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- 892 MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management
 - (1) In relation to Development Application 202240118, is the Government considering rezoning the area to allow for the building of recycling facilities.
 - (2) Did the Government contract or request Planit Strategic to submit the development application; if so, how much was Planit Strategic paid to do so.
 - (3) How strongly will the proposal from residents, to bring forward the duplication of Drake Brockman Drive to help address the traffic burden generated by a green waste facility on Stockdill Drive, be considered.
 - (4) How will the issues raised by all ACT Government entities who did not support the proposal be resolved.
 - (5) How will the concerns of residents detailed in submissions to the development application be resolved.
 - (6) Why was the development application lodged as a temporary development given it was clear the development would impact the road network and that the application included permanently constructed elements.
 - (7) Will the Government continue to extend the same month-to-month lease arrangement they currently have with Canberra Sand and Gravel until a new location is identified, the development application is approved, and the site is ready for operations.

893 MS CLAY: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) In relation to demonstration housing, have any projects without a site rejected an offer of a site; if so, (a) why did they do so and (b) will the Government offer a more suitable site to the proponent.
- (2) How is the Government keeping in touch with the project proponents and when did they last provide a substantive update to proponents, in particular those without sites.

894 **MS CASTLEY**: To ask the Minister for Disability —

- (1) How many days have each of the 18 National Disability Insurance Scheme patients in Canberra hospitals been there.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how many are in what hospitals.
- (3) Can the Minister provide, for each patient, the date when they were declared medically fit to leave hospital.
- (4) Can the Minister provide, for each patient, the number of days between when they were declared fit to leave hospital and when they arrived.
- (5) What is the average care/bed cost per day to treat these patients in hospital.

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

- (1) Given that *The Canberra Times* article of 7 June 2022, quoted the Chief Executive Officer of Canberra Health Services (CHS) as saying, "We have listened to feedback that we should do more, particularly to support those who experience traumatic events through their work at CHS", can the Minister provide details on what that feedback was.
- (2) Given that in the media the wife of an obstetrician who had died said that the hospital "will try to address the issues surrounding the care of its staff on a deeper level. I implore them to work diligently towards that goal", can the Minister detail what (a) action CHS has taken since the obstetrician's death on this issue and (b) involvement has staff had in this process.
- (3) Given that a 7 June *RiotAct* article quoted a staff member as saying, "the support they are offering now needs to be 24/7 and 365 days of the year. We experience trauma every day and staff are devastated", what specific measures are being considered to improve trauma support for staff and when will those measures be implemented.

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

- (1) How many cases were reviewed as part of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council's Review of Domestic and Family Violence Deaths.
- (2) How many of the reviewed cases involved children as victims of domestic and family violence deaths.
- (3) Can the Minister provide further details for each of the case reviews that showed differences in risk assessment for future violence or lethality as a consequence of information sharing by relevant service providers.

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

- (1) Given that in recent hearings of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023, the question was asked who the new casino operator was and what the process had been regarding this acquisition, the Chief Executive Officer of the ACT Gaming and Racing Commission (GRC) responding "With this particular sale, it is not the casino per se that is for sale; it is a share transfer in one of the upstream companies. It is not that the casino has been sold; it is that the company that owns the company that owns the casino is having a share transfer", can the Minister outline what this share transfer is, from what company to what "upstream company".
- (2) Can the Minister clarify if the casino has been sold.
- (3) Can the Minister name the company, that owns the company, that owns the casino.
- (4) What information was provided to the Minister by the GRC to approve the sale of the casino lease from Aquis to Iris Capital.
- (5) What information was provided to the Minister that the sale of the lease to Iris Capital was in the public interest.
- (6) Will Iris Capital be both the casino lessee and the casino license holder.
- (7) What recommendations were made to the Minister by the GRC about the eligibility of Iris Capital as the corporation nominated as the proposed casino licensee.
- (8) Is there any foreign participation or partners identified in probity checks of Iris Capital.

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

- (1) How many complaints has (a) the Minister's office and (b) Transport Canberra and City Services (including Fix My Street) received about (i) covers on barbeques, (ii) drainage at the rotunda, (iii) lights at the rotunda, (iv) more crushed granite for caravans and (v) more power points, at Yerrabi Pond.
- (2) Does the Government plan to improve at Yerrabi Pond (a) the covers on barbeques, (b) drainage at the rotunda, (c) lights at the rotunda, (d) more crushed granite for caravans, (e) more power points; if not, why not; if so, when will these improvements be complete.
- MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Corrections In relation to funding for the Inspector of Corrections and further to the answer to question on notice No 327 of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 in which the Minister stated that the ACT Government continues to work closely with the Office of the ACT Inspector for Correctional Services (OICS) to ensure it is adequately resourced to provide their oversight responsibilities. Given the OICS seems to disagree with as evidenced by statements made in multiple hearings, such as how their oversight over the ACT youth justice facilities is limited. Did the Minister claim that they ensure the OICS is adequately resourced; if so, does the Minister disagree with OICS's belief that they are under resourced.

