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- 666 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—
- (1) How many ACT government schools are there.
 - (2) How many school counsellors are employed as full-time equivalent.
 - (3) Does every government school have a full-time school counsellor; if not, how often is the school counsellor at the school (eg, one day a week, 1.5 days).
 - (4) Are there more school counsellors employed in high schools and colleges than primary schools; if so, how many and how often are school counsellors at high schools and colleges.
 - (5) What is the role of the school counsellor.
 - (6) Are school counsellors required to submit reports with the Education Directorate about their work and the nature of the student issues they deal with; if so, can the Minister provide this information/reports for the last two years.
 - (7) Has the number of school counsellors changed over the last five years; if so, can the Minister provide details.

- (8) What is the waiting time for a student to see a counsellor, and is this information kept.
- (9) On average, how many times will a school counsellor see a student/child.
- (10) What are the five most common reasons for students to see a school counsellor.
- (11) What qualifications do school counsellors have and can the Minister provide a breakdown of counsellors and their qualifications, including whether they are psychologists.
- (12) Has there been a review of the school counsellor program over the last six years; if so, can the Minister provide the report and recommendations.

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

- (1) How many School Youth Health Nurses are there.
- (2) Does every ACT public (a) secondary school and (b) college have a School Youth Health Nurse; if so, are they full-time at the secondary school from Monday to Friday; if not, how many days are they at the secondary school.
- (3) Are there any School Youth Health Nurses in primary schools; if so, can the Minister provide details.
- (4) Are School Youth Health Nurses required to submit reports to the Health and/or Education Directorate about their work and the student issues they deal with; if so, can the Minister provide this information/reports for the last two years.
- (5) Has the number of School Youth Health Nurses changed over the last five years; if so, can the Minister provide details.
- (6) Is information kept on what the waiting time is for a student to see a School Youth Health Nurse; if so, can the Minister provide that information.
- (7) Can students in Year 7, from the age of 11, make an appointment to see the nurse without their parent/carers' consent.
- (8) Can teachers request an appointment for a student with the nurse without the consent of the parents/carers.
- (9) How many times will a School Youth Health Nurse see a student/child, on average.
- (10) What are the five most common reasons for students to see a School Youth Health Nurse.
- (11) What qualifications do School Youth Health Nurses have.
- (12) Has there been a review of the School Youth Health Nurse program over the last six years; if so, can the Minister provide any report and recommendations.

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

- (1) How many complaints has Transport Canberra and City Services had about water quality at Yerrabi pond since 2016.
- (2) What has the Government done since 2016 to reduce Blue Green Algae blooms at Yerrabi Pond and will the Minister provide a breakdown of money that has been spent so far on these activities.
- (3) What work does the Government plan to do to reduce Blue Green Algae blooms at Yerrabi Pond and will the Minister provide a breakdown of future activities and their estimated cost.
- (4) What testing has the Government conducted for water quality at Yerrabi Pond since 2016.
- (5) What reports has the Government produced about the water quality of Yerrabi Pond since 2016 and can the Minister provide these reports.
- (6) Are these reports or test results publicly available; if not, why not.
- (7) Is the Government planning to build a floating wetland at Yerrabi Pond; if not, why not; if so, what is the process and timeframe and when will the wetland be finished.
- (8) What work has the Government done about establishing a floating wetland at Yerrabi Pond.

669 **DR PATERSON:** To ask the Minister for Gaming—

- (1) What is the Electronic Gambling Machine (EGM) total player losses for the ACT for (a) 2021, (b) 2020, (c) 2019 and (d) 2018, broken down by year and month.
- (2) Has the ACT considered a 'demerit point' system for compliance breaches for licensees (similar to Victoria).
- (3) Does the *Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulation 2002* require licensees to record problem gambling incidents; if so, what was the overall number of problem gambling incidents recorded across venues in the ACT for (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21.
- (4) Can the problem gambling incidents, referred to in part (3), be broken down by number per club, per year, either by identifying venues (or de-identified).
- (5) Can the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission provide a breakdown of the descriptions of the incidents (under Schedule 1 Code of Practice, Division 1.2.2, 1.6A (3b)) for (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21.
- (6) How many incidents on the Problem Gambling Incident Register recorded 'action taken' each year in (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21.
- (7) How many deeds of exclusion were enacted each year in (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21.

