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- 1290 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — How much revenue was generated from users of the ACT Seniors MyWay card in the (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2018-19 financial years.
- 1291 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — How many accidents have been recorded, per year since 2013, on Athllon Drive between Drakeford Drive and Sulwood Drive.
- 1292 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —
- (1) Has the tender for the duplication of Athllon Drive been awarded; if so, who is the successful tenderer.
 - (2) When are works expected to begin.
 - (3) How long are works expected to take.
 - (4) How much will the duplication of the southern section (Sulwood Drive to Drakeford Drive) cost, including bicycle infrastructure.

1293 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the preferred base for playgrounds, that is material used under play equipment, including tanbark, rubber matting, or some other soft fall material.
- (2) How many playgrounds in the ACT have (a) tanbark under them and can the Minister list them by location and (b) some other material under them, including what material is used and a list of each by location.
- (3) Does the ACT Government have a policy on ground covering material for new playgrounds; if so, can the Minister provide a copy.
- (4) Have there been reported instances of needles/syringes found in tanbark in play spaces; if so, can the Minister advise how many, including the location of each instance, for the past five financial years.
- (5) Have there been reported instances of injuries at playgrounds; if so, can the Minister provide, for each instance, the location, type of injury and number of injuries, for the past five financial years.

1294 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Veterans and Seniors — How many full-time equivalent staff were there at the Office for Seniors during the (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18 financial years.

1295 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) What is the number of referrals received by Canberra Health Services (CHS) for an attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) diagnosis for all patients aged (a) 18 and below and (b) 19 and above.
- (2) Are all diagnoses referred to a psychologist or psychiatrist; if not, what other specialists diagnose ADHD in the ACT.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of wait times for an initial appointment by (a) triage category and (b) specialty, for patients aged (i) 18 and below and (ii) 19 and above.
- (4) What is the average amount of time in weeks from a referral for ADHD and a diagnosis for patients aged (a) 18 and below and (b) 19 and above.
- (5) How many complaints has (a) CHS, (b) ACT Health and (c) the Minister's office received about wait times/difficulty in receiving an ADHD diagnosis.
- (6) Has CHS or ACT Health investigated barriers to adults or children receiving an ADHD diagnosis; if so, (a) what were the reports, (b) are they publicly available and (c) what were the recommendations from each report.

1296 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development — What is the breakdown of the number of people on the public housing wait list, including their gender and age range, as of 1 June 2023.

1297 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs —

- (1) How many retirement villages are there in the ACT.
- (2) How many of the facilities referred to in part (1) have a bus stop located within 500 metres of their main entrance.
- (3) How many of the bus stops referred to in part (2) have a direct route to a (a) local shopping centre and (b) hospital.

1298 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Has Canberra Health Services (CHS) considered using a computer tomography (CT) scanner to perform colonoscopies; if so, can the Minister provide details of those considerations; if not, why not.
- (2) Does CHS use CT scanners to perform colonoscopies; if so, how many are provided through a CT scan.

1299 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) How many complaints has Access Canberra received from residents regarding the odour from the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre, for this calendar year to date.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the number of complaints for the (a) 2022, (b) 2021, (c) 2020 and (d) 2019 calendar years.

1300 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation — Can the Minister provide the total amount of parking revenue generated for the (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18 financial years, including the amount of this revenue that was generated from (i) night-time and (ii) weekend parking, in the Canberra central area.

1301 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many dedicated school buses are there, including (a) the route numbers and schools serviced by them, (b) whether any of these dedicated school buses arrive at school after school start time and (c) whether any of the dedicated school buses leave the school local bus stop more than 15 minutes after the end of school.
- (2) How many other bus routes service schools, given that a lot of school bus routes were abolished a few years ago, including (a) the route numbers and schools serviced by them, (b) how many of these arrive at the school after school start time and (c) how many of them leave the school local bus stop more than 15 minutes after the end of school.
- (3) How many complaints has Transport Canberra received about school buses (timing, cancellations, any other issues) each year for the past five years.
- (4) What has been the patronage trend by school children, that is, using a school bus pass, each year for the past five years.
- (5) How much do school bus passes cost.
- (6) How are school bus passes issued and what evidence is required, for example, a school identification card.
- (7) How many school bus passes have been sold each year for the past five years.

