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1134 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Treasurer — What is the value of all ACT Government COVID-19 business financial supports for the (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 financial years.

1135 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Will staff currently working at Canberra Hospital be required to work at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB), following the acquisition by the ACT Government.
- (2) Will staff currently working at Canberra Hospital be requested to work at CPHB, following the acquisition of CPHB by the ACT Government.
- (3) In what circumstances would the requirements or requests, referred to in parts (1) and (2), occur.
- (4) Will staff currently working at CPHB be required to work at Canberra Hospital, following the acquisition by the ACT Government.
- (5) Will staff currently working at CPHB be requested to work at Canberra Hospital, following the acquisition by the ACT Government.
- (6) In what circumstances would the requirements or requests, referred to in part (4) and (5), occur.

- (7) Will any services currently provided at CPHB cease or be reduced after the acquisition by the ACT Government; if so, can the Minister list all services to be ceased or reduced.
- (8) What is the increase in insurance premiums to Canberra Health Services, as a total amount and percentage, as a result of the acquisition of CPHB.
- (9) Will the Minister guarantee that there will be no impact to services at CPHB as a result of the acquisition by the ACT Government.
- (10) Are parents giving birth at Canberra Hospital requested or required to bring their own towels.
- (11) Will parents giving birth at CPHB be required to bring their own towels, following the acquisition by the ACT Government.

1136 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) What impact will the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) and associated activities have on the Territory's capital budget.
- (2) Will the acquisition of CPHB limit the ability to undertake capital expenditure in other areas.
- (3) Can the Minister detail all the budgetary and expenditure impacts of the CPHB acquisition.

1137 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) Does the *Financial Management Act 1996* (FMA) and associated regulations and instruments apply to the ACT Government's acquisition and/or operation of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) What are the FMA obligations on the ACT Government's entities and/or officials operating CPHB.

1138 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) Does the *Government Procurement Act 2001* and associated regulations and instruments apply to the acquisition and operation by the ACT Government of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) What are the obligations on any ACT Government entity contracting or tendering works or services to enable the acquisition and/or operation of CPHB by the ACT Government.
- (3) Will the Secure Local Jobs Code and Ethical Treatment of Work apply to the acquisition and/or operation by the ACT Government of CPHB.

1139 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What is the anticipated shortfall in staff at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) on the day Canberra Health Services takes over on 3 July 2023.
- (2) Why were staff at CPHB not consulted on the decision by the ACT Government to acquire CPHB.
- (3) Why were staff at Canberra Health Services not consulted on the decision by the ACT Government to acquire CPHB.
- (4) What obligations are contained in the relevant Enterprise Bargaining Agreements to consult staff in relation to changes in the workplace.
- (5) What advice, if any, has the ACT Government received about its compliance with such clauses within the relevant Enterprise Bargaining Agreements.
- (6) When and at what time were staff at CPHB informed of the decision by the ACT Government to acquire the hospital and did this occur before or after *The Canberra Times* published an article on 10 May revealing the acquisition of CPHB by the ACT Government.
- (7) When and at what time were staff at Canberra Health Services informed of the ACT Government's decision to acquire CPHB and did this occur before or after *The Canberra Times* published an article on 10 May revealing the acquisition of CPHB by the ACT Government.
- (8) What is the estimated costs of redundancy payments as a result of the ACT Government's decision to acquire CPHB.

1140 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What ACT Government policies, legislation and/or regulations are being suspended to enable Canberra Health Services to operate CPHB and/or to enable the acquisition.
- (2) What ACT Government policies, legislation and/or regulations are being circumvented to enable Canberra Health Services to operate CPHB and/or to enable the acquisition.
- (3) What exemptions from existing ACT Government policies, legislation and/or regulation is Canberra Health Services or any other ACT Government entity seeking in relation to the acquisition or operation of CPHB.
- (4) Have any exemptions from existing ACT Government policies, legislation and/or regulation been granted to any ACT Government entity associated with the acquisition and/or operation of CPHB.

1141 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) In relation to the Commonwealth 2023-24 budget, what is the difference in anticipated GST revenue for the ACT compared to the 2022-23 ACT Budget Review.
- (2) What changes to payments for specific purposes are expected for the ACT.

