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### ***New questions***

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- \*2664 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development—
- (1) What is the expected completion date for the construction project of the public housing unit development (block 28, section 117) on Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.
  - (2) Can the Minister explain the purpose of the project and who its intended residents are.
  - (3) What is the expected date that residents will be moving in to the unit complex.
  - (4) Can the Minister detail why this location was chosen for this project.
  - (5) Can the Minister detail what benefits this project will deliver for Kaleen and the local community.
- \*2665 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and Cultural Events—For each year (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, (f) 2017-18 and (g) 2018-19, what was the aggregate of the number of attendees at programs delivered by artsACT funded organisations, as disclosed in grant acquittals; if figures are not available, why.

- \*2666 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health—
- (1) What is the estimated outcome for acute psychiatric unit patient 28-day readmission rate for 2019-20; if not known, when will this figure become available.
  - (2) When will the response to the Auditor-General's report on Mental Health Services – Transition from Acute Care, be delivered.
  - (3) Why is unplanned readmission not able to be distinguished from planned readmissions given that this is a budget indicator.
- \*2667 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many internal audit reports did ACT Health commission during 2018-19 and (a) what were the topics of those audits, (b) when were these internal audit reports received, (c) are any of these reports still outstanding, (d) who performed these audits, (e) were any of these reports prepared by outside consultants and (f) how much did each report prepared by outside consultants' cost.
  - (2) Has the Minister for Health and the Director-General of ACT Health been advised of the outcome of each audit.
  - (3) Which area of ACT Health is responsible for implementing the findings of each audit report.
- \*2668 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many internal audit reports did Canberra Health Services commission during 2018-19 and (a) what were the topics of those audits, (b) when were these internal audit reports received, (c) are any of these reports still outstanding, (d) who performed these audits, (e) were any of these reports prepared by outside consultants and (f) how much did each report prepared by outside consultants cost.
  - (2) Has the Minister for Health and the CEO of Canberra Health Services been advised of the outcome of each audit.
  - (3) Which area of Canberra Health Services is responsible for implementing the findings of each audit report.
- \*2669 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management—What does the Territory Plan say about the (a) current and (b) future, use of Block 3 Section 89, Evatt.
- \*2670 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) In relation to the hospital bypass on 1 July 2019, what time was the decision taken and who took the decision.
  - (2) Who was consulted before the decision to implement a bypass was taken.
  - (3) When were the (a) Minister for Health and (b) CEO of Canberra Health Services, consulted or advised.
  - (4) What factors led to the decision to implement a hospital bypass on 1 July 2019.
  - (5) How many patients were discharged as a result of the hospital bypass and when were they discharged.

- (6) How many patients were transferred to private hospitals and (a) which private hospitals where they transferred to, (b) when were these patients transferred and (c) what was the cost of the transfers.
- (7) When was the decision made to end the bypass arrangements and who made the decision.
- (8) Who was consulted before the decision to end the bypass arrangement.
- (9) What factors led to the end of the bypass arrangement.

\*2671 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the hospital bypass on 20 May 2019, what time was the decision taken and who took the decision?
- (2) Who was consulted before the decision to implement a bypass was taken.
- (3) When were the (a) Minister for Health and Wellbeing and (b) CEO of Canberra Health Services, consulted or advised.
- (4) What factors led to the decision to implement a hospital bypass on 20 May 2019.
- (5) How many patients were discharged as a result of the hospital bypass and when were they discharged.
- (6) How many patients were transferred to private hospitals and (a) which private hospitals where they transferred to, (b) when were these patients transferred and (c) what was the cost of the transfers.
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- (9) What factors led to the end of the bypass arrangement.

\*2672 **MRS DUNNE:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the hospital bypass on 14 August 2019, what time was the decision taken and who took the decision.
- (2) Who was consulted before the decision to implement a bypass was taken.
- (3) When were the (a) Minister for Health and (b) CEO of Canberra Health Services, consulted or advised.
- (4) What factors led to the decision to implement a hospital bypass on 14 August 2019.
- (5) How many patients were discharged as a result of the hospital bypass and when were they discharged.
- (6) How many patients were transferred to private hospitals and (a) which private hospitals where they transferred to, (b) when were these patients transferred and (c) what was the cost of the transfers.
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- (9) What factors led to the end of the bypass arrangement.