- 1302 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — For each administrative review, internal review and investigation or inquiry into misconduct, disclosures and complaints conducted in the health portfolio since 1 January 2020, (a) what was the subject of the review, (b) what was the review's finding, (c) who conducted the review and (d) what was the review's cost.
- 1303 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer — Given that Table 3.3.1 on page 205 of the 2023-24 Budget Outlook notes that an estimated 43,800 households will take up the Utilities Concession, which consists of a \$750 rebate on utility bills, for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23 (inclusive), how many (a) of the eligible households took up the concession for each of those financial years and (b) eligible households have taken up additional rebates, including the \$250 temporary rebate in 2021-22, and the \$50 temporary rebate in 2022-23.
- 1304 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —
- (1) Given that on page 12 of the 2023-24 to 2027-28 Indicative Land Release Program, it is projected that there will be 3,315 single residential blocks released to the public over the next five years, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of single residential blocks that will be released, each year from 2023-24 to 2027-28 (inclusive), by (a) location and (b) the number of greenfield and infill sites.
 - (2) Can the Minister outline why the five-year targets for the release of single residential blocks (which have previously been displayed in disaggregated form in past iterations such as the 2021-22 to 2025-26 Indicative Land Release Program) are no longer included in the Indicative Land Release Program.
 - (3) Given that on page 8 of the 2022-23 to 2026-27 Indicative Land Release Program, it was projected that there would be 4,743 single residential blocks released to the public over a five-year period, can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of single residential blocks that were intended to be released, each year from 2022-23 to 2026-27 (inclusive), by (a) location and (b) the number of greenfield and infill sites.
- 1305 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation —
- (1) Can the Minister provide the cost breakdown (indicative or otherwise) for the wetland conversion of the Florey Oval, including the future maintenance costs forecasted for wetland oval water upkeep.
 - (2) Can the Minister provide the list of the 15 ovals in Canberra to be retained for possible future re-activation as formal sportsgrounds, as referred to in a letter dated 23 May 2023.
 - (3) Can the Minister provide a schedule for when the Government intends to re-activate these grounds should any of these ovals have passed the feasibility study phase.
 - (4) Are the Macquarie Oval or Cook Neighbourhood Oval included in this re-activation program.
 - (5) Can the Minister advise when the Holt District Playing Fields will be ready for use, noting completion was anticipated for mid to late 2023.

1306 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Will the government be extending YWCA Canberra's peppercorn lease arrangement at Conder Community House to provide early education to vulnerable children in Tuggeranong (55 Beaumaris Street).
- (2) Has the ACT regulator, Children's Education and Care Assurance, assessed that the space is suitable for an early learning service; if so, why has the Government not responded to YWCA Canberra's proposal to take over the empty space.
- (3) How does the Government plan to meet the targets of the three-year-old preschool initiative in the Tuggeranong area without additional community run early learning services such as this in the area.
- (4) When will the Government provide YWCA Canberra with a decision on whether it is extending the peppercorn lease arrangement at Conder Community House.
- (5) What consideration has been given to extending the peppercorn lease so that it includes the vacant space beside Conder Community House that has been vacant for approximately eight years.
- (6) What plans does the Government have for this vacant space and why has it been left vacant and unused for eight years.
- (7) Can the Government detail what its future plans are for peppercorn lease arrangements which provide valuable and affordable community services across Canberra.

1307 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) In relation to the requirement for licenced real estate agents to annually renew their licences within the ACT, how are the notices of renewal being communicated to real estate agents.
- (2) How much notice are licensees being given in relation to the renewal of their licence/licences.
- (3) What is the percentage of licensees that fail to renew their licence before the renewal date.
- (4) Is the Government aware of any licensees who have failed to renew their licence/licences because of failure by Access Canberra to notify them of pending renewal.