1142 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) How many complaints have been received by ACT Policing about the way young people under the age of 18 years are dealt with by law enforcement when found in breach of a Personal Protection Order (PPO) or Family Violence Order (FVO), for each year the past five years.
- (2) How many young people under the age of 18 years were found by ACT Policing to have breached a PPO or FVO but were given a warning and not criminally charged, for each year the past five years.
- (3) How many young people under the age of 18 years who were criminally charged for breaching a PPO or FVO were given a warning by ACT Policing and no other legal ramifications, for each year the past five years.
- (4) What options do ACT Policing have available when dealing with young people who are under the age of 18 years and who have been in breach of a PPO or FVO, i.e. warning, detention, penalty units etc.
- (5) What policy, procedures and criteria guides ACT policing in how they will respond to such a breach, i.e. age, criminal history etc.

1143 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) What is the Emergency Services Agency (ESA) executive leadership alignment review.
- (2) How many ESA staff have been attended consultation sessions pursuant to this review.
- (3) When will the review conclude.
- (4) Who will the review report to.

1144 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to cases where the Government contracts private business to conduct weed removal, does the Government direct contractors to weed specific areas or does the contractor have discretion as to where they weed.
- (2) Does the Government conduct weed removal on hard spaces such as pedestrian refuges, storm water drains, concrete road dividers and chicanes.
- (3) Does the Government prioritise any particular areas for weed removal over others (e.g. greenspaces have higher priority for weed removal over stormwater drains).

1145 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What were the shortfall in staffing levels at Canberra Health Services, as at 10 May 2023, and can the Minister list this shortfall as a number and percentage of the staffing complement for each service/area of Canberra Health Services.
- (2) In relation to the shortfalls in staffing, can the Minister list the length of time the position has been vacant.
- (3) What is the anticipated shortfall in staff at Canberra Health Services on 3 July 2023.

1146 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) Who is the contractor delivering the human resource information management solution.
- (2) Can the Minister outline all previous contractors involved in delivering the project.
- (3) When were these contractors appointed to deliver this project.
- (4) Is the project completed; if not, when will this project be completed.
- (5) What total payments have been made to contractors since the contract's start through to 31 March 2023.
- (6) What has been the total cost, in dollar terms, of this project, from 2016 to now.

1147 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from the (a) Suburban Land Agency and the (b) Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.
- (2) Can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel referred to in part (1).
- (3) Can the Minister outline when each panel referred to in part (1) was last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year- by-year for each active panel referred to in part (1), (for example, what percentage year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary.

1148 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer — What was the (a) budgeted and (b) actual total infrastructure spend for each financial year from 2012-2013 to 2021-2022 (inclusive).

1149 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Is the prospect of using recycled water as an alternative water source the most cost effective next source, including implementation of all the necessary health and risk controls and adequate enforcement and audit, as well as it being accepted by the community.
- (2) Does the process of recycling effluent require microfiltration which needs significant energy inputs and produces significant saline waste, similar to a desalination plant.
- (3) Will the ACT need to increase our renewable electricity supplies and battery storage to ensure that the recycling system is reliable and will not affect other energy consumers.
- (4) How will the waste be disposed of and will it be sent to landfill; if so, (a) where to and (b) if transported to the coast, what will the costs be.
- (5) Are these aspects being addressed prior to any significant costs being incurred in investigating this option and in raising this quite controversial issue with the community.

1150 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Treasurer — How many affordable community housing land tax exemptions have been issued for the (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2021-22 and (e) 2022-23 financial years.

1151 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed explanation of the theatre utilisation measure.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the theatre utilisation by specialties in the Division of Surgery, Division of Medicine and Women Youth and Children, in Canberra Health Services, for each month since January 2018.

1152 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Attorney-General —

- (1) How many young people under the age of 18 years on bail have committed driving offences, including details on the nature of the offence/offences i.e. driving under influence, speeding, reckless driving resulting in injury/death etc., for each year the past two years.
- (2) How many young people under the age of 18 years on bail have committed more than one driving offence.

