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1022 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What is the maximum number of patients that can be seen at the Post Covid Recovery Clinic at one time.
- (2) What are the wait times for the Post Covid Recovery Clinic and are patients triaged on the wait list; if so, what is the average wait time for each category in days.
- (3) Does a general practitioner have to refer a Canberran to the clinic; if so, what criteria do they have to meet to be triaged or placed on the wait list.
- (4) How many referrals has the Post Covid Recovery Clinic received since it began, broken down by month.
- (5) How many patients have been discharged from the Post Covid Recovery Clinic since it was set up, broken down by month.
- (6) How much has been budgeted for the Post Covid Recovery Clinic each financial year to date.
- (7) Are there any forward estimates of costs for the clinics; if so, what are the forward estimates for (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25.
- (8) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of staff who work in the Post Covid Recovery Clinic when the service began eg, nurses, allied health, specialists etc.

- (9) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of staff who work in the Post Covid Recovery Clinic as of 1 February 2023 eg, nurses, allied health, specialists etc.

1023 **Ms CASTLEY:** To ask Ms Stephen-Smith, Rachel — In relation to the death and inquest into the death of Maarouf El-Cheikh at Calvary Hospital on 22 March 2016, in particular the Coroner's finding that the treatment of Mr El-Cheikh was sub-optimal and that matters of public safety arise in respect of the care provided to Mr El-Cheikh, what date were each of the measures itemised in clauses (a) to (j) of paragraph 64 and paragraph 66 of the Coroner's finding implemented.

1024 **Ms CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) What key performance indicators (KPIs) does the directorate use to monitor the performance of the Post Covid Recovery Clinic.
- (2) When was the most recent update the Minister has received about the performance of the clinic against these KPI's and can the Minister provide any relevant documents.
- (3) What treatment is the clinic equipped to provide Canberrans who are suffering from long COVID and can the Minister provide relevant details.
- (4) Does the clinic update its treatment following updated evidence/research; if not, why; if so, could the Minister provide an example.

1025 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Did the Minister, during the election campaign, promise a new station at Acton and was money was set aside in the 2020-21 budget for the build of this station on land on Clunies Ross Street; if so, given that building has not begun, and the recent budget made no mention of the project, can the Minister advise when the people of Canberra can expect to see this fire station being built.
- (2) Where has the money gone for the building of the new station.
- (3) Will the Minister consult with the members of the services and other stakeholders in the build process of the project.

1026 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Did the Minister, during the election, make a number of promises with regard to upgrades of emergency services stations, including the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre and the Majura Unit of the Rural Fire Service in Hackett; if so, given that both were budgeted for, but neither have yet been completed and it appears from recent budget papers that neither have been started, can the Minister explain what has happened to the money that was budgeted for the upgrades of these premises.
- (2) Can the Minister advise when completion of these facilities upgrades is expected.
- (3) Can the members of the various unions and other stakeholders expect to be consulted on both the nature of the upgrades and the timing of them.

1027 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Did the Minister, during the election campaign of 2020, promise the employment of 99 more fire and rescue officers; if so, given that annual reports over this period have shown that the number has only increased by 43 officers and when taking into account the number of fire and rescue officers that have left the service over that time, this represents only a 12 percent increase in the total number of officers, when can the Fire and Rescue Services expect to see an actual increase of 99 officers as promised.
- (2) Can the Minister explain why the increase in the staffing levels in the fire and rescue services has not occurred.
- (3) What will it take for the Minister to start making staffing levels in the emergency services a priority for the Government.

1028 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Did the annual report from 2020-21, state that the Government would undertake the purchase of 51 standard vehicles and nine low-emissions vehicles as part of the Emergency Service Agency's Vehicle Replacement Program; if so, how many of these are ambulances.
- (2) How many ambulances are there in the service.
- (3) How many of these are Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response vehicles?
- (4) How many ambulances were there prior to this promise in (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021 and (e) 2022.
- (5) How many were decommissioned for each year referred to in part (4).

