html>.

Information regarding centre capacity is available at <https://inspectorcustodial.nsw.gov.au/currentinspections/youth-inspections/inspection-of-the-six-youth-justice-centres-in-nsw.html>.

- * 4419 HEALTH—RADIOLOGY SERVICES IN PREGNANCY AT ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Dr Amanda Cohn to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) I am advised that ultrasound scans at approximately 20 weeks gestation, as recommended to assess foetal development and anatomy, are no longer being provided by Royal Prince Alfred Hospital at no out-of-pocket cost to patients unless a pregnancy is deemed to be high risk. When was this change made?
 - (a) What was the rationale for this change?
 - (b) Which, if any, hospitals or maternity services in New South Wales provide screening ultrasound scans to their antenatal patients at 20 weeks gestation without out-of-pocket costs?

Answer—

I'm advised:

All pregnant women are recommended to have a morphology ultrasound.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital provides access to morphology ultrasounds for women with high-risk pregnancies as part of the Fetal Growth Restriction Pathway.

Ultrasound scans accessed in a public hospital have no out-of-pocket costs for Medicare eligible women.

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(Paper No. 584)

- * 4476 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—CFMEU MEETINGS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU) and not disclosed it in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

Answer—

I am advised:

In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings:

- meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions)
- meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political
- social or public functions or events
- meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and

- matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure.

Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>)

- * 4477 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—ETU MEETINGS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) and not disclosed it in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

Answer—

I am advised:

In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings:

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- * 4478 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MINISTERIAL DISCLOSURES TO THE CABINET OFFICE—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) On what date did you last update or make a ministerial disclosure to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) requires Ministers to make certain disclosures to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office. Minister Washington complies with her obligations under the Ministerial Code.

- * 4479 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY EMPLOYEES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) In relation to redundancies, will this be made available in your respective Department(s) and Agency(s) Annual Reports?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about any redundancies within agencies is published in the agency annual reports. Published annual reports can be accessed on agency websites.

- * 4480 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY ANNUAL REPORTS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Do you have plans to print the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department and agency in your portfolio?
 - (a) If yes, what is the budgeted expenditure for printing for each department and agency?

Answer—

I am advised:

Annual reports should be prepared in accordance with the Treasury Policy and Guidelines - Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10).

- * 4481 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—STATE RECORDS ACT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Have you and your ministerial office had training or a briefing about the State Records Act from:
 - (a) State Records NSW?
 - (b) The Cabinet Office?
 - (c) the Premier's Department?
- (2) In relation to (1), if yes, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance in relation to recordkeeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998.

The Cabinet Office also provide guidance, advice, training and support on these obligations for Ministers' offices. Further information is available on State Records NSW's website (www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dciths/state-records-nsw).

All Ministers' offices are expected to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.

- * 4482 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY REGISTER—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Do your portfolio departments or agencies have a gifts or hospitality register?
 - (a) If yes, is it available online?
 - (i) If yes, what is the website URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice gifts, benefits and bequests register is available at <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/policies/gifts-benefits-and-bequests.html>

* 4483 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MINISTERIAL STAFF DISCLOSURE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?
 - (a) If yes, what is the website URL?
- (2) Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
 - (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
 - (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff attached to the Ministers' Office Handbook and available on the NSW Government website.
- (2) All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and Minister Washington expects them to do so. A breach of the Policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct. The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.

* 4484 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?
 - (a) If yes, what was the breach?

Answer—

I am advised:

All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to:

- disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier
- seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary employment (known as 'prohibited interests')
- identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest
- disclose gifts and hospitality with a market value over \$500.

A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.

- * 4485 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—SENIOR EXECUTIVE DRIVERS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) As at 1 August 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio departments or agencies have a driver?

Answer—

I am advised:

No senior executives in Minister Washington's portfolio department or agencies have a driver.

- * 4486 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—GIPA ACT DISCLOSURE LOG FOR MINISTERIAL OFFICES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Does your Ministerial Office have a disclosure log in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009?

(a) If yes, what is the URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

An agency must keep a record called its disclosure log that records information about access applications made to the agency that the agency decides by deciding to provide access to some or all of the information applied for if the information is information that the agency considers may be of interest to other members of the public.

- * 4487 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—GIPA ACT DISCLOSURE LOG FOR DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) What is the website URL for the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009 disclosure log for each of your portfolio departments and agencies?

Answer—

I am advised:

<https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/gipa/disclosure-log.html>

- * 4488 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—TIKTOK ACCESS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Are you on TikTok?

(a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a Government device?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Circular DCS-2025-01 Cyber Security NSW Directive - Restricted Applications List advises how NSW Government agencies are required to appropriately manage risks to NSW Government information on government-issued devices, or personal devices that are used for government business.

- * 4489 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—SIGNAL ACCESS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Are you on Signal?

(a) If yes, do you access Signal from a Government device?

(i) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?