1153 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for the Arts — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1154 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Has any modelling been conducted on the percentage of staff at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) who will not join Canberra Health Services following the acquisition of CPHB by the ACT Government; if so, can the Minister provide this modelling.
- (2) Has any estimate been done regarding the percentage of staff at CPHB who will not join Canberra Health Services following the acquisition of CPHB by the ACT Government; if so, can the Minister provide this estimate.
- (3) In relation to parts (1) and (2), was this work conducted within the ACT Government, or via a third party.

1155 **MR CAIN:** To ask Chief Minister —

- (1) Does the Parliamentary Agreement for the 10th Assembly at 15.2 state that the the Government will “[c]onstruct a large new multicultural events venue at EPIC for cultural performances and available for hire for large private functions, such as weddings.”; if so, will this venue be exclusively used for multi-cultural events.
- (2) Will non-multicultural events be held at this venue.
- (3) When will construction commence on this venue.
- (4) When will the venue be complete and operational
- (5) What consultation has been conducted to date with multi-cultural communities.
- (6) Can the Minister outline all multicultural communities consulted with to date.

1156 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — What have been the topics of the research projects funded under the Canberra Health Services Strategic Plan 2020-23, since 1 January 2022.

1157 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Families and Community Services —

- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from the Community Services Directorate.
- (2) Can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel referred to in part (1).
- (3) Can the Minister outline when each panel, referred to in part (1), was last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year-by-year, for each active panel referred to in part (1), (for example, what percentage year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary).

- 1158 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer — Are there any threats to the ACT's credit ratings; if so, what are these threats and do these include concerns from the ratings agencies in relation to capital expenditure by the ACT Government.
- 1159 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —
- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from the Education Directorate.
 - (2) Can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel referred to in part (1).
 - (3) Can the Minister outline when each of the panels referred to in part (1) was last refreshed or reconsidered.
 - (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year- by-year, for each active panel referred to in part (1), (for example, what percentage year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary).
- 1160 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health — What is the (a) number, (b) title and (c) grade of positions, for all media and communications staff in the Minister's office.
- 1161 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction — Has the Government finalised water trading arrangements with NSW, as required under the 2012 Murray Darling Basin Plan; if not, how will the ACT acquire more water once we reach our sustainable diversion limit.
- 1162 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —
- (1) For each month since 1 January 2022 to present, how many and in which specialty patients have been moved from (a) category 1 to category 2, (b) category 2 to category 3, (c) category 3 to category 2, (d) category 2 to category 1, in each specialty in the division of surgery, medicine and women youth and children.
 - (2) Are patients informed if their triage category is changed by a specialist in Canberra Health Services (CHS).
 - (3) Has CHS or ACT Health investigated any specialties changes in triage since January 2020; if so, for each investigation, what was the specialty and what was the outcome of the investigation.

1163 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Chief Minister —

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

1164 **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),

1165 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) Are there any budgetary savings and/or offsets associated with the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB); if so, what are these.
- (2) Will there be a budgetary impact on other ACT Government directorates or entities as a result of the ACT Government acquiring CPHB.
- (3) Will the ACT Government impose any savings measures on other ACT Government directorates or entities to offset costs associated with acquiring and operating CPHB.
- (4) Can the Treasurer provide financial tables over the forward years associated with acquisition and/or operation of CPHB.

1166 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —

- (1) Is financial literacy covered in ACT schools; if so, can the Minister describe to what degree and for what year levels.
- (2) If financial literacy is covered, is it gendered in its approach; if so, how; if not, why not.

1167 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) What is the total provision in the budget over the current forward estimates for capital expenditure.
- (2) Can the Treasurer provide this as an aggregate and by each financial year.
- (3) Is there a cap set either by Treasury, the Treasurer, the Expenditure Review Committee and/or Cabinet on total capital expenditure each year and/or total over the forward estimates period; if so, what is that cap, both by financial year and as an aggregate.

1168 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for the Environment —

- (1) How many kangaroos required an additional shot to achieve death during the 2022 kangaroo cull.
- (2) How many other macropods (wallabies, wallaroos) were also killed during the 2022 cull, and if this information is not collected, why not.
- (3) If the information, referred to in part (2), is not collected, how does the Minister know that the cull is humane and only targets Eastern Grey Kangaroos.
- (4) Are there any existing arrangements for joeys found in the pouches of shot mothers to be taken to wildlife carers; if so, can the Minister elaborate on any existing arrangements; if not, why not.

