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## Questions on Notice Paper

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### *New questions*

*(30 days expires 30 April 2023)*

1093 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to referrals to Canberra Hospital from private sector cardiologists, could referrals in the past be done by writing to the Cardiology Department.
- (2) Must referrals now be accepted by a specific staff specialist; if so, when and why was this change made.
- (3) Could Cardiology Department administrative staff still advise which specialists had the shortest waiting lists prior to this practice being discontinued; if so, when and why was it discontinued.
- (4) Is it the case that (a) referrals are not acknowledged by specific specialists, (b) referrals need not be acknowledged by specific specialists and (c) no estimate of waiting time is given, even for urgent patients.
- (5) Must inquiries or complaints of inaction on referrals now be referred to the specialist concerned.
- (6) Is it the case that as a result of inquiries or complaints of inaction on referrals (a) staff specialists are overwhelmed, (b) referrals effectively disappear and (c) there is no functional central waiting list system for patients requiring cardiology services.

- (7) For each specialty at Canberra Hospital, (a) are referrals directed to and/or managed by administrative staff or individual staff specialists, (b) are referrals acknowledged and (c) is an estimate of waiting time given; if not, why not.

1094 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — How many doctors graduating from the Australian National University were offered positions with Canberra Health Services (CHS) and how many junior doctors accepted these positions with CHS, for each year since 2012.

1095 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What is the current Transport Canberra bus fleet size, broken down by vehicle type.

1096 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to the Department of Paediatrics Organisational and Service Plan 2021-2023, how many actions for the roadmap in year one have been implemented (page 13 of the tabled report).
- (2) For each action of the Plan, can the Minister detail if they are (a) completed, (b) commenced and (c) not yet commenced.
- (3) Has a year two roadmap been developed; if so, what are the actions and can the Minister detail if the actions are (a) completed, (b) commenced and (c) not yet commenced.
- (4) Has a year three roadmap been developed; if so, what are the actions and can the Minister detail if the actions are (a) completed, (b) commenced and (c) not yet commenced.
- (5) Will all actions be complete by 2023.
- (6) For each of the new paediatric specialists that have recently been hired, what is the (a) full-time equivalent, (b) classification (c) and specialty/subspecialty.

1097 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) When will the consultation process with the community of Hall, business owners and other stakeholders on the Hydrology Assessment in Hall begin.
- (2) How long will the Minister be allocating for the consultation period.
- (3) Will the remedial work be put in this year's budget and when will the remedial works be completed.

1098 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) How many young people, for each year during the past five years, were served with an interim Personal Protection Order (PPO), in the age brackets of (a) 16-17, (b) 14-15, (c) 12-13, (d) 10-11 and (e) under 10.
- (2) How many young people, for each year during the past five years, were served with an interim Family Violence Order (FVO), in the age brackets of (a) 16-17, (b) 14-15, (c) 12-13, (d) 10-11 and (e) under 10.
- (3) How many young people, for each year during the past five years, were served with a final PPO, in the age brackets of (a) 16-17, (b) 14-15, (c) 12-13, (d) 10-11 and (e) under 10.
- (4) How many young people, for each year during the past five years, were served with a final FVO, in the age brackets of (a) 16-17, (b) 14-15, (c) 12-13, (d) 10-11 and (e) under 10.
- (5) How many young people, for each year during the past five years, were criminally charged by ACT Policing for breaching their order, in the age brackets of (a) 16-17, (b) 14-15, (c) 12-13, (d) 10-11 and (e) under 10.
- (6) How many young people, for each year during the past five years, were criminally charged by ACT Policing for breaching their order and given a sentence (including details of sentence i.e. youth detention, penalty units etc), in the age brackets of (a) 16-17, (b) 14-15, (c) 12-13, (d) 10-11 and (e) under 10.

1099 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Does Transport Canberra collect data on the cause of bus service delays; if so, what are the causes of delays for Transport Canberra bus services, broken down by cause and average delay.

1100 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What work has been done to develop plans for upgrades to the ACT stormwater network in planning to handle climate change storm events.