Answer—

I am advised:

Like the former Coalition Government, the NSW Government uses a range of digital systems and communications that have been approved for use and may be utilised where there is a valid business requirement. This has been established practice under successive governments. State records are a vital public asset, and access to Government information is essential to maintaining public trust in government. Minister Washington complies with her obligations under the State Records Act 1998.

- * 4490 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—TRAINING FROM AN EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?

(a) If yes, what is the description of training?

(b) If yes, how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers have undertaken training on the Respectful Workplace Policy. Members of Parliament are provided with a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination. Ministerial Office Budgets are managed in accordance with the Ministers' Office Handbook.

- * 4491 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MEDIA RELEASES AND STATEMENTS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>?

(a) If no, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Customer Service is responsible for managing www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases and the publication of media releases.

- * 4492 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY AND MINISTERIAL VEHICLE—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used a ministerial driver from the pool?

- (a) If yes, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides that the Premier's Department transport services may be used by Parliamentary Secretaries for official business trips in connection with their duties as Parliamentary Secretaries, with costs paid from the Ministers' office budget.

- * 4493 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—DATA BREACHES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Do your portfolio departments and agencies keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?

- (a) If yes, what is the website?

Answer—

I am advised:

DCJ keeps an internal register of eligible data breaches as required by section 59ZE, Part 6A of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act).

Agencies are required by section 59ZD to prepare, publish and make publicly available a data breach policy. The PPIP Act does not provide for the internal register to be made public.

Under clause 17, of Schedule 1 to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, it is conclusively presumed that there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of information contained in a document prepared for the assessment of an eligible data breach under the PPIP Act, Part 6A, if the information could worsen a public sector agency's cyber security or lead to further data breaches.

- * 4494 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—OVERSEAS TRAVEL APPROVALS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio departments and agencies?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for NSW Government travelling employees and covers official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Section 2.1 of that Policy sets out approvals required in relation to overseas travel. Further information in relation to the Policy can be found here: <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-andtransport-policy>

Treasury Policy and Guidelines - Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10) requires agencies to include information on overseas visits by officers and employees in agency annual reports.

- * 4495 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—DISCRETIONARY FUND—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?

- (a) If yes, what departments and agencies administer it?

- (b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Minister Washington does not have a discretionary fund.

- * 4496 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—AIRLINE LOUNGES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairman's Lounge?
- (2) Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament.

The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that:

"Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation."

Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not.

Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.

- * 4497 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MINISTERIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally applied to the Premier to travel overseas?
 - (a) If yes, was this application accepted?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ministerial overseas travel information is published online.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/ministerial-overseas-travel-information>

- * 4498 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—PRIVATE JET CHARTER—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Have you travelled on a private jet charter in your ministerial capacity?
 - (a) If yes, was this value for money for taxpayers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Premier and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department's website-at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel>

- * 4499 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—MINISTERIAL OFFICE RENOVATIONS—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, has your ministerial office at 52 Martin Place been renovated?
(a) If yes, how much was the expenditure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Leasehold improvements for Ministerial Offices are reported within the Premier's Department annual reports.

- * 4500 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—CONFLICT OF INTEREST—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest?
(a) If yes, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to:

- disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier
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- 4582 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson in Term 4, 2025, will before and after school care continue as normal?
(a) If not, where will students be able to have before and after school other than Kambora?
(b) If not, how will students be able to be transported safely to before and after school?

- 4583 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSFER PAYMENT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- (1) In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson that is being placed into recess in Term 1, 2026, will the \$500 given to families for students transitioning to another school include students attending Independent and Catholic schools?
- (a) If not, why?
- (b) Can families invoice the Department for Education for amounts above \$500?
- 4584 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson that is being placed into recess in Term 1, 2026, can families invoice the Department for Education for mental health and wellbeing support for students at Kambora?
- (a) If not, why?
- 4585 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—INCIDENTS INVESTIGATED UNDER STRIKE FORCE PEARL—The Hon. Mark Latham 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, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) I refer you to the answer provided to the recent Budget Estimates, on notice, by the acting Police Commissioner Peter Thurtell regarding serious attacks on people and property motivated by antisemitic ideology, such that, "Fourteen incidents were investigated under Strike Force Pearl which were at the higher end of offending, being attacks on synagogues, graffiti, firebombings, attacks on cars and attacks on houses", and ask:
- (a) of these 14, how many were investigations of incidents that did not lead to any charges being laid?
- (b) of the remaining (where charges were laid), how many were perpetrated by:
- (i) Iran or agents of the Iranian regime?
- (ii) other foreign agents?
- (iii) people associated with and paid by organised crime figures?
- (c) Of those not covered by (a) and (b) (that is, were a product of genuine homegrown anti-semitic ideology), what was the nature of the incident and what criminal proceedings have been pursued by the NSW Police Force?
- 4586 FINANCE—PAYROLL TAX—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) In each of these financial years, what was the dollar value of the payroll tax collected that came from assessments that were applied retrospectively:
- (a) 2023/24?
- (b) 2024/25?
- (2) In each of these financial years, what was the dollar value of the payroll tax collected that came from interest applied on retrospective assessments:
- (a) 2023/24?
- (b) 2024/25?
- (3) In each of these financial years, how many businesses were retrospective payments in addition to their principal payroll tax liability:
- (a) 2023/24?
- (b) 2024/25?

