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983 **Mr Parton, Mark:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) In relation to the Community Services Directorate Housing Property Purchase invoices listed on notifiable invoices, can the Minister outline, for the last three years, a breakdown of invoice items covered in each invoice (for example \$3,080,000.00 paid to Meyer Vandenberg Lawyers on 27 September 2022 and what this invoice covers).
- (2) Are these invoices related to a transaction or are they for advisory work.
- (3) If the invoices are for transactions, which transactions do they relate to and what was the value of those property transactions.
- (4) What panel is used to determine which law firm take on property purchases.
- (5) Who is on the panel.
- (6) Were multiple quotes obtained before a law firm was chosen.

984 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) When will the final design of the Charnwood public space improvements be released, given it is scheduled to be released late 2022 and as of 30 November, not on the yoursay.act.gov.au website.
- (2) If the final design is not being released this year, when will it be released and what is the cause of the delay.

- (3) What modifications were made to the final design following public comment on the preliminary designs.

- 985 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Chief Minister — Between the financial years 2014-15 and 2021-22 inclusive, can the Minister (a) list all venture capital funds that have received ACT Government funding, including the amount of funding per financial year and the timeframe of all funding agreements, (b) provide all reporting provided by venture capital funds to the ACT Government in relation to funding received, (c) provide dates and times of all meetings between the Treasurer, or the Treasurer's office, and venture capital funds that have received ACT Government funding and (d) for all venture capital funds that have received ACT Government funding, advise the percentage of each firm's Canberra-based investments.
- 986 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Why was resealing of Parkes Way done during the day in November rather than in the night.
- 987 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —
- (1) What is the average cost of developing a new public housing dwelling to the ACT Government as part of the growth and renewal program.
 - (2) What is the breakdown of these costs between (a) redeveloping existing properties and (b) building a new property.
 - (3) Can these costs be further detailed including and excluding the cost of land.
- 988 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —
- (1) In relation to registration of land titles where no consideration was paid, in the financial year 2013-14, for all properties with title established in 2013, can the Minister provide (a) the suburb, block and section number, (b) whether each property is a detached or multi-unit dwelling and (c) whether the title was subsequently transferred within a two year timeframe; if so how many.
 - (2) In relation to registration of land titles where less than \$100,000 consideration was paid, in the financial year 2013-14, for all properties with title established in 2013, can the Minister advise (a) the suburb, block and section number, (b) whether each property is a detached or multi-unit dwelling and (c) whether the title was subsequently transferred within a two year timeframe; if so, how many.
 - (3) Can the Minister advise whether there were any titles registered for properties in Braddon from the 2015-16 financial year onward where the transferee was a company or an entity other than an individual; if so, how many.

989 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) For each year from 2019 to 2022, what was the caesarean section rate for the pregnancy care and birthing options of (a) GP Shared care, (b) Continuity of midwifery care – low, (c) Homebirth, (d) Continuity of midwifery care – all risk, (e) Maternity care team, (f) Fetal Medicine Unit, (g) Specialist care team, (h) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services), and (i) Private maternity services, as listed on the Canberra Health Services website.
- (2) For each year from 2019 to 2022, what was the caesarean section rate for all births at (a) Centenary Hospital for Women and Children, (b) Calvary Public Hospital, (c) Calvary Private Hospital and (d) Calvary John James Hospital.

990 **Mr Parton, Mark:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many journeys were taken on Canberra's public transport system, for each year annually from 2011-2022.
- (2) How many people in Canberra use public transport in a given year, for each year annually, from 2011-2022 (not including boardings or journeys, but the number of unique individuals who used public transport in a given year).
- (3) How many Myway cards were used on public transport in a given year, for each year annually from 2011-2022.
- (4) What is the total population of Canberra, for each year annually, from 2011-2002.

991 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of finding another location for the Parkwood green waste and what progress has been made on a revised development application.
- (2) When does the Government intend to lodge a revised development application.