1308 **MR DAVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —

- (1) When was the most recent reform to the high school health curriculum.
- (2) What standards or benchmarks in the curriculum relate to gender and gender identity.
- (3) When were the most recent reforms to the way gender and gender identity are included in the high school health curriculum.
- (4) What specification for gender or sex is used on government forms and documentation, including those used in schools.
- (5) Which forms offer only binary gender identification as male or female.
- (6) Which forms are still listing parents/guardians as only "mother" and "father".

- 1309 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — What have been the topics of the research projects foreshadowed under the Canberra Health Services *Strategic Plan 2020–2023*, since 1 January 2022.
- 1310 **MR DAVIS:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —
- (1) What programs do the ACT Government use to monitor the temperature and ventilation standards of indoor learning spaces.
 - (2) What ventilation standards does the ACT Government use for indoor learning spaces.
 - (3) How many indoor learning spaces in the ACT meet the ventilation standards.
 - (4) How much funding has been allocated, to date in the 10th Assembly, to ensure learning spaces meet temperature and ventilation standards.
- 1311 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —
- (1) When will flying fox handles at Yerrabi Pond be replaced, and when will this work be complete.
 - (2) When was Transport Canberra and City Services aware that the handles were removed.
 - (3) When will the bridge at Yerrabi Pond be resurfaced, and when is it expected that this work will be completed.
- 1312 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — Does each division and/or unit in Canberra Health Services produce a written report on its performance; if so, how often.
- 1313 **MR DAVIS:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development — How many public houses were in the ACT's public housing portfolio as at (a) 31 March and 30 September 2015, (b) 31 March and 30 September 2016, (c) 31 March and 30 September 2017, (d) 31 March and 30 September 2018, (e) 31 March and 30 September 2019, (f) 31 March and 30 September 2020, (g) 31 March and 30 September 2021, (h) 31 March and 30 September 2022 and (i) 31 March 2023.
- 1314 **MR DAVIS:** To ask the Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services — How many applications were there for the public housing waiting list, including the breakdown of waiting list categories and waiting time per category, as at (a) 31 March and 30 September 2015, (b) 31 March and 30 September 2016, (c) 31 March and 30 September 2017, (d) 31 March and 30 September 2018, (e) 31 March and 30 September 2019, (f) 31 March and 30 September 2020, (g) 31 March and 30 September 2021, (h) 31 March and 30 September 2022 and (i) 31 March 2023.

1315 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) How many times have representatives of the ACT Government and CSIRO met to discuss the sale of CSIRO land adjacent to Owen Dixon Drive, since November 2022.
- (2) What was the date of each of these meetings, and can the Minister provide a summary of what was discussed and decided at each meeting.
- (3) Is there a projected timeline for when the land will be formally sold to the ACT Government.
- (4) Is it anticipated that some of the land will be sold to private buyers.
- (5) Can the Minister provide a map that shows how much of the CSIRO land is up for consideration to be sold.
- (6) Will the creek corridors and the ponds be protected with a buffer zone.
- (7) Will residential development in this area conform to a minimum energy efficiency standard.
- (8) Has there been a proposal to restrict the use of internal combustion engine vehicles in this area once residential development begins.
- (9) What endangered animals or plants have been identified in this area.
- (10) Will the vegetation screen, to the east of Owen Dixon Drive, be preserved during construction and after.
- (11) What is the estimated number of dwellings that will be built on CSIRO land, and can the Minister break down this estimate by dwelling type, for example, house, apartment, townhouse.

1316 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to Canberra Health Services (CHS) Community Health Intake (CHI) phone lines, for 2022-23, can the Minister provide a table showing, for each phone line or group of lines, (a) its or their purpose or purposes, (b) the number of (i) outward and (ii) incoming calls and (c) how many (i) outward and (ii) inward calls ended for each “value of reason”.
- (2) Can the Minister also explain, in layman's terms, the meaning of each “value of reason” assigned to calls.
- (3) How many staff are assigned to operate these CHI phone lines at any time.
- (4) Does CHS have plans to update the metrics it collects for these CHI lines: if so, why; if not, why not.