1029 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Disability —

- (1) What is the total budget for occupational therapy (OT) for those living with a disability.
- (2) Does a person living with a disability need to have an OT assessment to get a licence; if so, what is the budget for OT driving assessments for those living with a disability.
- (3) How many OT assessment organisations and personnel are there to meet demand in the ACT.
- (4) Is the Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation Service (DARS) a provider of driving assessments for people with a disability; if so, (a) what is the funding for the DARS, (b) what is the wait time timeline for a response from the DARS and (c) is there regulation about the timeline for an assessment.
- (5) What is the process for tendering to provide services such as OT driver assessments and driver training for those living with a disability.

1030 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Given that the United Firefighters Union recently made the accusation that since 2016 there were more Emergency Services Agency positions being filled than fire and rescue officers and annual reports over those years confirm that there has been an increase of 32 percent of executive positions in that time alone while the United Firefighters Union places the total increase as high as 60 percent, can the Minister advise why he is prioritising the employment of executives and other administrative staff over the employment of frontline staff.
- (2) Why is the operating revenue of the fire services, with regards to staffing, so obscured that it is difficult to see where staff are being deployed.
- (3) What will it take for the Minister to start making staffing levels in the emergency services a priority for the Government.

1031 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Why was the bus route through the Gungahlin Town Centre, specifically Anthony Rolfe Avenue to Harrison Primary school, cancelled on Monday 30 January.
- (2) Why was there no consultation to the parents who would be affected by this change.
- (3) Would the Minister consider reinstating or re-routing the new bus route 1003 to take in the school.

1032 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What was the average bus driver shift duration for (a) part-time and (b) full-time shifts for the Interim 2022 bus network.
- (2) What is the average bus driver shift duration for (a) part-time and (b) full time shifts for the 2023 bus network.

1033 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Has the ACT Government recently considered expanding Stage 1 of Canberra's Light Rail Network to operate using larger seven-car sets.
- (2) What is the expected cost to expand the existing depot and vehicles to accommodate seven-car sets.
- (3) What is the expected cost to expand the stations for Stage 1 to accommodate seven-car sets.
- (4) What would be the expected timeframe to purchase the vehicles, expand the depot and stations to accommodate seven-car light rail vehicles on the Stage 1 Light Rail alignment.

1034 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Has the Depot Feasibility Study (Action 1.2) been completed; if so, (a) what locations were canvassed, (b) what future capacity for bus depots has been identified and (c) what barriers have been identified for full conversion to a zero-emissions bus fleet in current and future depots.
- (2) What were the barriers for delivering a Woden Bus Depot at the end of 2022 as per Action 1.3.
- (3) Is an additional fourth depot, as referenced in Action 1.4, still intended to be completed by 2026.

1035 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Treasurer — What is the total ACT Government expenditure on renting commercial real estate for each of the years of (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2021-22 and (e) 2022-23.

1036 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What outcomes were delivered from the \$350,000 2020-21 Better Infrastructure Fund investment into a feasibility study for future depot requirements.

1037 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What percentage of bus services (a) ran on-time and (b) operated to completion, since 30 January 2023.

1038 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Excluding works to do with the raising of London Circuit and Light Rail Stage 2, what planning and design works are being undertaken on Parkes Way.
- (2) What improvements are being considered by the ACT Government.

1039 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many bus drivers are required to operate the Term 1 2023 bus network.
- (2) How many buses are required to operate the Term 1 2023 bus network.
- (3) What was the current number of buses in the Transport Canberra fleet as at Thursday 9 February 2023.

1040 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Can the Minister provide data on Transport Canberra's bus operator workforce by gender and employment category, broken down by the number of (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) casual drivers, including whether they are male, female or other.

1041 **MR PARTON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to Transport Canberra electric buses, what are all the electrical bus charging infrastructure options currently in place in Tuggeranong.
- (2) How long does it take to fully charge one electric bus with the infrastructure in place today at (a) Tuggeranong and (b) other locations.

- (3) When an electric bus is fully charged, how long (hours and minutes) and how many kilometres has the electric bus been driven before it will be required to be charged again.
- (4) Is fast electric bus charging available today.
- (5) Have electric buses been charged by diesel generators to date; if so, (a) at what location, (b) over what period and (c) why has this been occurring.
- (6) Has Transport Canberra provided advice to the Government that electric buses are being charged by diesel generators.
- (7) Has the Minister asked Transport Canberra “have electric buses been charged by diesel generators”.