1169 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Are any records kept about how much wood is burned through planned burns in the ACT; if so, can the Minister provide the records for the past four years.
- (2) Has any comparison been done about how this compares to the amount of wood burnt through wood heaters.
- (3) What analysis is done to measure the impact planned burns have on air quality in the ACT.

1170 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) Did the Chief Minister discuss either the North Side Hospital and/or the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) with any official in the Labor Party; if so, can the Chief Minister list dates (and if possible times) of the discussions, and the position title of the person(s) that the discussion occurred with.
- (2) Did the Chief Minister's Office discuss either the North Side Hospital and/or the acquisition of CPHB with any official in the Labor Party; if so, can the Chief Minister list dates (and if possible times) of the discussions, and the position title of the person(s) that the discussion occurred with.

1171 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services for City Services, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1172 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) In relation to the recent commencement of work on the Hungry Jack's Development in Lanyon, can the Minister detail specifically what level of community consultation was undertaken before the application was approved.
- (2) For what period was the application open for community feedback.
- (3) How many responses were received from members of the community during the feedback period.
- (4) What percentage of community feedback was in support of the application.

1173 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) What difference will there be in the new catchment plans from the current catchment plans that the Government has been writing for the last two decades.
- (2) Where is the local data that will support the water quality treatment that the Government has been building
- (3) Although presenting benefits and costs of different options is welcomed and essential, will this just be by evaluation using uncalibrated, conceptual models, like the Model for Urban Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation.
- (4) How will the Government eliminate toxic algal blooms from our waterways.
- (5) Does the Government consider that Tantangara Dam has virtually eliminated flushing flows, when there is an unregulated catchment area downstream of Tantangara and upstream of the ACT, producing an annual average flow of 275,000 megalitres (about four to five times Canberra's annual water consumption); if so, how.

1174 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What role did the Chief Minister play in the decision to acquire Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) What role did the Chief Minister's Office play in the decision to acquire CPHB.

1175 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) Can the Chief Minister explain why the ACT Government decided not to bid for hosting any games or training venues for the upcoming Women's World Cup.
- (2) Have the Chief Minister or the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate investigated the costs and requirements by FIFA to screen matches at public venues in Canberra.
- (3) Will the Government provide funding for these requirements, and the infrastructure (and venues) for screening one or all matches involving the Matildas.

1176 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What is the (a) number, (b) title and (c) grade of positions, (d) annual salary cost for each employee, (e) annual budget apart from salary costs and (f) stated function, for each of (i) Canberra Health Services' Strategic Communication and Engagement Branch and (ii) ACT Health Directorate's Communications Branch.
- (2) What is the (a) number, (b) title and (c) grade of position, for all media and communications staff in the Minister's office.

1177 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Can the Minister explain the rationale for where the floating wetlands were placed in Yerrabi Pond.
- (2) Will there be testing of water quality in Yerrabi Pond to determine the effectiveness of the wetlands; if so, can the Minister provide details; if not, why not.
- (3) Will the floating wetlands be moved if they are not having an impact on water quality.

1178 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to the Minister's response to a question taken on notice on 30 March 2023 regarding pothole-related compensation claims, how many pothole claims remain outstanding between the dates of 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.
- (2) What is the longest duration of an outstanding claim in 2022.
- (3) What is the total cost in dollar terms of compensation paid out in 2022.
- (4) How many claims have been made in 2023 to date.
- (5) What is the total cost in dollar terms of compensation paid out in 2023.

1179 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) When did the Minister first become aware of the proposal to acquire Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) When did the Minister's office first become aware of the proposal to acquire CPHB.
- (3) Did the Minister and/or her office raise any concerns regarding the proposal to acquire CPHB; if so, what was the nature of these concerns.
- (4) What advice has the Minister received regarding mental health facilities and services at CPHB and the impact of the acquisition will be on these facilities and services and can the Minister detail the advice and the date(s) this was provided, and by whom.
- (5) Will the Minister provide assurances that mental health services at CPHB will not be impacted by the decision to acquire CPHB.

- (6) Will the Minister provide assurances that the culture and other issues at mental health facilities run by Canberra Health Services will not be replicated at facilities currently operated by Calvary.