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

- (1) Can the Minister advise what action has been completed for the parking scoping study for the Yerrabi Pond and foreshore.
- (2) Has there been a draft or study complete; if so, can the Minister provide a copy of this document.
- (3) How much has been spent on the study.
- (4) If the study has not been complete, when will it be.

- (5) Was the study internal or external.
- (6) If the study was external, which company won the tender.
- (7) Will Yerrabi Pond receive an upgrade to the foreshore before 2024; if so, when; if not, why not.
- (8) Has the Minister or Transport Canberra and City Services received correspondence about parking at (a) Yerrabi Pond and (b) Yerrabi Pond foreshore; if so, how many and was the sentiment positive, neutral, negative.

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

- (1) When and why was it decided to stop using the Cummings designed bus shelters as the standard bus shelter for Canberra.
- (2) Is the design work for the shelters being completed by Transport Canberra and City Services, or are the designs being completed by an outside organisation.
- (3) If the design work is being completed by an outside organisation, what is the name of that organisation.
- (4) Which organisations are currently supplying bus shelters to Canberra.
- (5) What are the models of bus shelter these organisations providing.
- (6) How many of each model has been purchased by the Government.
- (7) Why are there are gaps between the roof and the sidewalls of bus shelter 4005.
- (8) What is the name of this model.
- (9) Why is there about a 1.5 metre gap between the edge of the roof and the kerb, resulting in bus users getting wet as they step out from under the roof of the bus shelter to board the bus.
- (10) Does the Government have any data on how effective the Cummings designed bus shelters were at keeping rain off the bus shelter seats compared to the newer bus shelters; if so, where can that data be located; if not, has the Government studied the difference between the two.
- (11) Is there a document that details which bus stops will be receiving bus shelters and when; if so, can the Minister please provide a copy.

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

- (1) Who conducted the external review of paediatric services in late 2021.
- (2) What was the cost and process to select the reviewer.
- (3) When was the review done.
- (4) What was the terms of reference.
- (5) How was the review conducted?
- (6) When did the Minister receive the review.
- (7) What are the review's recommendations.
- (8) Did the reviewer speak to families who have used paediatric services; if so, can the Minister provide relevant details.
- (9) Did reviewer examine gaps in our paediatric services; if so, can the Minister provide relevant details.
- (10) Can the Minister provide a copy of the review.
- 903 MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Corrections What is the current usage status of the former Symonston Remand Centre.

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

- (1) In relation to the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Unit (GEHU), how many referrals that have come through the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program and assessed by a general practitioner (GP) as urgent have been seen within the clinically recommended time.
- (2) What is the agreement with the federal government about wait times for referrals that have come through the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program and assessed by a GP as urgent have been seen within the clinically recommended time, that is, how quickly are these patients supposed to be seen.
- (3) How many consultants are up to date with triaging, and/or with no referrals awaiting triage dated more than six months ago.
- (4) Are faxed referrals still being used.
- (5) Do referring GPs get any automatic updates as to the progress of the referral and any further information required and how has this changed since the 2015 Auditor-General's report (page 43).
- (6) Have all recommendations from the 2015 Auditor-General's report into the GEHU been implemented.

905 MS CASTLEY: To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) When will the review of the paediatric early warning system be finished.
- (2) Who is conducting the review.
- (3) When did the review begin.
- (4) What are the terms of reference for the review.
- (5) How is the review being conducted.
- (6) When was the paediatric early warning system introduced and has it been evaluated.
- (7) Will the review's report be publicly released.

906 MS CASTLEY: To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to part (6) of question on notice No 20 from the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 process, how many of the 117 palliative care patients were previously on more than one dose of radiation therapy.
- (2) Was there a change in radiation therapy for the remaining 71 patients; if so, were these patients receiving more than one dose; if not, why did their therapy not change.
- (3) Are the 117 patients still receiving a single dose with the addition of a linear accelerator machine; if so, how many have changed their dose and have they increased.
- (4) Has there been any complaints from patients who have had their dose changed; if so, how many.