992 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the project to duplicate William Hovel Drive including (a) what the next stage of the project is and (b) when does the Government intend for that stage to begin.
- (2) Can the Minister provide an update on the changes to the shared path that had concerned residents during the consultation period.

993 **Ms Lawder, Nicole:** To ask the Minister for Arts —

- (1) Was an unsuccessful applicant told by a representative from ArtsACT that they “didn’t have enough runs on the board” to be considered for the Emerging Arts Organisation Investment Funding.
- (2) How can an organisation applying for an emerging organisation grant be told that they don’t have enough runs on the board to be considered for this type of funding.
- (3) Did a representative from ArtsACT tell the unsuccessful applicant that the three emerging arts organisations that received funding already had established funding arrangements with ArtsACT so that made them feel more comfortable funding them with this grant.
- (4) What does this say about integrity of the grants process if a representative from ArtsACT is openly stating that they feel more comfortable funding organisations that ArtsACT already have established funding arrangements with.
- (5) How can emerging arts organisations receive funding from ArtsACT if ArtsACT feel more comfortable providing funding to organisations that they already have established funding relationships with.
- (6) Did a representative from ArtsACT tell an unsuccessful applicant that ArtsACT had no intention of funding any organisation up to \$100,000 per year, the top amount that the funding was advertised at.
- (7) Why would a grant be advertised at a certain amount if ArtsACT has no intention of funding any organisation that amount.

994 **Ms Lawder, Nicole:** To ask the Minister for the Environment —

- (1) What work is being done to prevent the spread of Box Elder in Canberra.
- (2) What areas in particular are suffering from Box Elder.
- (3) What work is being done to protect our waterways from the spread of Box Elder.

995 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Are members compensated for their time on the ACT Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board; if so, broken down by year, (a) how much is each member compensated and (b) what is the total cost since the Board was created.
- (2) Has compensation changed since the Board was created; if so, how has this changed per year.
- (3) Have any members been added or removed from the Board; if so, can the Minister provide a list of members and the reason they were added or removed from the Board.
- (4) Do members of this board receive any other incentives for undertaking this work (eg, travel allowance, development etc?); if so, can the Minister (a) provide a list of extra incentives, (b) provide the total cost of these incentives since the Board’s creation and (c) advise which members have received the extra incentives.
- (5) Were members compensated/paid during the trip to Singapore for their time; if so, what was the total cost.

- (6) What have been the duration of the quarterly meetings and reports since the Board's creation.

996 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Given that in June 2022, Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) informed the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment that the 34 disability non-compliant buses were to be replaced with leased lower-emissions diesel and electric buses and that these buses were due to enter the fleet from July 2022 and since then it has been revealed that the leased buses will not come into service until December 2022 onwards and that in October there were 35 diesel Renault buses in service, what were the causes for the delays to having leased electric and leased lower-emissions diesel buses enter service from July 2022.
- (2) Is TCCS still expecting to have 50 zero-emissions buses in service in the 2022-23 financial year as per the TCCS 2022-23 Budget.
- (3) Is TCCS still expecting to procure 90 zero-emissions buses in this term of government.
- (4) When are all (a) 12 leased zero-emissions buses and (b) 26 leased lower-emissions diesel buses, expected to be in operation.
- (5) From what date will all 35 of the Disability Discrimination Act non-compliant diesel buses be removed from services.

997 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Given that the last update on the City Services website for the Molonglo River bridge crossing project description is that the Government is currently evaluating the responses to a tender process that closed in June 2022, can the Minister provide an update on the progress of this project and how far along the evaluation of the tender responses is.

998 **Ms Lawder, Nicole:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development —

- (1) What action was taken by the Surburban Land Agency as a result of the photos I provided to the Minister for Transport and City Services which showed workers mowing grass clippings directly into Lake Tuggeranong.
- (2) What other areas of Canberra are the Surburban Land Agency responsible for mowing.

