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1387 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Has the ACT Government installed any bike repair stations; if so, how many bike repair stations are there and where are they located.
- (2) How has the availability of bike repair stations been communicated to Canberrans.
- (3) Are there other bike repair stations available to Canberrans which were not installed by the ACT Government; if so, how many and where are they located.

1388 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) What training arrangements are provided to staff across directorates and agencies of the ACT Government on procurement activity.
- (2) Is this training provided on an on-going basis.
- (3) What are the focus areas of this staff training and support, for example, whether it emphasises accountability, value for money, transparency and outcomes.
- (4) Is the training provided uniform across the ACT Public Sector, or is the curriculum and set of teachings agency-specific

- (5) Are there any agencies/offices that are not provided with procurement training.
- (6) Can the Minister advise, how frequently, if at all, the Special Minister of State meets with the chair or delegates of the Government Procurement Board.
- (7) What are the agenda items of the meetings referred to in part (6).
- (8) Does the Special Minister of State attend Government Procurement Board meetings.
- (9) Can the Minister advise how frequently , if at all, heads of agencies or directorates meet with the chair or delegates of the Government Procurement Board.

1389 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation —

- (1) Has the Government investigated reports in the past 12 months of domestic solid fuel/wood heaters being used in Dunlop/elsewhere where they are supposed to be banned.
- (2) Has the Government received development or building approval requests for domestic solid fuel/wood heaters in Dunlop/elsewhere where they are banned, in the past five years; if so, how many have been (a) received and (b) granted.
- (3) Is a development application or building approval required to install domestic solid fuel/wood heaters.
- (4) Would an approval be granted for domestic solid fuel/wood heaters in a suburb where they are supposedly banned; if so, why.
- (5) Have any illegal or unapproved domestic solid fuel/wood heaters been identified in Dunlop/elsewhere in the past 12 months; if so, how many.
- (6) How were homes with a domestic solid fuel/wood heaters, referred to in part (5), identified, eg, was the information provided by members of the public, or does the ACT Government do routine checks to identify the existence of domestic solid fuel/wood heaters in areas where they are banned.
- (7) What was the result of identifying illegal domestic solid fuel/wood heaters, eg, were there fines issued or domestic solid fuel/wood heaters removed.
- (8) What is the process if a home owner refuses to remove a domestic solid fuel/wood heater in Dunlop/elsewhere where they are supposedly banned.
- (9) How long does a home owner have, after being notified that their domestic solid fuel/wood heater is illegal, to comply with an instruction to remove it.

1390 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) Has Fadden Pond been restocked with native fish, as was promised when it was emptied and cleaned; if so, on what date were the fish/fingerlings released into Fadden Pond.
- (2) How many fish/fingerlings and what species were released.
- (3) If Fadden Pond has not been restocked with native fish as promised, why not.

1391 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What consideration has been given to weekly green bin collections during the warmer months.
- (2) Will the green waste start to smell when left for two weeks.

1392 **DR PATERSON:** To ask the Attorney-General — For each of the crimes of (a) culpable driving of a motor vehicle, (b) culpable driving of a motor vehicle, aggravated offence, (c) furious, reckless or dangerous driving, (d) furious, reckless or dangerous driving for any other aggravated offence, (e) furious, reckless or dangerous driving for an aggravated offence by a repeat offender in which a circumstance mentioned in section 7A(1)(a)(i) exists, (f) furious, reckless or dangerous driving for an aggravated offence by a first offender in which a circumstance mentioned in section 7A(1)(a)(i) exists and (g) taking etc motor vehicle without consent, that all have their own maximum penalty, can the Attorney-General provide for the years (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19, (iv) 2019-20, (v) 2020-21, (vi) 2021-22 and (vii) 2022-23, the (A) average and median sentence duration in days, (B) average and median sentences measured in fines, excluding levies, (C) average and median imprisonment, (D) average and median intensive correction order, (E) average and median suspended sentence and (F) average and median good behaviour order.

