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1253 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an updated table of how the Canberra Hospital has performed through the monthly benchmarking packages, each month between August 2022 to May 2023 (as answered in question on notice No 82, Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022).
- (2) Have new indicators been added to the monthly benchmarking packages; if so, what are these indicators and can the Minister include them as part of the response to part (1).

1254 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) In relation to the procurement of 94 additional electric buses, what is the anticipated total ACT bus fleet size once all of these buses enter service.
- (2) How many of the total 106 electric buses will be housed at (a) Woden, (b) Belconnen and (c) Tuggeranong.
- (3) Which bus models will be removed from service and replaced by the new electric buses.
- (4) What are the estimated annual running costs for a new electric bus.

1255 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Arts — Can the Minister provide a table showing the (a) total arts budget, (b) actual arts spend and (c) percentage of this spend that went directly to artists in the ACT, for the financial years of (i) 2021-22, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2019-20, (iv) 2018-19 and (v) 2017-18.

1256 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — What is the average distance, in kilometres, of Canberra's bus routes.

1257 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Are there ACT Government-owned carparks which have been leased out to private companies (such as Wilson Parking) or authorised in some other way, to collect parking fees; if so, can the Minister identify (a) address/location, (b) who is operating them and (c) the period of the arrangement (start and finish).
- (2) What arrangements are in place for these car parks, for example does the private operator pay a set fee to the ACT Government and how is it calculated.

1258 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — Can the Minister provide the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract, for all current and completed contracts for consultancy services for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive.

1259 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) For outpatient waiting times in (a) the Division of Surgery (b) the Division of Medicine and (c) Women, Youth and Children, and for each specialty/subspecialty in these divisions, can the Minister provide how many category one patients have been waiting between 30 and 90 days for (a) 90 days or more, (b) one year or more, (c) two years or more, (d) three years or more and (e) three plus years.
- (2) For outpatient waiting times in (a) the Division of Surgery (b) the Division of Medicine and (c) Women, Youth and Children, and for each specialty/subspecialty in these divisions, can the Minister provide how many category two patients have been waiting between 90 and 365 days for (a) one year or more, (b) two years or more, (c) three years or more, (d) four years or more and (e) five plus years.
- (3) For outpatient waiting times in (a) the Division of Surgery (b) the Division of Medicine and (c) Women, Youth and Children, and for each specialty/subspecialty in these divisions, can the Minister provide how many category three patients have been waiting between 365 and 730 days for (a) two years or more, (b) three years or more, (c) four years or more, (d) five years or more, (e) six years or more and (f) seven plus years.

1260 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) Can the Chief Minister explain (a) why there has been "dirty water" in houses in Amaroo and (b) how many times "dirty water" has been reported in suburbs in the Yerrabi electorate since 2016, including relevant details.
- (2) Can the Chief Minister provide a list of complaints from Amaroo about water quality over the past three months, by month.
- (3) Can the Chief Minister provide a list of complaints from suburbs in the Yerrabi electorate since 2016, by year.
- (4) Has the Chief Minister or Icon water considered offering a discount on water bills due to dirty water; if so, (a) has a discount been implemented and what was the value, (b) how many residents received the discount and (c) how did residents have to go about applying or receiving the discount; if not, why has this not been considered or implemented.

1261 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide the total number of Preliminary Assessments (PAs), (a) commenced between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, (b) completed between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, (c) commenced and completed relating to bullying and harassment between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023 and (d) including a full list of other PAs commenced and completed and what they related to.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the total number of Misconduct Investigations (MI), (a) commenced in between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, (b) completed in between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, (c) commenced and completed relating to bullying and harassment in between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, (d) including a full list of other MIs commenced and completed and what they related to, (e) including the number of MIs following a preliminary assessment and (f) including the number of MIs completed with a substantiated finding of misconduct.
- (3) For each case referred to in part (2)(f), can the Minister provide the reason the investigation was conducted, for example, bullying and/or harassment.

1262 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women —

- (1) Noting the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report, has the ACT Government commenced its review investigating existing service responses available to victim survivors, identifying what interventions can be made to provide greater efficiencies in the specialist response system and where further investment and changes need to occur to address victim survivors' needs; if so, what date did it commence; if not, why the delay and when is it expected to commence.
- (2) When will the review be publicly available.