999 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Who is the predominant owner of the carparks immediately adjacent (ie, the carparks most customers would use to park at the businesses in the CZ4 zone) to the CZ4 Local Centre Zone's in the Ginninderra and Yerrabi electorates.
- (2) Who is the predominant owner of the carparks immediately adjacent to the shopping centres of (a) Amaroo around Pioneer Street, (b) Charnwood around Charnwood Place, (c) Hawker, (d) Jamison, (e) Kaleen around Georgina Crescent, (f) Kippax Fair and (g) Nicholls along O'Hanlon Place.
- (3) Who is the predominant owner of the carparks along (a) Huddart Circuit, (b) Baillieu Circuit, (c) Kemble Circuit and (d) Winchcombe Circuit Mitchell, in Mitchell.

1000 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Given that Block 12, Section 1, Denman Prospect, acts as a buffer between ecologically rich Bluett's Block and the Denman Prospect Urban Footprint and that there is currently an application on foot to exempt this block from an environmental impact statement, what further technical or other reports have been requested of or prepared or submitted by the proponent for the purposes of the proposal and environmental impact statement exemption request, since the consultation on the environmental impact statement exemption closed.
- (2) When are these reports due.
- (3) When will these reports be publicly available.

1001 **Mr Cain, Peter:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) How many privately purchased residential blocks in the ACT sit idle without development for more than (a) two years, (b) five years and (c) ten years.
- (2) What are the detailed extension of time fees and other costs associated with failure to develop residential land in compliance with the covenants contained in the Crown lease.

1002 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation — For the financial years 2011-12 to 2021-22 inclusive, can the Minister advise the number of transactions with (a) with zero consideration where the transfer was to an entity other than an individual, and the year the title was established, (b) \$1.00 consideration where the transfer was to an entity other than an individual, and the year the title was established and (c) consideration of \$100,000 or less where the transfer was to an entity other than an individual, and the year the title was established.

1003 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Has the Government commissioned any more parking studies in Gungahlin and Yerrabi Pond foreshore since 2013; if so, can the Minister provide (a) a copy of these reports including recommendations, (b) a date these reports were provided to the Minister, (c) a cost of these reports and (d) details on what action the Government have taken following these reports
- (2) How many submissions to the YourSay survey in 2021 for Yerrabi Pond were regarding parking.
- (3) Further to part (2), (a) what is the breakdown of how many submissions were made, (b) what is the breakdown of what facilities were requested and (c) what is the amount of people who requested these facilities (eg, parking – 300).
- (4) What actions have the ACT Government completed regarding parking YourSay requests since the survey closed.
- (5) Has the Minister's office or Transport Canberra and City Services received any more complaints or correspondence about parking in Gungahlin/Yerrabi Pond foreshore since this survey closed; if so, how many.

1004 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) In relation to certificates for electrical safety, how many inspections were completed between 1 November 2021 and 1 November 2022 per month for (a) new photovoltaic systems, (b) battery systems, (c) additions and alterations and (d) new electrical installations.
- (2) How many (a) electrical inspections is Access Canberra falling behind each month, (b) new photovoltaic systems were added to inspection lists each month between 1 November 2021 and 1 November 2022 and (c) new photovoltaic installations still need to be inspected as of 30 November 2022.
- (3) Does the Government aim to complete inspections of new photovoltaic installations within a timeframe; if so, (a) what is the timeframe, (b) what percentage of inspections are completed within this timeframe and (c) has the timeframe been changed; if so, (i) when was the timeframe changed, (ii) what was it before and (iii) what was it changed to.
- (4) How many new photovoltaic installations have been waiting for inspection since completion for more than (a) three, (b) four, (c) five, (d) six, (e) seven, (f) eight, (g) nine months and (h) a year.
- (5) Has the ACT Government committed to inspect 100 percent of new photovoltaic installations; if so, can the Minister provide details.
- (6) Further to question on notice No 704, can the Minister provide (a) an update for quarter one and quarter three and include existing photovoltaic and NexGen battery inspections/failures as well as for the 2021-22 financial year, (b) a breakdown by what the demerit points were received from eg, new photovoltaic installation, battery etc.