1393 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) What is the land at Block 1 Section 228 , Finlay Place, Gowrie currently zoned as.
- (2) Has the zoning of this land recently changed; if so, why.
- (3) What is the lease purpose of this block.
- (4) Has the ACT Government recently sold this land; if so, who to and for how much.
- (5) Was a community group left believing, for a long period of time, they were negotiating for use of the land for a community garden only to be told it had been recently sold.
- (6) Have the proponents of the community garden been offered another block.

1394 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — Did the ACT Government, in 2022, release designs which included constructing a cycle way underpass to replace the on-road crossing near the large Sulwood/Athllon Drive roundabout; if so, what (a) progress has occurred and (b) is the projected completion date.

1395 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of RZ1 blocks eligible for dual occupancy by the size brackets of (a) between 800m² and 1,000m², (b) between 1,000m² and 1,200m², (c) between 1,200m² and 1,400m² and (d) over 1,400m².
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of RZ1 blocks eligible for dual occupancy by suburb, including all Canberra suburbs, and by district.

- (3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the locations of RZ1 blocks eligible for dual occupancy by street address in each suburb, including all Canberra suburbs.

1396 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) In relation to the ACT commitment to the water recovery target in the Murray Darling Basin Plan (MDBP), has the ACT Government received any payment from the Federal Government for returning water.
- (2) Was the ACT supposed to return 4.9 gigalitres as part of the MDBP?
- (3) How much water has the ACT returned to date, not including the NSW water licenses transferred to the Commonwealth, which the Federal Government have deemed ineligible.
- (4) Has the ACT Government been refunded the cost of buying the NSW water licenses; if so, how much has been refunded.
- (5) How is the ACT Government going to now contribute to the water recovery target, and will it be through Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD).
- (6) What data does the Minister have that WSUD saves water, or does it simply change the source of the water.

1397 **DR PATERSON:** To ask the Attorney-General —

- (1) In relation to sexual offence trials in the Supreme Court of the ACT, of the guilty verdicts, what were the sentences given in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23.
- (2) In relation to sex offence matters found guilty in the Magistrates Court, what were the penalties for these matters for the years of (a) 2018-19, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23.
- (3) In relation to sex offence matters found guilty in the Supreme Court, what were the sentences for these matters for the years of (a) 2018-19, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23.
- (4) In relation to sex offence matters found guilty in the Children's Court, what were the penalties for these matters for the years of (a) 2018-19, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23.
- (5) How long did an average sexual offence matter take from start to finish in the (a) Magistrates Court and (b) Supreme Court, for the years of (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23.

1398 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What date did the public toilets at Pine Island close.
- (2) Why are the public toilets closed.
- (3) When are the public toilets expected to reopen.

1399 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) Are spit hoods employed as a measure of restraint by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) or ACT Policing in the Territory.
- (2) Can the Minister advise of all previous instances of the use of spit hoods in (a) 2023, (b) 2022, (c) 2021, (d) 2020, (e) 2019 and (f) 2018.
- (3) Can the Minister advise, if applicable, the terms of the internal prohibition by the AFP and ACT Policing against spit hoods.
- (4) Can the Minister advise all relevant measures undertaken by the AFP and ACT Policing to protect the health of officers and frontline workers from transmissible diseases.

1400 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) For the (a) Canberra Hospital and (b) North Canberra Hospital, can the Minister provide a breakdown of how many (i) full-time midwives have separated each year since 2016 and (ii) midwives have been recruited (employed on a full-time basis with Canberra Health Services (CHS)).
- (2) For the (a) Canberra Hospital and (b) North Canberra Hospital, can the Minister provide a breakdown for each midwife classification in the ACT Public Sector Nursing and Midwifery Enterprise Agreement (for example, Registered Midwife Level 1, Registered Midwife Level 2, Registered Midwife Level 3), how many (i) full-time staff have separated in the past 12 months and (ii) have been employed on a full-time basis with CHS for each classification as described.
- (3) How many exit interviews have been conducted for midwives who have separated with CHS for each month for the past 12 months.
- (4) Has there been any correspondence from relevant midwifery unions and colleges, in the past four years, regarding midwives working outside of their enterprise agreement or extra unpaid shifts; if so, (a) when did CHS receive the correspondence, (b) when did CHS respond to the correspondence and (c) were issues highlighted by these groups investigated; if so, what were the results of those investigations.
- (5) Has CHS received any complaints from midwives that they are required to work (a) outside their enterprise agreement and (b) unpaid overtime.