- 1263 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer — Has Treasury completed any estimates on the expected taxation revenue from the general practitioner payroll tax following the NSW supreme court decision; if so, can the Treasurer provide the estimate.
- 1264 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women —
- (1) Noting the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report, has the review of specialist service responses been undertaken to identify the current capacity to support and train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers; if not, why the delay and when will it be undertaken.
 - (2) Has the ACT Government established a service to provide mentoring and training to the current and next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers currently employed or hoping to be employed in the specialist response service sector.
 - (3) Can the Minister provide an update of where this work is up to and when it is expected to be completed.
- 1265 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women — In relation to the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report, can the Minister provide an update on the ACT Government's progress on commissioning a Sexual Violence Data Collection Framework and the embed requirement for compliance with this framework in service funding agreements.
- 1266 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management — How will the passing of the Planning Bill 2022 affect development applications that have been
- (a) submitted under the *Planning and Development Act 2007* but await approval,
 - (b) rejected under the *Planning and Development Act 2007* then resubmitted and
 - (c) approved under the *Planning and Development Act 2007* but have had subsequent variations.
- 1267 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update of the investigation into firewood delivery to a home in Kambah, undertaken by a Transport Canberra and City Services vehicle.
 - (2) Has this investigation been completed; if so, what was the outcome of this investigation; if not, why is it taking so long to complete.
- 1268 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — Can the Minister provide a breakdown of staff incidents, between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, by category and division.

1269 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many complaints have the ACT Government received, in this calendar year, from residents regarding the smell from the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre.
- (2) What action is undertaken when a complaint is received.
- (3) How many times was the smell from the existing tip area mentioned during consultation/engagement for the new Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) and Materials Recovery Facility builds.
- (4) What percentage of people attending the pop-up sessions mentioned the smell, including either current or potential future smell.
- (5) Are there plans for preventative measures to be installed at the existing tip or green waste area to address this ongoing issue.
- (6) What measures will be in place to ensure odour mitigation from a FOGO facility.

1270 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What is the anticipated full project cost of Stage 2 of the Belconnen Bikeway, including design and construction costs.
- (2) What is the value of the (a) Commonwealth and (b) ACT Government, contribution to this project.
- (3) When will Stage 2 of the Belconnen Bikeway be completed.

1271 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Chief Minister — Can the Chief Minister provide the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract, for all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive.

1272 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Climate Action —

- (1) In relation to the Sustainable Household Scheme, how many loans have been approved for (a) rooftop solar panels, (b) household battery storage systems, (c) electric heating and cooling systems, (d) hot water heat pumps, (e) electric stove tops, (f) electric cars, (g) electric motorcycles, (h) electric vehicle charging infrastructure and (i) ceiling insulation.
- (2) How many loan applications have been received for (a) rooftop solar panels, (b) household battery storage systems, (c) electric heating and cooling systems, (d) hot water heat pumps, (e) electric stove tops, (f) electric cars, (g) electric motorcycles, (h) electric vehicle charging infrastructure and (i) ceiling insulation.

1273 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) If the planned new food organics and garden organics facility in Hume is operating under negative pressure and strong odours/gases are produced in the composting process, will venting to external air be required.
- (2) What percentage of odours is expected to be removed by scrubbers.
- (3) Will odours escape when the doors open for trucks to enter/exit.
- (4) Will there be a chimney to allow the odours to dissipate, i.e., will odours be released over the Tuggeranong valley; if so, (a) how high will the chimney be and (b) will it be high enough to release odours above the inversion layer.
- (5) Will computers determine when environmental conditions are not suitable for gas release; if so, how will this work.
- (6) How long can the facility operate without venting to external air.

1274 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women —

- (1) In relation to the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report, what work has been done to identify a best practice Multi-Disciplinary Centre (MDC) for specialist sexual violence response services.
- (2) What stakeholders have been consulted regarding identifying a best practice MDC in the ACT.
- (3) What is the timeframe for the establishment of a MDC in the ACT.
- (4) Have independent sexual violence advisers been engaged to help identify a best practice MDC; if so, how many; if not, why the delay.

1275 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many electric buses are based at the Tuggeranong Depot.
- (2) How many electric charging stations are there at the Tuggeranong Depot.
- (3) Are the charging stations powered by renewable energy; if so, what type specifically.
- (4) Can no more than two electric buses be charged at the charging stations at any one time due to “tripping” the electrical circuit for the depot.
- (5) How many buses in total are based at the Tuggeranong Depot and what is the breakdown by petrol/diesel/electric/other.
- (6) What are the upgrade plans, i.e., how many stations for electric bus charging and what is the timeframe.

1276 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management — Can the Minister provide the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract, for all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive.

1277 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Are there plantings of radiata pine at Gigerline reserve; if so, what is planned for these pines, for example, are they to be commercially harvested.
- (2) Are there plans for other facilities at Gigerline, for example, mountain bike riding, trial bike riding, other; if so, (a) can the Minister provide details of what works are planned, timelines etc and (b) will roads in the area be upgraded to cope with traffic.