- \*2673 MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—
- (1) Is there selection criteria for public furniture in areas such as Garema Place, Latin America Plaza, and Lonsdale Street; if yes, can the Minister provide details.
  - (2) Has any assessment been given to furniture that is made from fully recycled material.
  - (3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of recycled furniture being used at sites such as Latin America Plaza, and Lonsdale Street.
  - (4) Does the Government have a policy preference for furniture that is made from sustainable/recycled materials and sourced from sustainable businesses.
- \*2674 MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) In relation to the economic worth of the Mitchell business precinct and a PricewaterhouseCoopers analysis in June 2019, reported in the Canberra Times article titled “Canberra city economy booms, other centres slide in rankings: PricewaterhouseCoopers analysis” on 7 June 2019, does the Government possess data on the estimated economic worth of business precincts across Canberra; if yes, can the Minister detail the estimated economic worth of the Mitchell business precinct.
  - (2) Can the Minister explain what factors are taken into account when analysing the estimated economic worth of the Mitchell business precinct.
  - (3) If the Government does not possess the data referred to in part (1), can the Minister detail any data related to the economic worth of the Mitchell business precinct.
- \*2675 MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) What are the Government’s policies and procedures, including reporting requirements, relating to hospital bypass measures, whether those policies, procedures and reporting requirements be referred to as “hospital bypass”, “ambulance bypass”, “ambulance diversion”, “load levelling”, “ambulance distribution”, “demand management” or any other similar term.
  - (2) How do the policies, procedures and reporting arrangements as referred to in part (1) compare with those in other jurisdictions.
  - (3) If the government does not have any element of “policies”, “procedures” and “reporting requirements” relating to hospital bypass measures (or similar term), why.
- \*2676 MS LE COUTEUR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—
- (1) How is the fate of recycled items from the ACT’s waste streams monitored, including (a) kerbside collection, (b) deposit-paid bottle collections, (c) industrial waste, and (d) other collections at landfill and recycling plants such as engine oils, vehicle tyres and batteries.
  - (2) Did plastics and packaging industries and businesses contribute to the development of the container deposit scheme; if so, how.

- (3) Do plastics and packaging industries and businesses contribute to the ongoing operation of the container deposit scheme; if so, how.
- (4) Are there specific targets for recycling different waste streams and, in particular, the various varieties of plastics, and are these targets monitored and reported on; if yes, what are the results to date.
- (5) What steps are being taken or planned to improve the performance of the various recycling processes.
- (6) What is the cost of establishing and operating kerbside recycling in Canberra.
- (7) How do these costs compare with the costs of sending waste to landfill.

\*2677 **MS LE COUTEUR:** To ask the Minister for Urban Renewal—

- (1) In relation to the Demonstration Housing Project, which land is being investigated or set aside for projects without sites.
- (2) What is the expected timing of the next steps for projects without sites.

\*2678 **MS LE COUTEUR:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—On what grounds did the Conservator reverse, during the Appeal mediation, their previous decision that the previously-registered plane tree on Franklin Street in Manuka Shops, which was recently de-registered following an ACAT appeal, should remain on the register.

\*2679 **MS LE COUTEUR:** To ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development—Why is it necessary for the Education Directorate to maintain its own database, rather than relying on existing heritage registers, in relation to the removal of heritage-listed scarred tree MSYB1 (Spook tree) and the response to Select Committee on Estimates 2019-2020 Recommendation Number 134, where the Government stated “The Education Directorate is currently exploring a range of additional protection measures including; developing a heritage identification database for contractors to enhance the protection of heritage assets located on school sites”.

\*2680 **MS LE COUTEUR:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—Which Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs) were consulted, and when, in relation to the removal of heritage-listed scarred trees MSYB1 (Spook tree) and MST4 and in response to Select Committee on Estimates 2019-2020 Recommendation Number 134, where the Government stated “Consultation with (RAOs) has occurred since ACT Heritage was notified about the removal of the scarred trees. The salvaged tree trunk from MST4 has been moved to a secure location with the consent of the RAOs”.