- (8) What is the average exclusion period for deeds of exclusion in the ACT.
- (9) What is the gender breakdown of deeds of exclusion, each year, in (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21.
- (10) How many deeds of exclusion were revoked, each year, in (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21.

670 **MR PETTERSSON:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) When did work on the Justice Health Strategy commence.
- (2) Why is the strategy needed and what issues is it seeking to address.
- (3) Why have the issues, referred to in part (2), emerged and what steps will the Minister take through the strategy to ensure these are not repeated.
- (4) What consultations have occurred and if no consultations have occurred, why not.
- (5) What metrics will be used to determine success or failure of the strategy and will these be incorporated into the accountability indicators associated with Output 1.2.
- (6) Why are there currently no specific indicators for the health and wellbeing of detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).
- (7) When will the strategy be launched and when will it commence.
- (8) How will health outcomes for detainees be improved prior to the commencement of the strategy.
- (9) How will this strategy address current shortages in psychiatrists and psychologists working in justice health at the AMC.

671 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services—

- (1) How many residents are currently living in public housing in the ACT.
- (2) What percentage of these residents, referred to in part (1), identify as female.
- (3) Are public housing residents surveyed about their experiences living in public housing; if so, how often does this take place.
- (4) Can the Minister provide a copy of the most recent survey undertaken by Housing ACT.

672 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—What was the pre-COVID hourly maximum capacity of bus services from Woden to Civic of all services while running a full timetable.

673 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer—What were the median commercial rates in (a) Gungahlin, (b) Belconnen, (c) Phillip, (d) Mitchell, (e) Fyshwick, (f) City Centre, (g) Braddon, (h) Ainslie, (i) Mawson, (j) Wanniasa, (k) Kambah and (l) Isabella Plains, for each financial year since 2012 to date.

674 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer—What is the breakdown, by suburb, for median (a) residential rates, (b) commercial rates and (c) land tax, in the electorate of Yerrabi since 2012.

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

- (1) How many children are on waiting lists for an initial appointment for children's health services in the ACT.
- (2) For each service referred to in part (1), what is the median wait time for each, for the years (a) 2020-21 and (b) 2021-22, broken down by the children's ages and gender.
- (3) How many children have been added to wait lists each year for children's health services in the ACT since 2016, broken down by the children's ages and gender.
- (4) What is the median wait time for children to be removed from waiting lists in the ACT for each service since 2016.
- (5) What policies and actions have been taken by Canberra Health Services (CHS) and ACT Health since 2020 to improve median wait times and what success have they had?
- (6) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total spending for each policy and action and how much has currently been spent on each policy/action.
- (7) How many specialists for children's health services have been employed and/or have worked in hospitals by CHS and ACT Health since 2016.
- (8) Can the Minister provide information about the shortages of specialists for children's health services including in what areas the shortages are and the relevant figures.

676 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health—Can the Minister provide a breakdown of all ACT Health and Canberra Health Services (CHS) policies, actions, reports, plans and projects since 2016 including a breakdown (a) of the estimated expenditure for each of the policies, actions, reports, plans and projects, (b) of how much has currently been spent on policies, actions, reports, plans and projects by ACT Health and CHS, (c) of the expected completion date for each policy, action, report, plan and project and (d) on whether the policies, actions, reports, plans and projects are completed, on time, delayed or suspended and explanations why.

677 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Chief Minister—

- (1) What grant programs were operated or administered by the Chief Minister's portfolio in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.