1101 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) In relation to the National Capital Authority (NCA) seaplanes and the short trial on 16 March 2023 ahead of the NCA's proposed permanent rollout, how many objections have Canberrans lodged to this proposal with the NCA and ACT Government and what concerns has the ACT Government flagged.
- (2) What feedback did the ACT Government receive about the concerns that were raised.
- (3) Does the ACT Government have continual engagement with the NCA regarding this proposal; if so, how often.
- (4) How does allowing a new short-haul aviation link match up with the ACT's goals on reducing climate emissions.
- (5) How will the Chief Minister ensure current users of the lake are not impacted by noise, fuel and oil leaks, flight paths and planes landing on the lake.
- (6) Has the ACT Government estimated the additional tourism income seaplanes will bring in given it is likely to replace overnight stays in the ACT.

1102 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) Is the Programmed housing maintenance budget very close to expired, as was the case last year; if so, are there any capital works being undertaken on tenanted properties or is it just emergency repairs until the end of the financial year.
- (2) Why has the priority changed to vacant properties only.
- (3) Is there an obligation for Programmed to pay its contractors in a certain time period; if so, what is that time period and is this enforced.
- (4) What percentage of Programmed housing budget in the last two quarters has been spent on getting vacant properties back online.

1103 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What percentage of time were paediatric presentations consolidated into adult acute emergency each week since October 2022.
- (2) How many presentations have there been to the paediatric emergency department since October 2022.
- (3) What are the average wait times, in minutes, for the paediatric emergency department for each triage category.

1104 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What was the estimated total distance of “dead running” in the bus network, in 2021-22.

1105 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the average duration of a Transport Canberra bus route, for quarter 1 of 2023.
- (2) What is the average number of hours a bus is in use for weekdays and weekends.

1106 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Can the Minister outline the active panels originating from the Suburban Land Agency.
- (2) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel.
- (3) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline when the panel was last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year-by-year for each active panel, e.g. what percent year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary.

1107 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —

- (1) Can the Minister outline the active panels originating from the Education Directorate.
- (2) For each active panel referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel.
- (3) For each active panel referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline when the active panels were last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year-by-year for each active panel, e.g. what percent year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary.

1108 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Assistant Minister for Seniors, Veterans, Families and Community Services —

- (1) How many youth on bail have committed over 10 offences, in the last two years.
- (2) Of those offences referred to in part (1), how many (a) of these offences were for actual physical violence, (b) of these offences resulted in grievous bodily harm to other parties, (c) times did these offenders breach their bail conditions before being sentenced, and of these offenders, how many were given a custodial sentence and (e) times did these offenders breach their good behaviour or community corrections orders.
- (3) How many offences have each of the current highest 10 youth offenders on bail committed.
- (4) Of those offences referred to in part (3), how many (a) of these offences were for actual physical violence, (b) of these offences resulted in grievous bodily harm to other parties, (c) how many times did these offenders breach their bail conditions before being sentenced, and of these offenders, how many were given a custodial sentence and (d) how many times did these offenders breach their good behaviour or community corrections orders.

1109 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What is the average bus time (a) in motion and (b) at stops, for Transport Canberra buses for weekdays/weekends in quarter 1 of 2023.

1110 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Do accident and emergency staff at Canberra Hospital refer patients, presenting with chest pain/breathlessness/palpitations, who require specific cardiac tests but who are not admitted, either back to their general practitioner or to a cardiologist in the private sector; if so, (a) is this hospital policy and (b) what is the extent of this practice.
- (2) Are requests for inpatient cardiac investigations (stress testing, echocardiography and holter monitoring) at Canberra Hospital ever ignored; if so, (a) how often and (b) why does this occur.
- (3) Are patients admitted with myocardial infarction who develop secondary heart failure discharged without an echocardiogram; if so, (a) how often and (b) why does this occur.

- (4) Have patients been diagnosed and treated for heart failure without echocardiographic proof of diagnosis; if so, (a) how often and (b) why does this occur.
- (5) Have patients admitted overnight at high risk of an acute coronary event often been discharged without a screening stress test; if so, (a) how often and (b) why does this occur.
- (6) Are non-cardiac inpatients needing an echocardiogram for optimal management now referred to a private cardiologist post-discharge, after their requested test was not performed during their admission; if so, (a) how often and (b) why does this occur.

1111 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — In relation to bus fleet timeline for retirement of Renault buses, what is the current expected timeline for the removal of Disability Discrimination Act non-compliant buses from the Transport Canberra bus fleet.

1112 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What is the average total boardings, per hour, for each hour of operation for each day of the week for quarter 1 of 2023, including the average of Mondays, Tuesdays, etc for the quarter.