\*2681 **MS LE COUTEUR:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—

- (1) In relation to the trunk of heritage-listed scarred tree MST4, when will consultations between Transport Canberra and City Services and Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs) occur regarding final arrangements for the trunk of MST4.
- (2) Which RAOs will be consulted.

\*2682 **MR COE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the total number of businesses that paid payroll tax during (a) 2017-18 and (b) 2018-19.
- (2) What is the total number of businesses that have been (a) the subject of payroll tax compliance investigations and (b) found to owe money to the ACT Government, in relation to payroll tax during (i) 2017-18 and (ii) 2018-19.
- (3) For each financial year since 2007-08 to date, what is the total amount of payroll tax (a) subject to payroll tax compliance investigations, (b) recouped through payroll tax compliance investigations (c) outstanding after payroll tax compliance investigations and (d) waived.
- (4) What was the (a) minimum, (b) median, (c) average and (d) maximum, amount of payroll tax paid by businesses for each financial year to date since 2007-08.
- (5) What is the breakdown of the (a) number of businesses in the ACT that paid payroll tax (b) percentage share of payroll tax paid and (c) value of payroll tax paid, during each financial year since 2017-18 to date by the taxable payroll bands (i) \$2 000 000 – \$2 249 999, (ii) \$2 250 000 – \$2 499 999, (iii) \$2 500 000 – \$2 749 999, (iv) \$2 750 000 – \$2 999 999, (v) \$3 000 000 – \$3 999 999, (vi) \$4 000 000 – \$4 999 999, (vii) \$5 000 000 – \$5 999 999, (viii) \$6 000 000 – \$6 999 999, (ix) \$7 000 000 – \$7 999 999, (x) \$8 000 000 – \$8 999 999, (xi) \$9 000 000 – \$9 999 999, (xii) \$10 000 000 – \$24 999 999, (xiii) \$25 000 000 – \$99 999 999, (xiv) \$100 000 000 and above.
- (6) What effect does 0.1 percent growth in (a) employment figures and (b) wages, have on payroll tax revenue.
- (7) What specific assumptions regarding (a) employment and (b) wage growth, underpin the increases in payroll tax in 2019-20 and across each year of the forward estimates.
- (8) What amount in (a) dollar figures and (b) percentage, is the increase in payroll tax revenue each year since 2018-19 and across the forward estimates is attributable to (i) employment growth, (ii) wage growth and (iii) compliance activities.
- (9) What is the number of businesses that have a payroll tax liability based on total Australian wages that receive adjusted ACT tax free threshold for (a) 0 to 10 per cent, (b) 10 percent to 20 per cent, (c) 20 per cent to 30 per cent, (d) 30 per cent to 40 per cent, (e) 40 per cent to 50 per cent, (f) 50 per cent to 60 per cent, (g) 60 per cent to 70 per cent, (h) 70 per cent to 80 per cent, (i) 80 per cent to 90 per cent, (j) 90 per cent to 100 per cent, (k) 100 per cent.
- (10) What is the total amount of payroll tax paid for the entities in each of the increments identified in part (9).