1317 **MR DAVIS:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many bus routes serve the Tuggeranong region in 2023.
- (2) How many bus routes served the Tuggeranong region in (a) 2010, (b) 2015, (c) 2018, (d) 2020 and (e) 2022.
- (3) How many services operated per day (specifically for weekday, Saturday and Sunday services) in (a) 2010, (b) 2015, (c) 2018, (d) 2020, (e) 2022 and (f) 2023, for each bus route.

1318 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What initiatives, campaigns, programs and other supports are currently provided by the ACT Government to help people with (a) quitting smoking (tobacco and cannabis) and (b) smoking addiction (tobacco and cannabis).
- (2) What is the amount of funding provided for each initiative, campaign, program and other supports listed as answers in part (1).

1319 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Early Childhood Development —

- (1) Did a community facilities and recreational requirements study, conducted by Maunsell AECOM & Purdon Associates, indicate a need for preschool and childcare facilities to be located in Lawson south, as other nearby centres are at capacity; if so, are there any plans to build a preschool or childcare facilities in south Lawson.
- (2) If there are plans to build a preschool or childcare facilities in south Lawson, is there an estimated timeframe on when construction will be complete and when the school will open.
- (3) Would any proposed childcare centre be co-located with any preschools or health clinics.
- (4) Where would new preschool and childcare facilities be located.
- (5) How many children would these facilities accommodate.
- (6) What plans are in place to help surrounding schools manage an increase in students coming from Lawson, especially in the case of infants and toddlers.
- (7) Are there any formal projections on the number of enrolments to schools, due to the increase of people living in Lawson, in the surrounding suburbs of Kaleen, Giralang and McKellar; if so, can the Minister provide those formal projections.

1320 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to the response to question on notice No 1992, on what dates was advice from the Solicitor-General and/or his office/staff in relation to the acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital Bruce (a) requested and (b) received.
- (2) Why did the Minister not provide this information in the response to question on notice No 1992.

1321 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — What key performance indicators (a) is the Digital Health Record (DHR) capable of running reports on and (b) has DHR already run reports on.

1322 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) Can the Minister verify that the reason that the Soter Body Scanner (removed in December 2018) was not being used regularly was because the machine was “continually out of service, waiting on parts or repair for weeks at a time”, as stated by corrections officers.
- (2) What mechanisms are in place to ensure the new body scanner will not have the same problems.
- (3) What is the timeframe in which improvements/repairs will be made, if the new body scanner ceases to work as designed and needs new parts, repairs, updates or software patches, and what is the procedure for obtaining that improvement/repair.
- (4) What alternative method of scanning/searching people will be used (a) if one of the body scanners is not functional and (b) in the case that both of the body scanners are not functional.

1323 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) How many motor vehicle registration transfers between residents of the ACT occurred, between 2019-2022.
- (2) How many of these transfers were for (a) internal combustion engine vehicles and (b) electric vehicles.

1324 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Which individual divisions or units within the Health Portfolio have had health checks or culture surveys, since 1 July 2022.
- (2) What was the date of each health check or culture survey.

1325 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) Was the Government exempted from completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lawson South Residential Estate; if so, why was it exempted; if not, or if one was completed despite the exemption, can the Minister provide a copy of the completed EIS.
- (2) Does the Lawson South Residential Estate comprise what has become known as Lawson Stage 1 and Lawson Stage 2.
- (3) Was the land, that is now occupied by residential development in Lawson Stage 1, considered a Golden Sun Moth habitat before it was developed; if so, what was the estimated population of the Golden Sun Moth in Lawson South prior to residential development.
- (4) Can the Minister provide any Golden Sun Moth habitat coverage maps for the entirety of Lawson prior to residential development.

1326 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) How many current development applications (DAs) have not started development in their first allotted time frame, i.e. have not yet received an extension.
- (2) How many of these DAs are in the Ginninderra Electorate.
- (3) What are the numbers for those DAs.
- (4) Who are the developers for those DAs.
- (5) How many of these DAs are in each other electorate, and which of these DAs are for public or private land.
- (6) How many current DAs have received extensions.
- (7) What is the allotted timeframe for the commencement or completion of DA-202341701.

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