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## Questions on Notice Paper

No 38

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### *New questions*

*(30 days expires 31 December 2023)*

1494 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for the Environment —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the soft plastic task force.
- (2) Is the undertaking to have trial sites for soft plastic drop off sites still on track for the end of the year.
- (3) Will Gungahlin be one of those trial sights, referred to in part (2).

1495 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Skills —

- (1) How many and what type of apprentices are hired as part of the 10 percent target on major projects
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown for all recent major projects for which targets exist.

1496 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) What conditions must nature reserves meet in order to be gazetted as a nature reserve.
- (2) Is there a minimum land footprint that forests and parks must meet in order to achieve nature reserve status.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a list of all 39 nature reserves in the ACT.

- (4) What is the timeline for when each of the ACT's nature reserves were historically gazetted by the ACT Government.
- (5) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of each of the ACT's nature reserves by their acreage.
- (6) Can the Minister provide a list of all parks in Belconnen, including a breakdown by their acreage.

1497 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Skills — How many trainers are employed for each trade qualification offered at the Canberra Institute of Technology, broken down by trade.

1498 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Treasurer — In relation to the Ambulance Levy, for the financial year 2022-23 what was the (a) number of companies paying Ambulance Levy contributions, (b) number of eligible insurance policies, (c) number of eligible individual contributors, (d) number of eligible family contributors, (e) average annual levy cost per eligible insurance policy, (f) average annual levy cost per individual contributor and (g) average annual levy cost per family contributor.

1499 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the punctuality of bus services broken down by route, with respect to (a) early running, (b) late running and (e) scheduled services which did not operate to completion, in the 2022-23 financial year.
- (2) What is Transport Canberra doing to improve the punctuality of bus routes which do not meet the punctuality target.

1500 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) Given that FOI 2022/2540 requesting the business case for the reintegration centre was denied, and the cited reason for the denial was that it contained cabinet deliberation information and that safety of the proposed reintegration centre could be compromised if aerial photographs of the Alexander Maconochie Centre contained in the business case were made public, is the business case still subject to Cabinet considerations; if so, under what circumstances would the business case no longer be subject to Cabinet consideration and therefore eligible to be made public.
- (2) Is the business case referenced in the Inspector of Corrections Annual Report 2022-23, page 15, currently subject to Cabinet consideration.
- (3) Did the reintegration centre have a business case when it was first approved; if so, (a) who drafted the business case, (b) who was involved in its consultation process when drafting the business case, (c) was that a different business case from the above-mentioned business case; if so, what changed for the Government to agree to it and then change its mind and (d) was there something missing in the business case; if so, what was it.

1501 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) Given that the 2022-23 State of the Service report lists the ACT Government as having 32 apprentices and trainees, a decrease of seven from 2021-22, what is the cause of the decrease.
- (2) What qualifications are these apprentices and trainees undertaking, broken down by qualification.
- (3) What other types of tradespeople are employed directly within the ACT Public Service, noting that these are categorised under "GSOs" in the State of the Service report, broken down by qualification, eg, electrician, carpenter, etc, for all tradespeople in the ACT.

1502 **MRS KICKERT:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

- (1) How many times have the flexi cricket pitches been used and when were they used.
- (2) Which community groups or sports teams used flexi cricket pitches.
- (3) How much did each pitch cost.
- (4) Is the testing period over, and are community groups, sports teams or other interested parties able to now hire them.
- (5) If the testing period is not over, when does it end, and what will happen next.

1503 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for the Environment —

Has the ACT Government approved licence applications for the import, export or exhibition of non-exempt animals to any applicants who are not accredited or certified members of the Australian Zoo and Aquarium Association; if so, (a) how many such applications have been approved and (b) what is the Government's approach to rectifying any such wrongful application approvals.

1504 **MS LEE:** To ask the Chief Minister — Can the Chief Minister provide, for the last financial year, broken down by each ACT Government minister, the (a) amount spent on domestic and international travel and (b) destinations to where this travel took place.

1505 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Is the Government planning to upgrade parks and playgrounds in older suburbs, for example, Kaleen and Giralang.
- (2) Will the Government conduct upgrades to the playground located on Darby street in Kaleen; if so, will the community have an opportunity to provide input into what upgrades should be made; if not, how do constituents seek funding to support these upgrades.