1180 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) How many properties have paid residential rates, for each financial year from 2012-13 to 2022-23.
- (2) How many properties have paid residential land tax in at least one quarter, for each financial year from 2012-13 to 2022-23.

1181 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health — What is the (a) number, (b) title, (c) grade of positions, (d) annual salary cost for each employee, (e) annual budget apart from salary costs and (f) stated function, for each of (i) Canberra Health Services' Strategic Communication and Engagement Branch and (ii) ACT Health Directorate's Communications Branch.

1182 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

- (1) Has the Government received a proposal from Basketball ACT regarding an expanded basketball stadium in Belconnen.
- (2) Has the Government agreed to help fund the proposed expanded basketball stadium.
- (3) Is the Government either exploring or committed to building new or additional basketball courts in Belconnen.

1183 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Was the decision to acquire Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) recommend by the ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services, or other ACT Government officials; if so, (a) by whom, (b) when was this recommendation provided to the Minister and (c) can the Minister provide a copy of the recommendation(s).
- (2) When did the Minister decide to acquire CPHB?
- (3) Can the Minister list the date(s) the proposal to acquire CPHB was considered by Cabinet.
- (4) When did the Minister inform CPHB and/or other Calvary officials of the decision to acquire CPHB.

1184 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) In relation to the media release of 30 July 2022 that stated that “the Government is planning for an increase of around 30,000 dwellings in the ACT over the next five years”, is the 30,000 figure based on modelling and/or analysis.
- (2) Who undertook the modelling and/or analysis.
- (3) Is the 30,000 figure based on advice from a directorate(s); if so, which directorate(s).

1185 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Veterans and Seniors — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services in the seniors portfolio, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1186 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, in the water portfolio, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1187 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What licences and/or regulatory approvals are required by Canberra Health Services (CHS) to operate Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) What is the average waiting time to obtain each licence and/or approval, referred to in part (1).
- (3) What are the requirements to obtain each licence and/or approval, referred to in part (1).
- (4) What mechanism is being used to transfer existing contracts at CPHB to Canberra Hospital or another ACT Government entity, as part of the acquisition of CPHB.
- (5) What are the probity and governance arrangements regarding contracts being entered into by CHS and/or other ACT Government entities in relation to the CPHB.
- (6) Will all existing suppliers and contractors engaged in relation to CPHB be honoured by the ACT Government when it commences operations at the Hospital; if not, why not and how many will not be honoured.
- (7) How will these existing suppliers and contractors be (a) identified, (b) communicated with and (c) have new contractual arrangements entered into.
- (8) What efficiencies are being sought by the ACT Government through the acquisition of CPHB.
- (9) Will any efficiencies be sought after the ACT Government begins operations at CPHB.
- (10) Are there any savings or offsets associated with the acquisition of CPHB; if so, can the Minister provide a breakdown of these savings or offsets.

1188 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many households received the mailout titled *Proposals for new recycling and food waste facilities in Hume*.
- (2) What suburbs received this mailout and were suburbs covered as a whole.
- (3) Did all Fadden households receive this mailout; if not, why not.
- (4) What considerations are being taken to prevent the pre-existing issues that suburbs such as Fadden, Macarthur and others face regarding odour from Hume, worsening once this facility is built.
- (5) Are there any plans to improve community awareness regarding this proposal besides the two information sessions listed in the mailout.

1189 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What is the timeline of all advice provided to the Minister regarding the North Side Hospital.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the date(s) Cabinet considered submissions relating the North Side Hospital.

1190 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the executive leadership alignment review will examine the apportionment of the approximately \$180 million per year Emergency Services Agency (ESA) budget across the ESA and ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire and Rescue, ACT State Emergency Service (SES) and ACT Rural Fire Service.
- (2) Will the Minister advise the Assembly of the apportionment of the \$180 million per year ESA budget across the ESA and ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire and Rescue, ACT SES and ACT Rural Fire Service.