- (2) For each grant program referred to in part (1), (a) what was the purpose of the grant program, (b) how much money was budgeted for the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (c) how much money was expended under the grant program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (d) was the program accounted for as an expense on behalf of the Territory ("administered" within the meaning of Australian accounting standard AASB 1050), (e) how many applications were received for grants under the program in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (f) who decided, approved or rejected applications for grants, (g) what percentage of applicants were approved in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (h) what percentage of applicants were rejected in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22 and (i) what criteria, policies, guidelines applied to the program.
- (3) For each grant program referred to in part (1), but excluding non-competitive grant programs that provide generalised financial assistance to individuals or businesses, (a) who received a grant in (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, and (vi) 2021-22, (b) when did the recipient apply for the grant, (c) when did the recipient receive the grant, (d) how much was the grant and (e) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment.
- (4) Has the portfolio provided a grant that was not provided under one of the programs identified in part (1) in (a) 2016-17, (b) 2017-18, (c) 2018-19, (d) 2019-20, (e) 2020-21, and (f) 2021-22.
- (5) For each grant referred to in part (4), (a) who received the grant, (b) how was the recipient of the grant identified, (c) what was the purpose of the grant, (d) when did the person receive the grant, (e) what conditions attached to the grant, (f) did the conditions that attached to the grant prevent (or have the effect of preventing) the recipient making public comment on any issue; if so, how was the recipient prevented from making public comment and (g) how much was the grant.
- (6) Does the Government report or disclose publicly the recipients of grants and the conditions that attach to those grants.

678 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Treasurer—Further to the answer to question on notice No 520, in 2020-21 (a) how many applications for Act of Grace payments were received, (b) how many applications for Act of Grace payments were agreed and (c) what was the total amount agreed to be paid as an Act of Grace payment, by (i) the Treasurer, (ii) E900, Director-General, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD), (iii) E916, Under Treasurer, CMTEDD, (iv) E1014, Deputy Under Treasurer, Economic, Budget and Industrial Relations, CMTEDD, (v) E391, Executive Group Manager, Finance and Budget

Group, CMTEDD and (iv) E529, Executive Group Manager, Revenue Management Group, CMTEDD.

679 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Further to the answer to question on notice No 519, what was the amount waived under paragraph 131(1)(a) of the *Financial Management Act 1996* in 2020-21 by (a) E900, Director-General, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic, Development Directorate (CMTEDD), (b) E916, Under Treasurer, CMTEDD, (c) E1014, Deputy Under Treasurer Economic, Budget and Industrial Relations, CMTEDD, (d) E391, Executive Group Manager, Finance and Budget Group CMTEDD, (e) E1003, Executive Group Manager, Revenue Management Group CMTEDD, (f) E270, Executive Group Manager, Housing ACT, (g) E902, Director-General, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, (h) E812, Deputy Director-General, Workforce Capability and Governance, CMTEDD, (i) E812 Deputy Director-General, Workforce Capability and Governance, CMTEDD, jointly with E916, Under Treasurer, CMTEDD, (j) E518, Executive Branch Manager, Libraries ACT, Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) and (k) P34360, Assistant Director, Operations Manager, Libraries ACT (TCCS).
- (2) How many applications for a waiver under paragraph 131(1)(a) of the *Financial Management Act 1996* did each of the delegates referred to in part (1) receive in 2020-21, and how many were agreed.
- (3) What was the amount waived by the Treasurer under paragraph 131(1)(a) of the *Financial Management Act 1996* in 2020-21.
- (4) How many applications for a waiver under paragraph 131(1)(a) of the *Financial Management Act 1996* did the Treasurer receive in 2020-21 and how many were agreed.

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

- (1) Is a report being prepared on the safety of the intersection of La Perouse Street and Carnegie Crescent in Red Hill; if so, will the Minister engage with the community on the contents of this report prior to its finalisation and release.
- (2) Were the outcomes of this report expected in November 2021; if so, can the Minister provide an update as to the status of this report.

681 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of consultation with the Florey school community, and broader Florey community on the future of their dryland oval.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a timeline for this consultation.