- 1506 **MS LEE:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety — In relation to page 124 of the 2022-23 Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Annual Report, Vol 2.1, can the Minister provide, broken down by each individual session, the number of people from industry who attended the Secure Local Jobs Code training sessions that were held for industry and the ACT Government.
- 1507 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Chief Minister — Can the Chief Minister provide the currently available redevelopment plans for the Fitzroy Pavilion, including concept art, tendering documents and any other material related to the upgrade.
- 1508 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — At what point did the business cases for Light Rail Stages 1 and 2A cease being considered cabinet in confidence and eligible for public release.
- 1509 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of the development of Strathnairn Primary School.
  - (2) Who is the head contractor for this development.
  - (3) Has there been any discussion as to whether Strathnairn Primary School will be an inquiry-based learning school like Margaret Hendry; if so, what were the outcomes of those discussions.
- 1510 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —
- (1) Why was the Bonython Community Fire Unit (CFU) recently shut down, given the approaching fire season.
  - (2) Prior to shutting down the Bonython CFU, what measures did the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) take to avoid this outcome.
  - (3) What are the ACT ESA's strategies for the retention of existing volunteers or recruitment of new volunteers to ensure that CFUs remain viable.
- 1511 **MS LEE:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety —
- (1) Was the Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) designed with consideration of the business models of sole traders.
  - (2) Have sole traders been consulted on the process of applying for and/or renewing the SLJC.

1512 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety — Given that during annual reports hearings, it was revealed that the Government has not retendered for the provision of a Young Worker Advice Service, and is instead looking to negotiate a grant with Unions ACT for the provision of workers' advice services more broadly, can the Minister advise (a) why it was decided to issue a grant rather than going to open tender, (b) why it was not decided to bring the service in-house under the Government's in-sourcing framework and (c) will other union entities have a chance to apply for this grant.

1513 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) When will a decision be made on Development Application DA202341701 and when is a decision required to be made.
- (2) Are there any particular issues in the development application that are causing any concern for ACT Planning; if so, what are those issues.

1514 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to the answer to question on notice No 1088 in which the Minister wrote that “the vast majority of residences in the ACT have on-site parking (including garages, carports, driveways and basement parking), and this should be the primary parking place for residents”, and that “the ACT Government does not consider a residential parking scheme a fair and equitable way to allocate limited public on-street parking resources”, how many households in the Territory are “share” households, and how do existing parking and planning regulations take into account that adults sharing accommodation often require more parking places than a family of the same size.
- (2) Is it equitable that a resident who lives in a street where the daytime parking is time-limited and who works standard daytime hours will have access to on-street parking overnight (from evening till the next morning), while at the same time, a resident who lives in a street where daytime parking is time-limited and who works at night will not have access to on-street parking while they are home and needs to sleep.

1515 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Given that the ACT Health website states that “Small quantities of drugs found on a person may attract either diversion to a health education and information session, or the option of paying a \$100 fine ... In most instances, police will then refer them to the Canberra Health Services (CHS) diversion service”, where does the resulting 1-hour face-to-face health session take place.
- (2) What times and days are available for face-to-face health sessions.
- (3) Who within CHS delivers face-to-face health sessions.
- (4) What criteria (including client preference) govern whether a health session is delivered via telehealth.
- (5) What times and days are available for telehealth health sessions.
- (6) Who delivers telehealth health sessions.

- (7) Has any extra funding been provided to resource staffing for these health sessions.
- (8) Can the Minister provide a copy of the exact content CHS staff are required/instructed to cover during these 1-hour health sessions, including questions to be asked, etc.
- (9) Are any telehealth health sessions recorded and/or transcribed for any reason.
- (10) If any transcriptions exist, can the minister provide anonymised copies.
- (11) How many persons have been referred by police for a CHS diversion service, from 28 October till now.
- (12) How many (a) face-to-face and (b) telehealth health sessions has CHS delivered, from 28 October till now,
- (13) What contact information does the CHS health service receive from the police, and how does it contact those referred.
- (14) What does the CHS health service do if a person referred by police cannot be contacted (eg, does not answer the phone).

1516 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Attorney-General —

In relation to the ACT Criminal Justice Statistical Profile and information provided during the annual reports hearing on 14 November 2023, can the Attorney-General advise (a) on what date was a decision made to discontinue production of this statistical publication, (b) what specific information and feedback was provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics regarding the Profile that informed this decision, (c) why was the judgement made to discontinue the publication pending improvements to methods, as distinct from continuing with the existing methodology for continuity purposes until improvements could be implemented, (d) to what extent, and in what precise way, did the COVID-19 pandemic impact this decision and (e) what plans does the Justice and Community Safety Directorate have to reinstate the Profile, if any, and when can the next publication of the profile be expected to occur.