1278 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Chief Minister — Can the Chief Minister provide the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract, for all current and completed contracts for consultancy services for the City Renewal Authority, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive.

1279 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women —

- (1) In relation to the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report, what research has been done to consider measures to improve victim survivors' experiences of the criminal justice process and ensure they are acknowledged and recognised throughout the process.
- (2) Can the Minister describe any measures that have been introduced since the release of the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report.
- (3) If no new measures have been introduced specifically to improve victim survivors' experiences of the criminal justice process and ensure they are acknowledged and recognised throughout the process, why have no new measures been introduced.

1280 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What form of odour monitoring is in place at the Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre (MLRMC), given that at a Tuggeranong Community Council meeting on Tuesday 6 June 2023, a Transport Canberra and City Services representative advised the attendees that there was odour monitoring at the MLRMC.
- (2) How long has the odour monitoring been there and how much did it cost.
- (3) Does the odour monitoring work 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- (4) How many pieces of equipment/places have odour monitoring, and where specifically are they located.
- (5) Are the results publicly available; if so, where; if not, can the Minister provide the results in a spreadsheet format for the time from installation until today's date.

1281 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister outline all (a) occupational violence training and (b) workplace bullying, and harassment training that has been (i) optional and (ii) mandatory, between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023.
- (2) Can the Minister provide information on when the training, referred to in part (1), was (a) commenced and (b) the deadline.
- (3) For the period 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023, can the Minister (a) provide a breakdown, by division, on how many staff have completed the (a) optional and (b) mandatory training referred to in part (1), (b) outline the percentage of the unit that has completed this training by division and (c) provide the total percentage of all Canberra Health Services (CHS) employees who have completed and not completed the training.
- (4) Can the Minister list all other mandatory training courses that CHS provided between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023.
- (5) For each of the mandatory training courses referred to in part (4), can the Minister provide the percentage of CHS staff that (a) have completed the training and (b) have not completed the training.
- (6) Can the Minister provide, for the mandatory training courses referred to in part (4), the percentage of CHS staff that (a) have completed the training, by division and (b) have not completed the training, by division.

1282 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Attorney-General — Can the Attorney-General provide the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract, for all current and completed contracts for consultancy services, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive.

1283 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) In relation to the \$38.6 million of doubtful debts for the 2021-22 financial year (p 125 of the 2022-23 Budget Review), can the Treasurer advise which ACT Government entity, policy, program or project these debts relate to and the amount attributed to each.
- (2) In relation to the projected doubtful debts for the financial years 2022-23 to 2025-26 inclusive (p 125 of the 2022-23 Budget Review), can the Treasurer advise which ACT Government entity, policy, program or project these debts relate to and the amount attributed to each.

1284 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether all 68 initiatives from the *Fostering Organisational Culture Improvement Strategy 2020-2022* have been complete, including dates that the initiatives were marked as complete.
- (2) What initiatives are still considered as “business as usual” and how has Canberra Health Services ensured that these initiatives are incorporated into business as usual.

1285 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development — Can the Minister provide the (a) name of the supplier and the contract name for each contract and (b) original and current amount for each contract, for all current and completed contracts for consultancy services for the Suburban Land Agency, for each financial year from 2018-2019 to 2022-23 inclusive.

1286 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Women —

- (1) In relation to the *Listen. Take Action to Prevent, Believe and Heal* report, what consultation has the ACT Government conducted with ACT courts and tribunals regarding the introduction of a specialist court program for victim survivors of sexual violence.
- (2) Will the Minister release the findings from this consultation publicly and other relevant information about this proposal.
- (3) Will the ACT Government be introducing a specialist court program for matters relating to sexual violence; if so, when will this occur.

1287 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Does the ACT Government have any plans to duplicate Isabella Drive; if not, when was this decision made and by whom.
- (2) Have trees recently been planted in the road reserve; if so, how many and what type of trees have been planted.
- (3) What will happen to the newly planted trees if the road is to be duplicated in the future.

1288 **MR BRADDOCK:** To ask the Minister for the Environment —

- (1) How does the ACT Government minimise the impacts of light pollution on wildlife.
- (2) Does the ACT Government follow the *National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife*; if so, how; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the ACT Government measured the impacts of light pollution on native wildlife who make up our city; if so, what were the results.
- (4) Are there any examples of ecologically sensitive public space lighting in the ACT; if so, where are they.

1289 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide the workers compensation premium charge between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the budgeted figure between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023.
- (3) Can the Minister provide the number of “alleged bullying and harassment” incidents, by month, between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023.
- (4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the alleged bullying and harassment incidents by (a) division and (b) unit, between 1 July 2022 and 1 June 2023.

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