1191 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to Canberra Health Services oral health services (OHS), for the (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23 years, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed, as outlined in question on notice No 38 to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing concerning its inquiry into annual reports 2020-21.
- (2) What is the full list of services OHS can provide to patients, for example, removal of teeth, Xray etc.
- (3) For all services referred to in part (2), how many patients are waiting for each service and can the Minister provide a breakdown for each financial year since 2016.
- (4) Are these services triaged; if so, how many patients are waiting in each triage category and can the Minister provide a breakdown for each financial year since 2016.
- (5) What is the median wait time for (a) each service and (b) each triage category and can the Minister provide a breakdown for each financial year since 2016.

- (6) Can the Minister outline all 12 recommendations from the Oral Health Services Governance Framework and Model Care Review.
- (7) How many of the 12 recommendations have been completed and can the Minister provide details on how many recommendations are not yet commenced, in progress or complete.
- (8) Can the Minister provide an update on the funding for OHS for the (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23 years.
- (9) Can the Minister provide an update on the number of complaints for the (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23 financial years, broken down by category of complaint.

1192 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Attorney-General —

- (1) Did the Solicitor-General and/or his office/staff provide advice in relation to the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce; if so, what date(s) (a) was this advice requested and (b) was this advice provided.
- (2) Who was the advice provided to.
- (3) Was the advice provided to Cabinet; if so, when.

1193 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to the Hume Material Recycling Facility where there was a fire in late 2022, will the building be pulled down; if so, where will the new recycling facility be built or will it be on the same site.
- (2) Will a new recycling facility include an education centre for schools and visitors.
- (3) Were the contents and displays of the old education centre at the recycling centre moved prior to the fire; if not, why not, given that they were no longer being used.
- (4) Why was the previous education centre at the recycling facility closed.

1194 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Is the ACT Fire and Rescue Chief Officer currently working four days per week; if so, is this because of a conflict with the Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Commissioner.
- (2) When will the Minister inform the Assembly and the public, and ensure that ESA personnel are informed, as to who will be performing the duties of the ACT Fire and Rescue Chief Officer on (a) Friday 12 May, (b) Friday 19 May, (c) Friday 26 May and (d) Friday 2 June.

1195 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1196 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Will any home and/or community care services provided by Calvary be acquired as part of the ACT Government's acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) How will existing home and/or community care services provided to patients leaving CPHB be impacted by the ACT Government's acquisition of the hospital.

1197 **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.

1198 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) When was the transition team for the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce formed.
- (2) Who is on the transition team, including names, position titles and organisation.
- (3) Are any Calvary officials or personnel on this team.
- (4) How many members are there of the transition team.
- (5) How many times had the transition team met as at 10 May.
- (6) How many times will the transition team meet between 10 May and 3 July.
- (7) What involvement did Calvary have in the establishment, membership and functioning of the transition team.

1199 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management — What was the median price, per metre squared, for each of (a) Suburban Land Agency, (b) private and (c) Joint Venture land releases in Gungahlin, for each year from January 2014 to January 2023.

1200 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) What impact will the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB) have on the Territory's debt.
- (2) What is the cost of borrowing to finance the CPHB acquisition and associated activities.
- (3) What will be the terms and interest rate on this debt.

1201 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many Eucalyptus trees are projected to be planted as street trees in the Ginninderra electorate in the next two years and can the Minister provide a list of what kinds of Eucalyptus trees these will be and on what streets they will be planted on.
- (2) How many non-Eucalyptus trees are projected to be planted as street trees in the Ginninderra electorate in the next two years and can the Minister provide a list of what kinds of trees these will be and on what streets they will be planted on.
- (3) What is the process for planting these trees in relation to consultation with nearby residents.
- (4) What is the process for resolving an objection in the case where a resident objects to a tree being planted on their property.
- (5) Can Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) proceed with planting the tree despite a resident's objections.
- (6) Can TCCS be held liable for any damages caused by trees to a resident's property, such as driveway and plumbing damage, in the case that TCCS plants a tree on a resident's yard despite their objections.