- \*2683 **MR COE:** To ask the Chief Minister—
- (1) In relation to the answer to Select Committee on Estimates 2019-2020 question on notice E19-197, what is the location and specific works that have (a) been undertaken to date and (b) been delayed or are yet to be completed, for the projects (i) Building a better city – City Renewal Authority – City precinct improvements, (ii) Building a better city – City Renewal Authority – Initial works package and (iii) Building a better city – West Basin infrastructure (Stage 1).
  - (2) In relation to part (1), for each project what is the total cost of (a) works that been undertaken to date, and (b) works that have been delayed or are yet to be completed, broken down by (i) category of cost, (ii) elements and (iii) financial year.
  - (3) In relation to the answer to Select Committee on Estimates 2019-2020 question on notice E19-198, what is breakdown of each stated initiative cost by each identified outcome bullet point listed.
- \*2684 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—
- (1) Where will the Delany Court playground in Melba be relocated in preparation for the Belconnen trunk sewer upgrades.
  - (2) Will the relocation be permanent or temporary until the completion of the upgrades.
  - (3) If no location is confirmed, what areas are the ACT Government considering for the relocation of the playground.
  - (4) What was the consultation process in relation to the imminent relocation of the playground.
- \*2685 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Children, Youth and Families—
- (1) How many recruitment rounds for staff have been undertaken since June 2018 for Bimberi Youth Justice Centre and (a) when did they occur, (b) how many applicants were received for each recruitment round, and (c) how many applicants were successful for a position at Bimberi for each recruitment round.
  - (2) How many staff left their positions after being trained.
  - (3) What staff positions have been recruited for since June 2018.
  - (4) What staff positions are currently vacant and awaiting recruitment.
  - (5) What types of employees are sought for each staff position i.e. full time, part time, casual etc.
  - (6) How many staff are currently employed at Bimberi.
- \*2686 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence—
- (1) How many male domestic violence victims were reported for each year for (a) 2016–17, (b) 2017–18, (c) 2018–19 and (d) 2019 – the date this question was published.
  - (2) What services are offered to domestic violence victims who are male.

- (3) How many men received each kind of service provided for the years (a) 2016–17, (b) 2017–18, (c) 2018–19 and (d) 2019 – the date this question was published.
- (4) What specific services are available to male domestic violence victims.
- (5) Are there any refuges available to male domestic violence victims; if so, where are they located; if not, what emergency accommodation options are available to men escaping domestic violence.

\*2687 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—

- (1) What percentage of streets in Weetangera have footpaths.
- (2) Has a study been conducted in relation to demand and necessity for footpaths in Weetangera within the past five years; if so, can a copy of the study be attached as an answer; if not, what measures will the ACT Government take to consider building new footpaths in Weetangera.

\*2688 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—

- (1) Was the Rogers Street and Shakespeare Crescent intersection assessed as part of the traffic study on streets in Flynn, Fraser and Charnwood, with traffic calming measures on Shakespeare Crescent recommended as part of the study; if so, did the ACT Government relate that these measures will be implemented in future residential street improvement programs and if yes, when can residents expect to see a residential street improvement program implementing these measures.
- (2) What specific traffic calming measures are being considered by the ACT Government to address road safety at the Rogers Street and Shakespeare Crescent intersection and nearby roads.

\*2689 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In relation to the (a) answer to question on notice (QoN) No E19-508 part (1), wherein the Minister advised that “Additional Resourcing of one ASO6 Full Time Equivalent will be provided to meet the growing demand of development approval and advice applications made under the *Heritage Act 2004* (the Act) with the cost being offset by the introduction of application fees”, (b) answer to QoN No E19-508 part (3), wherein the Minister advised that “The introduction of fees and an additional ASO6 relate to planning and development proposals affecting heritage places and objects. The additional resourcing does not relate to nominations of a place or object to the ACT Heritage Register”, and (c) Canberra Times article dated 22 August 2019, titled *Canberra’s decades-long heritage wait*, wherein an Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) spokesperson reportedly said, “the ACT government had funded an additional staff member in the heritage unit to address the backlog” - are QoN E-19-508 (“one ASO6 Full Time Equivalent”), QoN E19-508 (“an additional ASO6”) and the EPSDD spokesperson quoted in the Canberra Times (“an additional staff member”) referring to the same full time ASO6 equivalent position within the heritage unit.

- (2) If parts (1) (a), (b) and (c), all refer to the same position and it is a new fulltime ASO6 position what is the job number for that position.
- (3) If parts (1) (a), (b) and (c), all refer to the same position and it is not a new fulltime ASO6 position what is the nature of the filling of the position.
- (4) If parts (1), (2) and (3) do not refer to a single new fulltime ASO6 position with one position number (a) what are the job numbers for the relevant positions, (b) how many individual members perform the role and (c) what are the funding sources for each position.
- (5) Is there any tangible relationship between meeting the growing demand of development approval and advice applications made under the *Heritage Act 2004* and the processing of objects or places nominated for listing on the ACT Heritage Register; if so, what is the nature of that relationship.

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