1042 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Can the Minister provide details of any management decision to increase the number of ACT Fire and Rescue Peer Support firefighters since 2020.
- (2) For each decision referred to in part (1), can the Minister provide (a) the date of the decision, (b) the number of Fire and Rescue Peer Support firefighter roles before and after the decision, (c) whether recruitment and appointment of firefighters into those roles had occurred and (d) how many ACT Fire and Rescue Peer Support firefighters were in position, as at (i) 1 January 2020 and (ii) 1 May 2022 and (iii) 1 September 2022.
- (3) Did the Commissioner, ACT Emergency Services Agency, state at the public hearing of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 on 1 September 2022 that “They are, first and foremost, an expansion of the peer support program that I mentioned earlier, so increasing the number of peer support officers”; if so, on what basis was that statement made.

1043 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) On what date was an officer appointed to the position of Health and Wellbeing Commander.
- (2) On what date did that officer commence duties as the Health and Wellbeing Commander.
- (3) On what date were ACT Fire and Rescue personnel notified of the appointment of the Health and Wellbeing Commander.
- (4) On what date did the Health and Wellbeing Commander start working very closely with the Health and Wellbeing team within the Emergency Services Agency (ESA).
- (5) Did the Commissioner, ACT Emergency Services Agency, state at the public hearing of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 on 1 September 2022 that “We have also appointed a health and wellbeing commander from Fire and Rescue, who is working very closely with our health and wellbeing team within the ESA”; if so, on what basis was that statement made.

1044 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) What is the current status of implementation of the Fitness Leaders Program.
- (2) How many firefighter-trained fitness leaders are in position.
- (3) When did the first firefighter-trained fitness leader commence in that role.
- (4) How many stations have firefighter-trained fitness leaders.
- (5) How many stations don't have firefighter-trained fitness leaders.
- (6) What proportion of rosters have firefighter-trained fitness leaders/
- (7) How many fitness evaluations or training sessions been undertaken under this program to date.
- (8) Did the Commissioner, ACT Emergency Services Agency, state at the public hearing of the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023 on 1 September 2022 that "we are now rolling out our fitness leaders program, which is seeing a number of firefighter-trained fitness leaders who are on each station during each rostered period"; if so, on what basis was that statement made.

1045 **MS LEE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Can the Minister advise, for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2021-22, the total dollar value of ACT Government urban maintenance by suburb.
- (2) For each year referred to in part (1), can the Minister advise the dollar value by type of maintenance work, for example (a) mowing, (b) footpath maintenance, (c) road maintenance, (d) gardening and plant maintenance such as hedge trimming and weeding, (e) tree maintenance and (f) maintenance in nature reserves.

1046 **MS LEE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Can the Minister provide, for each day of (a) January 2023 and (b) December 2022, the light rail door passenger counter boarding figure.

1047 **MS LEE:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) Can the Minister advise, for each financial year from 2016-17 to 2021-22, the number of speeding fines issued to the registered owner of a vehicle, that were then re-issued to a different individual.
- (2) For each of those fines listed in part (1), can the Minister advise (a) the reason provided for the re-issue, (b) the number that were disputed prior to the re-issue being done and (c) the number that were disputed after the re-issue was done.

1048 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) What was the total budget of the ACT Government's graffiti program in 2022.
- (2) What was the actual amount of money spent on these programs in 2022.
- (3) How many graffiti programs are run, and in what locations.
- (4) How are the mentoring programs conducted, who conducts them, and where do they take place.
- (5) Is there any available data on the outcomes of these programs in terms of remediation of graffiti
- (6) Does this data indicate an increase or decrease in graffiti incidence as a result of the programs.

1049 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Special Minister of State — Can the Minister provide a breakdown, for the 2021-2022 financial year, of payments through the Motor Accident Injuries Scheme, under the Motor Accident Injuries Commission, for (a) premium benefits paid out to customers, (b) premium revenue collected by the ACT Government and (c) premier revenue collected by insurance providers.

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