1202 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Why is the 2012 reported capacity significantly reduced from the 1973 design capacity, for example, up to 50 percent for Preliminary Treatment, and lesser but still significant reductions for the other treatment stages.
- (2) What is Icon Water doing to improve treatment capacity.
- (3) What were the actual estimated bypass flows.
- (4) What were the water quality tests done upstream and downstream of where the effluent is discharged into the Molonglo River and also in the Murrumbidgee River and of the effluent discharged, before during and after the bypass.
- (5) Does the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) require this monitoring; if not, why not.
- (6) Was the bypass dam empty before both events; if not, why not.
- (7) Does the EPA get daily updates of the bypass dam volumes during wet events; if not, why not.
- (8) If the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre (LMWQCC) can treat up to 190ml/day, why wasn't the bypass dam of volume 147ml able to be emptied in about two days ($147/(190-100)=1.7$ days).
- (9) Could the plant treat excess flows, if the inflows for subsequent days were still greater than 100ml.

- (10) How many bypasses have occurred since 2012 given this was two bypasses and there was another this year.
- (11) What is Icon Water doing to reduce stormwater ingress to the sewer network, especially as the sewers react to stormwater ingress almost as quickly as the normal stormwater system.
- (12) What is the population that LMWQCC can treat if the treatment capacity has not increased in 50 years.

1203 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to the Minister's response to question on notice, dated 24 March 2023, can the Minister provide a breakdown of maintenance and operational costs within Roads ACT for 2021/22 for road resurfacing.
- (2) What is the breakdown, by suburb, of every road resurfacing maintenance program within the suburbs of (a) Latham, (b) Holt, (c) Higgins, (d) Aranda, (e) Fraser, (f) Turner, (g) Macgregor and (h) Deakin.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the cost by each and all of these road resurfacing maintenance programs.
- (4) What is the total maintenance and operational costs in 2021-22 for (a) street sweeping, (b) street lighting and (c) community paths.
- (5) What is the breakdown, by suburb, of every community path maintenance program within the suburbs of (a) Latham, (b) Holt, (c) Higgins, (d) Aranda, (e) Fraser, (f) Turner, (g) Macgregor and (h) Deakin.
- (6) What is the breakdown of the cost by each and all of these community paths maintenance programs.

1204 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) For what purpose is the Government seeking to engage trustee, security trustee, trust management and standby servicing functions for a Securitised Funding Structure.
- (2) For what purpose is the Government intending to use a securitised funding structure.
- (3) What assets is the Government intending to use in its securitised funding structure.

1205 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Chief Minister — Will the Chief Minister ensure his Ministers are accountable should there be impacts to Canberrans and disruption to service delivery as a result of the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

1206 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Can it be expected that a reduction in algal blooms by 37-42 percent will occur in Lake Tuggeranong catchment, if the \$30 million already spent on Healthy Waterways assets in Tuggeranong and the \$10 million planned to be spent this year (response to question on notice dated 5 September 2022) will reduce the pollution in the Lake Tuggeranong catchment by 20-25 percent and 17 percent respectively; if not, what reduction should be expected.
- (2) Will spending another \$80 million reduce the pollution load almost completely; if not, why not and what is the strategy.
- (3) If the Kambah playing fields are a source of nutrient enriched stormwater, is this due to (a) mowing, (b) over fertilising or (c) some other source.
- (4) What are Parks and Gardens (or the Environmental Protection Authority for private playing fields, golf courses, etc) doing about reducing these impacts, or will we require bioretention swales on all our playing fields, golf course, etc.
- (5) Where is the evidence base and benefit cost for the floating wetlands.
- (6) If these floating wetlands will not solve all of Yerrabi Ponds problems of nutrient enrichment, how much will they solve.
- (7) Is the Government just relying on education and not ensuring that government, business and the community are doing the right thing through monitoring and auditing their performance.

1207 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the management plan for water and land weeds in the area.
- (2) What was the last time Transport Canberra and City Services managed weeds at Yerrabi Pond and when will they visit next.
- (3) How many complaints has Fix My Street received about weeds at and in Yerrabi Pond each year since 2012.
- (4) When will all lights be complete around Yerrabi Pond.
- (5) Are there plans to increase lighting at Yerrabi Pond; if so, can the Minister provide relevant details.

1208 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Heritage — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services for the heritage portfolio, each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1209 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Can the Minister outline which active panels originate from Transport Canberra and City Services.
- (2) Can the Minister outline what suppliers are currently listed under each panel referred to in part (1).
- (3) Can the Minister outline when each panel referred to in part (1) was last refreshed or reconsidered.
- (4) Can the Minister advise the rate of variability for suppliers year-by-year for each active panel referred to in part (1), (for example, what percentage year-on-year does the supplier list for each active panel change/vary).