1517 **DR PATERSON:** To ask the Attorney-General —

In relation to the ministerial statement presented to the Assembly on 28 November 2023 concerning the June Assembly resolution relating to restorative justice reforms, given that the Assembly resolution called on the ACT Government to consider five possible reforms, and the ministerial statement specifically addressed one of the five possible reforms (number ii) concerning options for expanding restorative justice, can the Minister provide an update on the consideration to the other four possible reforms of (a) amending the qualifying criteria to access restorative justice in the ACT, (b) the potential for community based restorative justice services in the ACT, (c) options for developing survivor-led and survivor-oriented restorative justice practices for sexual violence and (d) opportunities for greater awareness and education around access to restorative justice, what it means, and victims' rights in the ACT.

1518 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Has the Government met with representatives of Woolworths to discuss the sale of the carpark directly adjacent to Hawker Woolworths; if so, what were the outcomes of that meeting.
- (2) Is the Government considering selling the carpark to Woolworths.
- (3) Has the sale of the carpark been discussed in Cabinet.

1519 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development — Did the Minister state in answers to parts (1)-(5) of question on notice No 1315 that “The ACT Government is not in a position to respond to this question”; if so, is the ACT Government now in a position to answer those questions; if not, why is the Government not in a position to answer those questions.

1520 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Minister for Sustainable Building and Construction — In relation to the impacts of installing artificial grass, can the Minister advise (a) what the environmental impacts of artificial grass are, (b) whether artificial grass can be recycled if it eventually ends up in landfill and (c) how artificial grass impacts the urban heat island effect.

1521 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —

- (1) Is the delay of the completion of Strathnairn Primary School till 2026 a broken election commitment, and is it a breaking of the commitment made in the Minister's media release dated 12 July 2022.
- (2) Does the delay have anything to do with (a) the requirement for the tenderer to have a 100 percent women site management team with women representation in every trade subcontractor and (b) procuring a tenderer in general.
- (3) When did the process for removing the environmental clearance zone (ECZ) around the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre commence and when was it anticipated it would be removed.
- (4) When did the Minister find out that the ECZ impacted the school site and what is the cause of the delay.
- (5) Can the Minister provide specific information about the development and planning delays referenced in the Government's announcement about the delay.
- (6) Has the design of the school already been completed; if not, who will design the school.

1522 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What additional services are offered (without being asked by clients) during the one-off 1-hour health session provided by the Canberra Health Services (CHS) diversion service.
- (2) What additional services can CHS provide, if requested by a client, during the health session (eg, case management, referrals to rehabilitation services, etc).
- (3) If the person referred does not request any further services, what (if any) follow-up is taken by CHS following the health session.
- (4) If the person referred does request further services, what (if any) follow-up is taken by CHS.

- (5) Is there any change in follow-up procedures based on the number of times a person has been referred by police.
- (6) Does the content of the health session change in any way if the person has previously completed one or more health sessions with CHS; if so, how.
- (7) Are persons referred provided with any reading material during this process; if so, what is provided and when.

1523 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —

- (1) Which procurements over \$25,000 were provided with a single source justification, since the 2020-21 financial year.
- (2) Which procurements over \$25,000 were extended twice or more without inviting alternative suppliers to bid and/or quote for their products or services, since the 2020-21 financial year.

1524 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Chief Minister — Will the shutdown of the Telstra 3G network impact the operations of the ACT Government in any way; if so, in what way, and what has the Government done to prepare for this eventuality.

1525 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs — How many students, whose residential address is the suburb of Belconnen, attend the (a) Florey Primary School, (b) Macquarie Primary School, (c) Canberra High School and (d) all other ACT public schools.

1526 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Does the ACT Government support, and are they actively advocating for, the features of a Mandatory National Product Stewardship Scheme of (a) an independent publicly-funded regulatory body to enforce them, not an industry-funded and industry-controlled regulator, (b) effective enforcement so that good corporate citizens who comply are not punished by being commercially undercut by non-compliant competitors, (c) standards that apply to products and packaging that are imported as well as those locally manufactured, given how much manufacturing occurs overseas and (d) an Extended Producer Responsibility levy that charges importers, manufacturers and industry for packaging and which is returned back to states and territories, so that they can use this funding to deliver the recycling and circular economy services needed to deal with packaging.

1527 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

- (1) In relation to the answer to question taken on notice No 4 from this year's annual reports hearings in which the Minister provided a list of dryland ovals that were recommended to be retained for possible future re-activation as irrigated sportsgrounds and dryland ovals recommended for possible future re-purposing, what is the difference between dryland ovals for future re-activation and dryland ovals for future re-purposing.
- (2) What criteria determined which dryland ovals fell into what category.
- (3) What factors are currently being considered for each of the dryland ovals in the Ginninderra electorate.
- (4) When or what is the timeline for each of the dryland ovals in Ginninderra electorate to be upgraded to a sportsground or re-purposed.



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