1113 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Did the Canberra Hospital previously have a Chest Pain Evaluation Unit; if so, (a) when was it established, (b) how many and what type of beds did it have, (c) what was the purpose of this unit and (d) has this unit been closed; if so, why and when was it closed.
- (2) Have beds which were specifically allocated to cardiac patients who did not require Acute Coronary Care in Ward 6A been re-allocated to the Acute Care Medical Unit; if so, (a) why, (b) when and (c) what measures are in place to ensure cardiac patients receive the attention of nursing staff skilled in managing cardiac failure.
- (3) Was a transcatheter aortic valve implantation service to have aortic valve replacements performed via the groin rather than by open-heart surgery promised for Canberra Hospital; if so, when and by whom.
- (4) Has the service referred to in part (3) commenced; if not, why not.
- (5) Was a specialised valve disease assessment clinic planned; if so, (a) what is its current status and (b) why has it not proceeded.
- (6) Was a suitably qualified cardiologist willing to relocate and contracted to establish the service referred to in part (5); if so, did this proceed; if not, why not.
- (7) When is Canberra Hospital due for accreditation for Advanced Physician Trainees in Cardiology.
- (8) Did representatives of the Royal Australian College of Physicians visit Canberra Hospital in late 2022 because of concerns about the welfare and education of local trainees.

1114 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How much funding was allocated to the removal of weeds in (a) suburban public areas and (b) urban public areas, for each year during the past 10 years,
- (2) How many staff (full-time equivalent) were employed for weed removal, for each year during the past 10 years.
- (3) How often is weed removal undertaken.
- (4) Can the Minister provide dates for the last time the suburbs of (a) Bruce, (b) Holt, (c) Flynn, (d) Macgregor, (e) Belconnen, (f) Charnwood, (g) Fraser and (h) Dunlop were sprayed with weedkiller, or otherwise inspected and had works undertaken for weed removal, including details on exact locations and nature of works undertaken.

1115 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.
- (2) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel.
- (3) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline when the panel was last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year-by-year for each active panel, e.g. what percent year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary.

1116 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) Can the Chief Minister outline which active panels originate from the City Renewal Authority and Major Projects Canberra.
- (2) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel.
- (3) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline when the panel was last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year-by-year for each active panel, e.g. what percent year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary.

1117 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — Can the Minister provide details of the baseline staffing, as at 1 January 2022, and the turnover since then, in cardiologists and allied and nursing staff, with specialised skill sets including, cardiac scientists, sonographers, catheterisation laboratory nurses and coronary care nurses at Canberra Hospital.

1118 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to the answer to question taken on notice No 10 of the inquiry into annual and financial reports 2021-2022 concerning the Johns review, could the Minister provide an update on the status of all recommendations.
- (2) Why were only 28 recommendations provided when there were 32 recommendations provided by the review.
- (3) What were these four recommendations left out of the response to question taken on notice No 10.
- (4) What was the status of these four recommendations on the 15 November.

1119 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total costs in the 2021-22 financial year of roads and infrastructure spending on the suburbs of (a) Latham, (b) Holt, (c) Higgins, (d) Aranda, (e) Fraser, (f) Turner, (g) Macgregor and (h) Deakin.
- (2) Can the Minister advise what strategic indicators are used to measure the quality of roads and infrastructure in the ACT.
- (3) Can the Minister provide the most recent results of strategic indicators used to measure the quality of road and infrastructure maintenance, across the suburbs of (a) Latham, (b) Holt, (c) Higgins, (d) Aranda, (e) Fraser, (f) Turner, (g) Macgregor and (h) Deakin.

1120 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.
- (2) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel.
- (3) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline when the panel was last refreshed or reconsidered.
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1121 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Does Transport Canberra collect data about the average wait time for passengers at bus stops before their bus arrives; if so, can the Minister provide this data.



1122 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) In relation to the 2021 Affordable Housing Ballot for Whitlam, and the (a) 19x2 bedroom house and land packages, (b) 16x2 and 3 bedroom house and land packages and (c) 5x3 bedroom house and land packages, of those 41 affordable housing packages, (i) how many have commenced construction, (ii) how many have been completed and (c) when will they be completed.
- (2) Given that the affordable housing package ballot winners were given information through the Suburban Land Agency indicating that their homes would be ready to move into by the Spring of 2022, is it acceptable that this has not occurred.
- (3) How many of the original affordable ballot winners are still in possession of their property.
- (4) Did deposits have to be paid to the relevant builder before contracts were signed; if so, why.
- (5) What becomes of a block when an affordable housing ballot winner decides to relinquish their right to build on the affordable block, for whatever reason.
- (6) Is the builder able to market it again as a “market value” block or is it taken up by, perhaps an unsuccessful participant in the original ballot.
- (7) How does government select the builders to participate in the affordable housing scheme.
- (8) What continuing oversight is there on the affordable housing scheme after the ballot.
- (9) Is the Minister satisfied with the final outcomes of the affordable housing scheme.