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

- (1) Can the Minister provide detail of the data behind the commitment to build 30,000 homes in Canberra over the next five years (2023-2027).
- (2) How many houses would be built per year.
- (3) What would the zoning breakdown be per year, including RZ4 and RZ5.
- (4) Can the Minister clarify, from the Indicative Land Release Program 2022-23 (pp 53-55), the breakdown of how many dwellings will be released in the zonings RZ1-RZ5 for (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26 and (c) 2026-27 for the suburbs of (i) Macnamara, (ii) Kenny, (iii) Molonglo, (iv) Molonglo Valley new suburb, (v) Weston and (vi) Ginninderry new suburb.

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

- (1) How many patients are on the waiting list for the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Unit (GEHU) for 2021-22.
- (2) How many of the patients referred to in part (1) have been on the waiting list for over 12 months.
- (3) What is the average wait time for an initial appointment at the GEHU, that is, the total time taken for a referral to a named specialist between when the referral was received and the date the appointment was booked for.
- (4) How many referrals have been waiting more than (a) six and (b) 12 months without being seen.
- (5) What percentage of referrals, for example, urgent referrals, are seen within clinically recommended times.
- (6) What is the average wait time for (a) general gastroenterology referrals and (b) subspeciality referrals.

909 MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation —

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to the question on notice No 133 of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023, in which the Minister stated that the reactivation of sportsgrounds and ancillary sportsgrounds assets at Holt District playing fields is confirmed to be delivered during the 2022-2023 financial year, can the Minister advice if this will be done in partnership with the successful tenderer for the implementation of the Kippax Masterplan Development; if so, will there be a cost sharing plan between the Government and the tenderer; if so, what percentage of the cost will each party be required to pay; if not, who will pay for the reactivation of these assets.
- (2) Given Higgins oval was only recently upgraded with lighting, why were they not installed with 100 lux lighting at the time of the upgrade.

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

- (1) Which organisations are currently contracted by the Government to repair potholes.
- (2) What is the value of each organisation's contract.
- (3) What key performance indicators are associated with each contract, for instance, do the contractors have a quota of how many potholes they must repair per month.
- (4) Given that while Icon Water was working on the Belconnen Trunk Sewer Upgrade, their heavy vehicles damaged roads causing potholes along Companion Crescent and Homann Place and noting that they have since repaired those potholes, who was responsible for repairing those potholes.
- (5) Was this pothole repaired with cold or hot mix asphalt.
- (6) How long did it take to repair those potholes.
- (7) What was the cost of repairing those potholes.
- (8) How many potholes in the Ginninderra electorate are currently slated for repair.

911 MRS KIKKERT: To ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) In relation to the contract to provide sport recreational programs and activities for the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) (tender 31000.110), what organisation was awarded this tender.
- (2) When does the contract expire.
- (3) Has the Government begun discussions as to whether they will extend, renegotiate or terminate the contract at the date of expiry.
- (4) How much has been paid out to the contractor so far and what is the total that will be paid out by the end of the contract.
- (5) What routine programs or activities does the contractor provide at the AMC.
- (6) Which of these programs are facilitated daily.

912 MR CAIN: To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) How much money did the Government spend on resolving Lease Variation Charge disputes in the (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21 and (d) 2021-22 financial years.
- (2) How many variations were processed in the (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21 and (d) 2021-22 financial years.
- (3) How many Lease Variation Charges were disputed in the (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21 and (d) 2021-22 financial years.
- (4) How many staff were assigned to the valuation assessment process in the (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21 and (d) 2021-22 financial years, broken down by (i) fulltime equivalent/part time/full time/casual/ contractor and (ii) ACT Public Service band.
- (5) What were the details of the variations for the 2021-22 financial year (in spreadsheet, raw data or summary format).
- (6) Does the Government model the potential number of variations in the next five financial years; if so, can the Minister provide this modelling.

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

- (1) What correspondence with Suez and ACT No Waste led to the decision to introduce parking bans in Crace.
- (2) When did Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) decide to introduce parking bans to Crace.

- (3) What options were considered before parking bans.
- (4) What consultation was done with (a) residents, (b) ACT No Waste and (c) Suez before sending the letter box drop; if no consultation was done, why not.
- (5) Were other options that TCCS were considering for Crace proposed to (a) residents, (b) ACT No Waste and (c) Suez.
- (6) What was the total cost of creating and distributing the information to residents in Crace regarding the parking bans.
- (7) How many complaints did (a) the Minister's office and (b) TCCS receive regarding these parking bans.
- (8) Why does Suez or ACT No Waste not use the rear access utility roads for waste collection in Crace.