1210 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) How much parking revenue has the Government collected from parking fees, broken down into the (a) City, (b) Tuggeranong, (c) Woden, (d) Gungahlin and (e) Belconnen areas for (i) 2022, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2019 and (v) 2018.
- (2) How much parking revenue has the Government collected from parking fines, broken down into the (a) City, (b) Tuggeranong, (c) Woden, (d) Gungahlin and (e) Belconnen areas for (i) 2022, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2020, (iv) 2019 and (v) 2018.

1211 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Why was Icon Water allowed to sell their water licenses and terminate the Snowy Hydro arrangement to transfer water from Tantangara to the ACT back in mid 2018, less than five years ago.
- (2) What has changed in those five years that we now require investigation into a new water source.
- (3) What measures were taken back in 2018 to ensure that we could reinstate the Tantangara transfer arrangement if needed in the future.
- (4) Will Snowy Hydro re-enter a reasonable arrangement with the ACT after having the previous arrangement terminated after only several years.
- (5) Will the required high security water licenses be able to be purchased now and what is the likely additional cost considering the increased awareness of the impacts of climate change in the Murray Darling Basin where we need to buy the licenses.
- (6) What steps is the Government taking to review this past decision and, if determined to be a questionable decision, to make the decision makers accountable to ensure that it does not happen again.

1212 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) What advice did Treasury provide in relation to the decision to acquire Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (CPHB).
- (2) What advice did Treasury provide in relation to the North Side Hospital proposal.
- (3) Will the acquisition of CPHB impact the Territory's credit rating.
- (4) What steps is the ACT Government taking to mitigate the impact on the Territory's credit rating from the acquisition of CPHB.
- (5) What is Treasury's estimate of the cost of the acquisition of CPHB, broken down into the (a) capital expenditure, (b) recurrent expenditure and (c) identified amounts relating to compensation payable to Calvary.
- (6) When did the Treasurer first become aware of the proposal to acquire CPHB.
- (7) Can the Treasurer detail the role played by the Treasurer (as both Treasurer and/or Chief Minister) and his Office in the proposal to acquire CPHB.

1213 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — How many surgeries were cancelled, for the (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2020-21, (e) 2021-22 and (f) 2022-23 financial years, for the reasons of (a) list overrun, (b) surgeon absent with sufficient notice, (c) surgeon absent without sufficient notice, (d) equipment not available, (e) anaesthetist not available, (f) overbooked, (g) lack of available nursing staff, (h) substituted by category 1 patients, (i) substituted by category 2 patients, (j) substituted by emergency surgery, (k) cancelled by surgical bookings team, (l) no beds, (m) no intensive care beds and (n) other.

1214 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for the Environment — For all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, for the environment portfolio, each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive, what was the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract.

1215 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) How many members are part of the Northside Hospital Project Team (NHPT).
- (2) Who is each member of NHPT and what is their role (e.g., Name - Division - Position title).
- (3) Which members attended the site tour of Sunshine Coast University Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital and the Tweed Hospital.
- (4) How many days was the tour.
- (5) How much time did each member of NHPT spend at each hospital.
- (6) Who did members meet from each hospital.
- (7) Did Canberra Health Services (CHS) or ACT Health pay for members' travel, accommodation and expenses; if so, can the Minister provide details of what expenses ACT Health and CHS reimbursed.
- (8) What accommodation services did NHPT members use while touring the hospitals and what was the total cost, broken down by cost for all members by travel, accommodation, other expenses.

- (9) Did NHPT members write a report on the tour; if so, what lessons were learnt in the context of planning for the new northside hospital.

1216 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Can the Minister provide any documentation relating to how the Office for Water will operate, its responsibilities and accountabilities, as well as reporting requirements.
- (2) Will the Office for Water be responsible for ongoing maintenance of floating wetlands and other water quality assets, or does this responsibility sit with Transport Canberra and City Services.
- (3) What initiatives and programs will the Office for Water coordinate.
- (4) How many full-time equivalent staff are there in the Office for Water.
- (5) Is qualifications/experience in water a prerequisite for roles in the Office for Water.

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