1123 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to Transport Canberra quarterly data, for (a) quarter 2 of 2022, (b) quarter 3 of 2022, (c) quarter 4 of 2022 and (d) quarter 1 of 2023, what were the boardings by service type for (i) light rail, (ii) rapid bus, (iii) local bus, (iv) peak bus, (v) school bus, (vi) other and (vii) total.
- (2) What were the top 10 routes by boardings.
- (3) What were the (a) boardings and (b) journeys, by ticket category, e.g. full fare, tertiary student, school student, concession, other).
- (4) What were the (a) boardings and (b) journeys, by type by day, e.g. weekday/weekend.
- (5) What were the average daily (a) light rail and (b) bus boardings by type of day, e.g. weekday/weekend.
- (6) What was the reliability of Transport Canberra (a) bus services and (b) light rail services by day, e.g. weekday/weekend.
- (7) What was the proportion of boardings by ticket type, e.g. Myway/paper.

1124 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — In relation to the light rail feasibility of express services and Mawson Extension 2B, what is the current status of (a) investigations into the feasibility of express services for Light Rail Stage 2 and (b) assessments into the viability of Stage 2B, including an extension to Mawson.

1125 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Was there any detectable sewerage odour emitting from the area that was caused by the poor backfilling of the old West Belconnen Sewerage Treatment facility, prior to the recently completed remediation project at Jarramlee Nature Reserve,
- (2) How were the issues that led to the remediation project detected.

1126 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What, if any, demographic data does Transport Canberra and City Services collect about passengers and can this de-identified data be provided.

1127 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — For each trip taken by officials in 2022-23 for (a) Canberra Health Services and (b) ACT Health for (i) travel work related conferences and (ii) seminars , (A) what was the purpose of the trip, (B) how many attended, (C) what senior executives attended, (D) what was the duration of stay, (E) what was the total cost of the trip, (F) what was the cost for accommodation, (G) what was the cost of air fares and (H) was online attendance an option; if so, why was physical attendance preferred.

1128 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the average cost, per new vehicle purchase, of Transport Canberra zero-emissions buses.
- (2) What is the cost of training new Transport Canberra drivers.
- (3) What is the average annual cost of maintenance for existing buses.
- (4) What is the average annual fuel costs per bus for 2022.

1129 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) For each week since 3 October 2022 for all divisions in phase 1 of ratios, how many shifts for (a) morning), (b) evening and (c) night shift, have been compliant with all elements of nurse to patient ratios.
- (2) Has the Minister received any notices from the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) about not being compliant with phase 1 of nurse to patient ratios; if so, (a) when did Canberra Health Services (CHS) receive correspondence, (b) what was the nature of the correspondence, and (c) did ANMF ask CHS to take any action; if so, what.
- (3) When will online compliance reporting be made publicly available for nurse to patient ratios.

1130 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer — Can the Treasurer provide the revenue collected from payroll tax, broken down by each financial year, for the years 2011-12 to 2021-22 (inclusive).

1131 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Have lengths of stays for cardiac inpatients at Calvary Hospital increased in the last 12 months; if so, (a) why and (b) what has been the average length of stay, dissected by patient category, at the beginning and end of the most recent 12 month or near period.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a table showing (a) the number of patients and (b) their average waiting time for electrophysiological procedures at Canberra Hospital at various intervals over the last three years,
- (3) Can the Minister provide figures on the number of patients reimbursed for interstate electrophysiological treatment for each of the last three years.
- (4) Can the Minister provide a table showing (a) the number of patients and (b) their average waiting time for outpatient cardiac investigations (stress testing, echocardiography and holter monitoring) at Canberra Hospital at various intervals over the last three years.

1132 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What is the average journey duration for passengers on Transport Canberra bus services for quarter 1 of 2023.

1133 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.
- (2) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel.
- (3) For each of the active panels referred to in part (1), can the Minister outline when the panel was last refreshed or reconsidered.
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