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

- (1) In relation to question on notice No 23 from the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 process, can the Minister provide an answer to part (4)(a).
- (2) Further to part (4)(b) of question on notice No 23, were exit interviews or feedback provided and/or offered by the give former employees; if so, what was the feedback and were changes made.
- (3) Did ACT Health seek feedback from the five staff before they left.
- (4) Were any internal investigations made into their complaints; if so, (a) who conducted the review, (b) what was the cost and (c) was there a report and recommendations; if so, what were they and have they been implemented.
- (5) Did ACT Health consider using an external consultant to investigate the five staff leaving; if so, (a) who conducted the review, (b) what was the cost and (c) was there a report and recommendations; if so, what were they and have they been implemented.

915 **MS CLAY**: To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Have all necessary planning changes, to implement the demonstration housing projects, been completed by the Government; if not, what changes are still outstanding.
- (2) Have any projects not been offered sites yet; if so, why have they not been offered sites.
- (3) When will the Government complete the process of offering sites.
- (4) Is it possible that some proponents will not be offered sites.
- (5) For each project, can the Minister (a) identify the project, including information such as the suburb the site is in, or the project proponent, (b) if the project has been offered a site, including the process the proponents will have to go through to secure the site.
- (6) Further to part (5), can the Minister clarify, for each project, whether (a) proponents will be required to submit a Stage 2 Request for Tender (RFT), (b) they have progressed to a restricted class tender or direct sale process and (c) proponents have become the leaseholder of the site offered to them.
- (7) For projects that have not been offered a site, why haven't they been offered a site.
- (8) When is it expected that the proponents will be offered a site.
- (9) Will they be required to submit a Stage 2 RFT and will the stage 2 RFT be restricted to a specific proponent.
- (10) Will they be offered a direct sale process.

916 MS CASTLEY: To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What type of support is currently provided to staff following serious/traumatic incidents.
- (2) Is there a dedicated team of professionals who provide this support; if so, can the Minister provide details about staff numbers, roles, skills, etc.
- (3) Is this support available 24/7 and at call for any staff who seeks it.
- (4) How much budget funding is allocated to this support service, including details for the last three years.
- (5) Did the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canberra Health Services (CHS) state in *The Canberra Times* on 7 June 2022, that the organisation could do more to support staff who experience traumatic events through their work, following the death of an obstetrician; if so, what has CHS done since the obstetrician's death to support staff and what "more" is being considered or planned in light of the official's remark.

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

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update about the Gwydir shops upgrade, including (a) what work has been completed, (b) what work is still to complete, (c) when the project will be finished and (d) the total cost compared to how much money was allocated (budgeted for).
- (2) Can the Minister detail any ongoing consultation with local traders and residents and feedback received from them about the upgrade works.

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

- (1) In relation to the YourSay consultation for the Domestic Violence Agencies (Information Sharing) Amendment Bill 2022, how will the ACT Government ensure that the views, experiences, and expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is front and centre, given the historical punitive treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by government and institutions.
- (2) Which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups and organisations will the ACT Government engage with as part of consultation for the bill.
- (3) How will the ACT Government work closely with persons with disability as part of consultation for the bill.
- (4) Which relevant groups and organisations, referred to in part (3), will the ACT Government engage with as part of consultation for the bill.
- (5) How will the ACT Government ensure that the views and experiences of children will be taken into account as part of consultation for the bill.
- (6) Which relevant groups and organisations, referred to in part (5), will the ACT Government engage with as part of consultation for the bill.

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

- (1) How many staff (a) full-time equivalent and (b) headcount, are working on Digital Health Records (DHR) and what is their classification.
- (2) What are the teams within the DHR program and how many staff are in each team.
- (3) When will the project complete testing and how many staff are testing the system.
- (4) Is testing of the system outsourced; if so, what is the cost of this.
- (5) When will the project be complete.

- (6) Will DHR be implemented in all areas of ACT healthcare on this date; if not, what areas will have DHR and what areas will not.
- (7) Can the Minister Provide an estimated implementation date for each division that will be using DHR in ACT.