1005 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — For each financial year from 2011-12 to 2021-22 (inclusive), for the ACT Ambulance Service (ACTAS) can the Minister provide the (a) sum total of salary expenses for paramedics broken down by employee classification, including (i) base salary, (ii) superannuation and (iii) allowances, (b) number of paramedics that were hired broken down by employee classification, (c) gender of paramedics employed by ACTAS broken down by employee classification and (d) number of paramedics who ceased employment with ACTAS broken down by employee classification, including the reasons for their departures.

1006 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) In relation to registration of land titles where no consideration was paid, in the financial year 2015-16, for all properties with title established in 2015, can the Minister advise (a) the dollar value of conveyance duty levied for each property and (b) whether each property is a detached or multi-unit dwelling.
- (2) In relation to registration of land titles where consideration of \$100,000 or less was paid, in the financial year 2015-16, for all properties with title established in 2015, can the Minister advise (a) the dollar value of conveyance duty levied for each property and (b) whether each property is a detached or multi-unit dwelling.

1007 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Which pregnancy care and birthing options of (a) GP Shared care, (b) Continuity of midwifery care – low, (c) Homebirth, (d) Continuity of midwifery care – all risk, (e) Maternity care team, (f) Fetal Medicine Unit, (g) Specialist care team, (h) Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander (Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services) and (i) Private maternity services, as listed on the Canberra Health Services Website are considered continuity of care models that make up the 38.1 percent of pregnancies in the quote from the Minister during questions without notice on 30 November 2022.
- (2) Which pregnancy care and birthing options listed in part (1) are considered midwifery led continuity of care.
- (3) What percentage of ACT pregnant women are able to access a midwifery led continuity of care model, if the answer for part (1) differs to the answer for (2).
- (4) What was the average wait list for each of the pregnancy care and birthing options listed in part (1), for each month from 2019 to 2022.
- (5) What happens at 36 weeks if a pregnant woman is still on the wait list for a continuity model.
- (6) How many women per month, on average, are still on the wait list for a continuity model at 36 weeks pregnant.

1008 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Skills —

- (1) What was the value of tuition fees and charges collected by the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) for the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.
- (2) What was the value of tuition waivers and fee reductions for CIT tuition fees and charges for the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.

1009 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) In relation to certificates for electrical safety, did the Better Regulation Taskforce (BRT) hear from any electrical company about inspections of new solar; if so, did the BRT make any recommendations to change regulation or pass on any advice the Minister or Chief Minister.
- (2) Has the Minister's office or any other Minister's office requested a briefing or information about inspections of new photovoltaic installations; if so, which office and what information did they request.
- (3) Does the Government intend to change any aspects of new photovoltaic installation (a) regulation, (b) pricing and (c) policy; if so, can the Minister provide relevant details.

1010 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) In relation to registration of land titles where no consideration was paid, can the Minister advise if there are categories that are used to identify the reason for these transactions.
- (2) If there are categories that are used to identify the reason for these transactions, can the Minister advise (a) the names of the individual categories and (b) for the years 2011-2012 to 2021-2022 inclusive, the breakdown by category of each of the registration of land titles where no consideration was paid transactions for each category.

1011 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) Are ACT Property Group staff able to accept gifts from contractors or any other parties, and is there a policy covering gifts to staff.
- (2) Does ACT Property Group maintain a gift register for staff; if so, does the gift register refer to the gift source and the recipient.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a copy of the gift register for the financial years 2018-19 to 2021-22 inclusive.

1012 **Mr Parton, Mark:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Given that the Transport Canberra City to Gungahlin Light Rail Project Delivery Report - June 2019, at Table 14, page 32, outlines availability payments to Canberra Metro, can the Minister provide an updated table.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the actual availability payments for each year, that have been paid to date (from the 2019 financial year) and the future schedule of availability payments, for each year, to be made up to the 2040 financial year.