1401 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) What is the Government's plan to repair and maintain ACT fire trails and rural roads in Namadgi National Park which have been damaged or obstructed by bushfires and storms in recent years.
- (2) How much has the ACT Government spent on repair and maintenance works for ACT fire trails and rural roads in Namadgi National Park in (a) 2022-23, (b) 2021-22, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2019-20 and (e) 2018-19.
- (3) By what standards or guidelines must these fire trails and rural roads be constructed, repaired and maintained.
- (4) How does the Government prioritise the health of nature reserves and national parks in its approach to fire trails and rural roads, including in regard to sediment runoff.

1402 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) What are the current areas (in square metres) of all existing residential zoned blocks of land, by district, broken down by (a) RZ1, (b) RZ2, (c) RZ3, (d) RZ4 and (e) RZ5 (in the form of both a table with totals and percentages, and on a series of district maps showing the current Territory Plan zones).
- (2) What is the current number of blocks within each of the districts, referred to in part (1), broken down by (a) RZ1, (b) RZ2, (c) RZ3, (d) RZ4 and (e) RZ5 (both in the form of a separate table with totals and percentages, and on a series of district maps).
- (3) What are the currently planned areas (as per the Indicative Land Release Program 2023-24 to 2027-28) for the number of new blocks in greenfield and infill, by the districts, referred to in part (1), broken down by the currently applicable zones of (a) RZ1, (b) RZ2, (c) RZ3, (d) RZ4 and (e) RZ5 (in the form of a third table and a third series of district maps).
- (4) What is the current 2023-24 annual rates by district, broken down by (a) RZ1, (b) RZ2, (c) RZ3, (d) RZ4 and (e) RZ5 (in the form of a fourth table and a fourth series of district maps).

1403 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services — How many benches and picnic tables are there, categorised by suburbs across the ACT, according to the most up to date record.

1404 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) How many of the 2,059 staff at North Canberra Hospital referred to in *The Canberra Times* article of 27 August 2023 were (a) visiting medical officers, (b) locums, (c) contractors and (d) other.
- (2) How many staff transitioned to Canberra Health Services, excluding the staff members outlined in part (1).
- (3) How many staff, that have left North Canberra Hospital since 3 July, were part of the number outlined in part (2).
- (4) Can the Minister provide the (a) head count and (b) full-time equivalent for all staff, by classification, listed in each enterprise agreement (for example, administrative and related classifications, health professionals, infrastructure services etc) at (i) North Canberra Hospital and (ii) Canberra Hospital, for the first week in (A) August 2023 and (B) in August 2022.

1405 **MS CASTLEY:** 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 (a) June 2023, (b) July 2023 and (c) August 2023.
- (2) What is the number of Fix My Street requests that have been completed in (a) June 2023, (b) July 2023 and (c) August 2023.
- (3) What is the breakdown of the requests, referred to in parts (1) and (2), by categories in Fix My Street.
- (4) What is the average time for Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) to complete a request for each category referred to in part (3), and is the Minister able to provide an average time for each Yerrabi suburb.

- (5) Can the Minister provide the average time for TCCS to complete a request, for each category, in each year since 2012.
- (6) How many (a) requests were lodged on Fix My Street and (b) completed, by category, in the suburbs of Yerrabi for 2022-23.

1406 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) How many (a) Park Ranger 1, (b) Park Ranger 2 and (c) Park Ranger 3 positions are dedicated to (i) Canberra Nature Park North reserves, (ii) Canberra Nature Park South reserves, (iii) Off-set Areas North, (iv) Off-set Areas South and (v) Mulligans Flat/Goorooyarroo.
- (2) How does this distribution of human resources translate into *ranger per hectare*.
- (3) What is the status of advice given to the Parks and Conversation Service (P&CS) by Resilient Landscapes (Biosecurity), the Office of Nature Conservation and the Office of Conservator.
- (4) Is P&CS obliged, adequately funded and organised to follow the advice referred to in part (3).