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

- (1) When will the community consultation on the progress of repairs to Umbagog bridge take place.
- (2) What sort of consultation will occur.
- (3) What is the next stage and timeline on this project.

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

- (1) Has Giralang Pond recently had a section of its pond filled in, in anticipation of further works on the Gundaroo Drive duplication; if so, can the Minister outline what consultations were done with local residents and community groups, including environment groups, before engaging in works to fill in part of Giralang Pond.
- (2) Can the Minister set out any planned future consultations with local residents and community groups, including environment groups, about these works and remediation of Giralang Pond.

684 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs—

- (1) What has the ACT Government done in response to the Productivity Commission “right to repair” inquiry report since its release.
- (2) Is the ACT Government actively working in consultation with the Federal Government to work on amending Australian Consumer Law to introduce “right to repair” type legislation; if so, what work is being done.

685 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) Is the replacement of the MAJICeR system on track for completion by 2022; if so, by what month is it expected to be replaced; if not, what is the (a) cause of the delay and (b) expected time of replacement.
- (2) What data interrogation options and information storage options will the new Digital Health Record system have that MAJICeR cannot currently perform.
- (3) When did the process to replace the MAJICeR system begin.
- (4) What has been expended so far in replacing MAJICeR.

686 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) Why are there no performance indicators for ACT Corrective Services relevant to the delivery of mental health services in the Alexander Maconochie Centre.
- (2) Are any performance indicators being developed for this.
- (3) Why are there no performance indicators that relate to detainee access to mental health treatments.
- (4) Are any performance indicators being developed for this.

- (5) Why are there no performance indicators that relate to the development of release plans for detainees with mental health conditions.
- (6) Are any performance indicators being developed for this.
- (7) Why are there no performance indicators that relate to detainees' access to acute inpatient care.
- (8) Are any performance indicators being developed for this.
- (9) Why are there no performance indicators that relate to detainees who have experienced an escalation of psychiatric or suicide risk ratings.
- (10) Are any performance indicators being developed for this.

687 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) Why has the updated arrangement between the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and ACT Health not been sighted or signed by ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS).
- (2) If the updated arrangement has now been signed, what was the reason it was not sighted or signed by ACTCS at the time of the Auditor General's 2022 report into mental health services in the Alexander Maconochie Centre.
- (3) Did ACTCS have any concerns about signing this arrangement; if so, what were those concerns.
- (4) When did development of the service level agreement (SLA), under the updated arrangement, begin.
- (5) At what stage is the development of the SLA at now.
- (6) What has been the cause of the delay in development of the SLA.
- (7) Is there a draft version or a timeframe for delivery at this time.

688 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) Has the ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) health advisory group been ineffective in establishing high level oversight of the work between ACTCS and ACT Health and ensuring an integrated approach is taken to the development of health-related policies within the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).
- (2) In relation to paragraph 3.65 in the Auditor-General's report on the management of detainee mental health services in the AMC, which key action items failed to progress, remaining incomplete for more than 18 months.
- (3) Which of the key action items, referred to in part (2), remain incomplete and what progress has been made of them.

689 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) For how long has custodial health had funding for a total of 16 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.
- (2) Have the 16 FTE positions ever all been filled at the same time since funding for the positions became available.
- (3) What is the current FTE for custodial mental health.
- (4) How many of these FTE positions are for psychologists.
- (5) What are the job titles of these positions.
- (6) How many psychologist positions are filled and what is their FTE.
- (7) Which psychologist positions are currently unstaffed and how long have these positions been unstaffed.
- (8) Does the team leader of the Specialist Interventions Team receive an allowance or additional pay for being the team leader.
- (9) How many recruitment rounds have taken place to fill unstaffed psychologist positions at the Alexander Maconochie Centre in the last four years.
- (10) Why has Canberra Health Services found it difficult to recruit psychological staff.
- (11) Why was the attempt to develop a separate classification and award structure for psychologists within the 2018-2021 ACT Public Sector Enterprise Agreement unsuccessful.
- (12) What objections were made to this attempt and who/what organisations objected or expressed reservations.