1013 **Ms Lawder, Nicole:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) What was the total cost of the floating wetlands in Lake Tuggeranong.
- (2) How much has been spent on their maintenance to date.

1014 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) What was the value of ambulance fees and charges collected by ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) for the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.
- (2) What was the value of waivers and fee reductions for ambulance services for ACT ESA fees and charges for the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.

1015 **Ms Clay, Jo:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) How many appointments in the ACT's public dental clinic were held in each of the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.
- (2) How many patients were treated in the ACT's public dental clinic in each of the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.
- (3) What was average cost to government, per appointment, in the ACT's public dental clinic in the financial years of (a) 2021-22, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2019-20, (d) 2018-19 and (e) 2017-18.

1016 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Did the Minister, in response to a letter regarding Crace Hilltop Reserve, state that "City Services is further assessing the damage with the intention of repairing the memorial map. The required repair works on site are expected to commence once suitable options to remediate the issue are identified"; if so, (a) have repairs been completed ; if so, when; if not, why not, (b) has Transport Canberra and City Services identified the cause of the damage; if so, can the Minister provide details and c) what was the total cost of repairing the memorial.

1017 **Ms Lee, Elizabeth:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) In relation to the answer to question No 959, for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2021-22 inclusive, can the Treasurer advise the name of each public private partnership, and the dollar value of funds expended on each.
- (2) For each financial year from 2022-23 to the financial year of the final availability payment, for each public private partnership, what is the dollar value of funds budgeted for each.

1018 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to the Digital Health Record (DHR) rollout, what (a) was the original approved budget, (b) is the estimated cost upon completion, (c) was the original delivery date and (d) is the estimated date of completion.
- (2) How many staff (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent are staying on to maintain the system.
- (3) What is the total cost for the staff referred to in part (2)
- (4) What was the burn rate per day across the DHR project.
- (5) What is the total cost of media and communications for DHR.

1019 **Ms Castley, Leanne:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the breakdown, by each Yerrabi suburb, of how many Fix My Street requests have been lodged in 2022 in the months of (a) September, (b) October and (c) November.
- (2) What is the number of Fix My Street requests that have been completed in 2022 in the months of (a) September, (b) October and (c) November.
- (3) What is the breakdown of the requests referred to in parts (1) and (2) by categories in Fix My Street.

1020 **Ms Lawder, Nicole:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) In relation the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre (LMWQCC), why is the 2012 reported capacity significantly reduced from the 1973 design capacity.
- (2) What is Icon Water doing to improve treatment capacity at LMWQCC.
- (3) What were the actual estimated bypass flows for the past 10 years.
- (4) What were the water quality tests done upstream and downstream of where the effluent is discharged into the Molonglo River and also in the Murrumbidgee River, and of the effluent discharged, before during and after the bypass.
- (5) Does the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) require this monitoring; if not, why not.
- (6) Was the bypass dam empty before both events; if not, why not.
- (7) Does the EPA get daily updates of the bypass dam volumes during wet events; if not, why not.
- (8) If LMWQCC can treat up to 190ml per day, why wasn't the bypass dam of volume 147ml able to be emptied in about two days.

- (9) What is Icon Water doing to reduce stormwater ingress to the sewer network, especially as the sewers react to stormwater ingress almost as quickly as the normal stormwater system.
- (10) What is the population that LMWQCC can treat if the treatment capacity has not increased in 50 years.

1021 **Mrs Kikkert, Elizabeth:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Given that the City Services website states that the construction tender for the replacement of Umbagong foot bridges was to be closed on 18 November 2022, has the tender been awarded; if so, to whom was it awarded and when will construction begin.
- (2) Is demolition still expected to commence in December this year; if not, why has demolition been delayed.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