1407 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction —

- (1) On what dates has the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate tested the water quality in Yerrabi Pond since 30 July 2021.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a copy of all test results and analysis since 30 July 2021.
- (3) Can the Minister provide the same figures for (a) Lake Ginninderra and (b) Lake Tuggeranong.

1408 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Was there public infrastructure such as play equipment, barbeques and picnic benches, at any point, at Global Positioning System coordinate 35°12'47.3"S 149°00'52.8"E; if so, (a) what was there, (b) why was it removed and (c) where is it now.
- (2) Were the retaining walls that are still at the location referred to in part (1), part of a larger public space at one point; if so, what was that public space.

1409 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) Did the Government reach out to any practices or general practitioners for consultation prior to making the decision to reinterpret payroll tax legislation to include general practitioner earnings; if so, can the Treasurer list the practices and general practitioners that were reached out to; if not, why not.
- (2) What practitioners or practices made submissions to the Government against the reinterpretation.

1410 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for the Environment — Does the Government perform any routine cleaning to remove pollutants from Ginninderra Creek; if so, how often do these cleanings occur and when was the last one; if not, why not.

1411 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) When will the update to the Zero-Emission Transition Plan for Transport Canberra begin.
- (2) When is the Plan expected to be completed.
- (3) Will the updated Plan be published.
- (4) Is the update being done in house or contracted.

1412 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) What education courses, ie, ones introduced since Foresite Training withdrew their services from the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC), are currently on offer at the AMC.
- (2) On what date did the courses begin accepting enrolments and running classes.
- (3) How many detainees have enrolled into each course, and of those detainees, how many completed the course and were given a recognised certification.

1413 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Have feasibility studies for suitable locations for a new fourth bus depot on the northside been completed; if so, (a) what were the findings of these studies and (b) when were studies initiated and completed.
- (2) What other planning work for a fourth northside bus depot has occurred outside of these depots being mentioned in the Zero-Emission Transition Plan for Transport Canberra.
- (3) Is this planning work being done in house at Transport Canberra, with other ACT Government directorates or is it contracted.

1414 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What formal discussions has the Government instigated to expand the cat containment policy in suburbs that do not currently have cat containment rules.
- (2) Can the Minister give a summary of the outcomes from those discussions referred to in part (1).
- (3) What suburbs, that currently do not have cat containment rules, are being considered for the expansion of the cat containment policy.

1415 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs —

- (1) Does the ACT Government or representatives of the Government ever request that online platforms such as Google remove bad reviews about public schools; if so, how many times has the ACT Government or a representative of the Government ever requested this and (a) how many of these requests resulted in the review being taken down, (b) how many of these requests were unsuccessful in having the review be taken down and
- (2) Further to part (1), for which schools has the Government requested the reviews be taken down.
- (3) For each school referred to in part (2), how many (a) reviews were requested to be taken down and (b) were successfully taken down.

1416 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) Has the ACT Government reached out to (a) the NSW Government to discuss in any way, a shifting of the border area between the ACT and Sutton and (b) land owners between the ACT border and Sutton to discuss purchasing their land; if so, what has been the results of these discussions to date.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any NSW Government efforts to contact land owners between the ACT border and Sutton for the purposes of obtaining the land and changing the border; if so, can the Minister detail those efforts.

1417 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) What were the classes of flights (ie, business, economy) taken by ministerial staff during the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- (2) What was the total cost of the flights broken down by class.
- (3) What was the total cost of the flights broken down by ministers' office.
- (4) Who is responsible for deciding which class of ticket a ministerial staff member flies on.

1418 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) Does, or will the ACT Government, or is the Government considering, doing anything to redress the harm that happens to the life and livelihood of an innocent person as a result of being in remand
- (2) Are there currently any support schemes in place to assist innocent people get back on track after being released from prison.
- (3) Can the Minister explain why a remandee, who has been found guilty, receives a benefit from the time they have spent on remand, in the form of their time spent in remand being taken into account during their sentencing, while a remandee who is ultimately found not guilty has no such benefit.
- (4) Is this an equitable outcome.