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

- (1) How much Federal funding was allocated to the ACT Government this financial year for the purposes of upgrading parks.
- (2) How much of this funding is allocated to the Belconnen area.
- (3) How was Federal funding allocated to the ACT Government this financial year for the purposes of upgrading playgrounds.
- (4) How much of this funding is allocated to the Belconnen area.
- (5) What parks and playgrounds in West Belconnen are slated for upgrades this financial year.
- (6) How many parks and playgrounds in West Belconnen are slated for extensive maintenance and repairs this financial year.
- (7) How are park and playground upgrades prioritised.

691 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence—

- (1) Did the Minister state that the Family Violence Safety Action Pilot provides extensive support to women and children victim-survivors; if so, can the Minister detail what this extensive support entails.
- (2) What tailored support is available for new migrants and refugees who are escaping domestic violence.
- (3) Did the Minister also state that the Family Violence Safety Action Pilot is unique in the ACT in how it responds to those who are perpetrating the violence; if so, can the Minister provide details of these responses and how it is unique to this Territory.
- (4) Can the Minister provide a list of perpetrator-focused agencies and services in the ACT.
- (5) Can the Minister provide a staffing profile of all staff involved in implementing the Family Violence Safety Action Pilot, including (a) whether they are full-time equivalent, full-time/part-time/casual and other type of staffing and (b) employment classification, job title and description.

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

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if the MIS08 standard as specified is used by the Directorate.
- (2) Given that MIS08 uses Bureau of Meteorology data from 1968-1977 and water quality parameters from total suspended solids, total phosphorus (TP) and total nitrates/nitrogen (TN) from Fletcher 2004, based on Melbourne and Sydney data, how does this equate with assurances that local/recent data is included.
- (3) Can the Minister clarify which is used, MIS08 MUSIC model, or other; if another model is used, what is used.
- (4) Did Alluvium 2015 carry out research works for Healthy Waterways.
- (5) Did Alluvium use Fletcher (2004) parameters or the GHD (2015) data.
- (6) What was the GHD data used for.
- (7) Was the data collected by Waterwatch baseflow or peak flow.
- (8) Were water samples collected recently using autosamplers and grab samples tested by a NATA certified lab (ie, measuring to low levels of TN and TP); if so, can the Minister provide provide copies of these.

- 693 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction—
What evidence is there that the Water Sensitive Urban Design code is achieving its objectives, that is, what testing has been conducted to ensure that the assets are still functioning years after being installed and that pervious areas are maintained and not covered in hard surfaces.
- 694 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction—
- (1) How is the \$30 million committed to the Healthy Waterways program being spent.
 - (2) What processes and key performance indicators are being put in place to ensure there is a measurable significant reduction in water pollution, rather than relying on computer modelling and theoretical outcomes.
- 695 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction—Is there any progress on the formation of the Office of Water.
- 696 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction—
- (1) Can the Minister elaborate on exactly what work is being undertaken from the \$350,000 being spent on the Lower Cotter Catchment Project.
 - (2) What areas specifically are being restored and what are the proposed timeframes for these projects.
 - (3) What evidence or monitoring of native flora and fauna is available or being undertaken to determine the life cycles of the species in this area and hence how they will be affected, assuming controlled burns are still going to be carried out in this area.
- 697 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction—
Has a new effluent discharge authorisation been agreed to with the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for the proposed new sewage treatment plant to be located in Oaks Estate.
- 698 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—
- (1) How many tonnes went to landfill in the ACT in 2021 of (a) dirt, (b) drillers mud, (c) virgin excavated natural material, (d) stormwater waste/sediment from ponds, (e) dredging spoil and (f) contaminated soil.
 - (2) How much does it cost to dump a tonne of the material in ACT landfill, for each of the items referred to in part (1).

T Duncan
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