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

- (1) Was the \$21 million funding from the Recycling Modernisation Fund announced in 2020 spent on the existing Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Hume (referenced in the *Riotact* article titled *\$21 million tech boost at Hume to mean cleaner, better recycling for region*, dated 15 July 2020); if so, how much of it was spent and what upgrades were implemented at the facility; if not, (a) what happened to that funding and (b) has that funding been put toward the new MRF announced in August 2022 (referenced in the *Riotact* article titled *Canberra to get new recycling and composting facilities in bid to reduce emissions*, dated 11 August 2022).
- (2) Will the existing MRF be closed after the completion the new MRF; if not, will each MRF recycle different materials, and will both continue to be used.
- (3) Why was it decided to build a new MRF when the existing MRF was due to receive an extra \$21 million in upgrades.

921 MS CASTLEY: To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety —

- (1) What consultation has there been with the ACT hairdressing sector about the proposed expansion of the ACT's Long Service Leave (Portable Schemes) Act 2009.
- (2) How was industry consultation with the hairdressing sector done, and when did it happen.
- (3) Which hairdressers, businesses and representatives were consulted, including how many and names of those consulted.
- (4) What was the result of such consultation including what feedback was provided.
- (5) Was a report compiled following the consultation; if so, can the Minister provide a copy of the report; if not, why not.
- (6) Is further consultation planned with the hairdressing sector; if so, can the Minister provide details of the planned consultation.

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

- (1) Once the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) facility is completed, will the Government operate the facility themselves or will the operation of the facility be contracted out to a private organisation.
- (2) How will the operator of the facility keep the soil sold from the facility affordable, especially given that the soil that will be sold is only made possible by the public giving their organic waste for free.
- (3) Will the ACT Government be contributing any funds to the construction of the FOGO facility in addition to the \$13 million contribution from the Commonwealth; if so, how much will the ACT Government be contributing.
- (4) How much longer will the trial of FOGO in Belconnen last.

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

- (1) How many bulky waste collection requests have been (a) made and (b) completed, each month since July 2021 to present.
- (2) Is the bulky waste collection completed by government or a private company.
- (3) If the bulky waste collection is completed by (a) a private company or (b) government could the Minister specify, (i) what the cost of the contract/service is, (ii) the duration of the contract/service and (iii) the term of the contract/service, eg, is the company paid to complete a certain amount of collections per week/month/year, or if other, can the Minister specify.
- (4) Are residents able to receive priority for a collection under certain conditions; if so, what are those conditions; if not, why not.

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

- (1) How much did the 2012 ACT Taxation Review Paper cost.
- (2) Is the Government considering a new review following fiscal impact of COVID-19.
- (3) How many entities paid payroll tax to the ACT in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- (4) What were the (a) compliance and debt recovery costs and (b) administration and collection costs, in terms of cents per dollar of revenue, in 2021-22 of ACT's (i) land tax, (ii) general rates, (iii) payroll tax and (iv) foreign ownership land tax surcharge.
- (5) What was the total value of revenue foregone on general rates and the Fire and Emergency Services levy due to concessions in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21 and (c) 2021-22.
- (6) How many deferrals of general rate payments were there in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21 and (c) 2021-22.
- (7) What was the total value of revenue foregone on general rates and the Fire and Emergency Services levy due to payment deferrals in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21 and (c) 2021-22.
- (8) In 2021-22, what as the total mean and median nominal land tax payable for all dwellings with AUVs, within the thresholds of (a) \$300k-\$600k, (b) \$600k-\$1 million, (c) \$1 million-\$1.8 million, (d) \$1.8 million-\$2.5 million and (e) \$2.5 million plus.
- (9) In 2021-22, how many dwellings that paid land tax in the ACT had an AUV of (a) \$300k-\$600k, (b) \$600k-\$1 million, (c) \$1 million-\$1.8 million, (d) \$1.8 million-\$2.5million and (e) \$2.5 million plus.
- (10) How does Treasury decide what is a "good" tax and are there criteria.

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

- (1) Given that a number of constituents are concerned that existing Tuggeranong playgrounds, notably playgrounds in Wanniassa, do not meet community need in quantity and quality, what capacity does the ACT Government have to consider more upgrades to playgrounds around Tuggeranong.
- (2) What is the process by Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) for deciding which playgrounds to prioritise for upgrades or maintenance.
- (3) Would TCCS consider increasing the number of playgrounds in Wanniassa, and improving the quality of the equipment and space.

(4) Would TCCS consider planning and constructing more large scale adventure and destination playgrounds in Tuggeranong, other than in Kambah and Gordon, like those in Taylor, Moncrieff and Throsby.

T DuncanClerk of the Legislative Assembly