- (4) In each of these financial years, how many New South Wales businesses were assessed as being 'grouped' for the purposes of payroll tax:
 - (a) 2020/21?
 - (b) 2021/22?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2023/24?
 - (e) 2024/25?
- (5) In each of these financial years, how many businesses were assessed as having employees above their declared number of employees (i.e. where contractors were determined to be employees):
 - (a) 2020/21?
 - (b) 2021/22?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2023/24?
 - (e) 2024/25?

4587 PREMIER—BROKEN HILL LEAD RESPONSE GROUP—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) In September 2024, the Broken Hill Lead Response Group (BHLRG) requested that the Premier grant an extension of the BHLRG. Was this extension granted?
 - (a) If so, when was the BHLRG extended until?
 - (b) Is the BHLRG still meeting?
 - (i) Could you please provide the dates of all meetings of the BHLRG since September 2024?
- (2) Has the "Future Lead Strategy" for Broken Hill been finalised by the Broken Hill Lead Response Group?
 - (a) If so when was it finalised?
 - (b) If not, when is it expected to be finalised?
- (3) The 'Future Lead Strategy' and New Policy Proposal (NPP) attached to it was to be provided to NSW Treasury by November 2024. Did this occur?
 - (a) How much funding was requested?
 - (b) How much funding has been secured to support the Future Lead Strategy?

4588 NATURAL RESOURCES—MOOLARBEN COAL COMPLEX EL 6288—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Why was the northern section of Moolarben Coal Complex EL 6288 renewed until 2029?
- (2) How does this extension of exploration drilling meet the Government policy on a transition away from coal mining through the development of Future Jobs and Investment Authorities, with emphasis on the western coalfields?
- (3) Why are the reports provided in Review of Environmental Factors for exploration drilling programs not available for public access?
- (4) Why has the AGE Groundwater Report for the approved EL 6288 North 3A 3B Exploration program (APO 0001820) been withheld from public release?
 - (a) Will you commit to its release?

(i) If not, why?

4589 NATURAL RESOURCES—BIODIVERSITY OFFSET FOR CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

(1) Has the recently acquired biodiversity offset by EnergyCo known as 'Saddlers Creek' been blocked from transfer into the Goulburn River National Park?

(a) If so, why?

4590 NATURAL RESOURCES—HALT IN LAND TRANSFERS TO STATE CONSERVATION AREA—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

(1) How many transfers of land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas have you agreed to over the past two years?

(a) Please provide details of all transfers.

(2) How many proposals to transfer land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas are currently before you?

(a) Please provide details for each proposed transfer.

4591 ENVIRONMENT—EXTRACTION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MOOLARBEN UNDERGROUND 4—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What input have you had into the development of the Extraction Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Complex for Underground 4 operations (please provide a copy of any written advice)?

(a) What input has your Department had into the development of the Extraction Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Complex for Underground 4 operations (please provide a copy of any written advice)?

(2) Do you support the community's demand for a 2km set back of mining operations to protect this fragile environment The Drip Gorge and Corner Gorge within Goulburn River National Park, and meet the conditions of approval for the mine?

4592 ENVIRONMENT—HALT IN LAND TRANSFERS TO STATE CONSERVATION AREA—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) How many transfers of land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas have occurred over the past 2 years?

(a) Please provide details of all transfers.

(2) How many proposals to transfer land to the control of National Parks and Wildlife Service as State Conservation Areas are currently before you?

(a) Please provide details for each proposed transfer.

(3) What is the key factor preventing the transfer of lands to State Conservation Area protection?

4593 ENVIRONMENT—BIODIVERSITY OFFSET FOR CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Is it correct that Resources Minister, Courtney Houssos, or NSW Resources has blocked the transfer of the entire EnergyCo biodiversity offset, 'Saddlers Creek' (preferred by the community to be known as 'The Drip block') from being transferred to Goulburn River National Park?

(2) What negotiations have you had with the Minister for Resources on this matter?

- (3) Are you aware that this offset land also protects important water sources feeding The Drip?

4594 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—EXTRACTION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MOOLARBEN UNDERGROUND 4—Ms Cate Fachrmann to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How will the Extraction Management Plan for the Moolarben Coal Complex Underground 4 meet the conditions of approval?
- (a) Please include details for each specific condition, including but not limited to conditions 73-80 relating to subsidence.
- (2) Why has there been no public consultation on the development of the Moolarben Underground 4 Extraction Management Plan?
- (3) What advice has your department received from the Independent Expert Advisory Panel for Mining?
- (a) How has that advice been adopted in the Extraction Management Plan?
- (4) When will the Extraction Management Plan be finalized?

Steven Reynolds
Clerk of the Parliaments