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1419 **MR MILLIGAN:** To ask the Minister for Planning and Land Management —

- (1) What are the current legal requirements concerning internal driveways and is there a requirement of drainage so water will not flood another property.
- (2) Will internal driveways be a feature of the yet to be released design guides and technical specifications.

1420 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — For (a) Nursing and Midwifery, (b) Health professionals and (c) Medical Practitioners Enterprise Agreements, for Canberra Health Services (CHS) employees, can the Minister provide ,for each classification, how many graduates (i) applied to CHS, (ii) were offered a position by CHS and (iii) accepted a position with CHS ,for each year since 2013.

1421 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Is Contract 2018.29306.310 still in effect; if so, when will updated contract variations 19 and 20 be uploaded to the contract register.
- (2) Is there a current construction contract for the construction of the Woden Bus Depot.
- (3) When is the Woden Bus Depot expected to be completed.

1422 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the numbers of (a) group and (b) individual, Attraction and Retention Incentives (ARIn) for (i) medical practitioners, (ii) nursing and midwifery and (iii) health professionals.
- (2) In relation to part (1), can the Minister outline what benefits are included for staff in the ARIn.
- (3) Will ARIn have to be renegotiated when the new enterprise bargaining agreement (EBA) commences.
- (4) Does the new EBA outline any explicit ARIn; if so, what is currently being considered.

1423 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health — In relation to the (a) nursing and midwifery, (b) health professionals and (c) medical practitioners enterprise agreements for Canberra Health Services' employees, can the Minister provide for each classification the (i) recruitment rate, (ii) separation rate and (iii) full-time equivalent and headcount.

1424 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) How many agency nurses are currently working across both Canberra Hospital and North Canberra Hospital.
- (2) How many of the agency nurses, referred to in part (1), live outside of Canberra.
- (3) For those agency nurses who have travelled to Canberra for work from other states or territories, (a) how much money do they receive, per day, from living away from home allowances for (i) food, (ii) accommodation and (iii) travel to and from hospital for their shifts and (b) what is the hourly rate of pay.

1425 **MRS KICKERT:** To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) What contingencies are in place to evacuate residents in the case of an emergency such as a bushfire, given there is only one paved road, Pro Hart Avenue, in and out of the Strathnairn area (ie, Strathnairn, Macnamara, Ginninderra Estate).
- (2) When will an alternative paved road will be constructed that allows for a second point of exit for vehicles in the suburb to the rest of Canberra.
- (3) Is there an emergency management plan for the Strathnairn area; if so, can the Minister provide a copy as part of the answer to this question.
- (4) Have residents in the suburb of Strathnairn and nearby suburbs been informed of the emergency management plan; if not, how can residents educate themselves on the emergency management plan.
- (5) Is there an evacuation plan for the Strathnairn area; if so, what is that plan.

1426 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) Can the Minister provide the total amount spent on the Human Resource Information Management System (HRIMS) project separated by (a) payments to suppliers (consultants, stewards, contractors, labour-hire) and (b) in-house costs across the public service, noting (i) that the Minister, on 31 August 2023, took a question on notice regarding the HRIMS project and its true amount, (ii) the Minister's response to question on notice No 1146, in which the Minister stated that total payments made to suppliers for the HRIMS project, as of 31 March 2023 was \$44,539,773 and (iii) in response to question taken on notice No 179, the Minister stated the total payments made to suppliers is actually \$71,660,270, as the sum of the contracts suggest.
- (2) Can the Minister provide the deliverables and further information for the contract(s) totalling \$21,538,115 with the supplier Comensura Pty Limited.

1427 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Chief Minister —

- (1) Has the ACT Government been involved in the Australian Government's Infrastructure pipeline review.
- (2) What has been the nature of ACT Government involvement in this review.
- (3) Which ACT infrastructure projects have been considered as part of this review.
- (4) When will the ACT make decisions as to the outcomes of this review.

1428 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update for all "Key Project Milestones", Key Milestones Report - Digital Health Record Business Intelligence and Data Project " found on page 132 of ACTHDFOI23-24.03 (for example, core data structures for regulatory submissions completed etc).
- (2) What is the status of the projects.
- (3) If complete, when were the milestones completed.
- (4) What is the risk status if the project is still in progress.

1429 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of scholarship programs offered to Canberra Health Services (CHS) workers, including details on how workers are able to apply to each program and what each program enables workers to study etc.
- (2) What is the funding for each program referred to in part (1).
- (3) Is funding capped or per person, and can the Minister provide details for each program.
- (4) For each program referred to in part (1), when are CHS employees able to apply for programs (yearly, half yearly, all year etc).
- (5) For each program referred in in part (1), how many places are available for CHS employees to apply for each application period, since 2020, referred to in part (4).
- (6) How many CHS workers applied to the programs for each application period, since 2020, referred to in part (4).

- (7) How many students were accepted for each application period, since 2020, referred to in part (4).

1430 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) In relation to each unit in (a) the Division of Surgery, (b) the Division of Medicine, (c) Women, Youth and Children and (d) Cancer and Ambulatory Support, can the Minister outline the current full-time equivalent and headcount of staff on leave, and can the Minister provide a breakdown of classification as defined in the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement of (i) health professionals, (ii) medical practitioners and (iii) nursing and midwifery, for each month since July 2022.
- (2) How does Canberra Health Services (CHS) define (a) planned and (b) unplanned leave, and what types of leave are included.
- (3) Can the Minister provide a further breakdown of the staff identified in part (1) with the number of staff on (a) planned and (b) unplanned leave, as defined in part (2), for each month since July 2022.

1431 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) What was the split between gifted paths from developers and paths built by the directorate, given that the 2021-2022 Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) annual report stated that TCCS had a target of a 35km increase in community paths, and the actual result was a 43km increase, with the report also stating that the 65km figure is reached by both the creation of new paths by the directorate and by the gifting of paths created by land developers.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a table of the 43kms of community path that were built, split between which paths were gifted by which developers and which paths were built by the directorate.

1432 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) How many days were Libraries ACT's libraries closed due to staffing issues across the (a) Kippax, (b) Belconnen, (c) Civic, (d) Dickson and (e) Woden branches. for the (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2021-22 and (iii) 2020-21 financial years.
- (2) What was the number of staff of Libraries ACT as of September (a) 2023, (b) 2022, (c) 2020 and (d) 2019, inclusive of relief staff.

1433 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —

- (1) Has the Government initiated an updated feasibility study for the Belconnen Busway/Transitway.
- (2) When will this feasibility study begin and when will it be completed.
- (3) Will the study and project still be progressed if Commonwealth funding is not committed.
- (4) Has the ACT already sought funds from the Australian Government for this updated study.

1434 **MS CLAY:** To ask the Treasurer — What is the anticipated final cost of the (a) Canberra Hospital Expansion and (b) Woden Canberra Institution of Technology Campus Development projects, including any costs for the design and planning as well as construction.

1435 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) What number of contracts that are (a) between \$25,000 to \$200,000 and (b) \$200,000 or more, are awarded to entities that have not submitted the lowest bid across the (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2021-22, (iii) 2020-21, (iv) 2019-20 and (v) 2018-19 financial years.
- (2) What number of contracts put to tender for entities that meet the prequalification code CEC/C-CA (Civil engineering services with Construction Contract Administration) are awarded tenders to suppliers that have not submitted the lowest bid across the (a) 2022-23, (b) 2021-22, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2019-20 and (e) 2018-19 financial years.

1436 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety —

- (1) How many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that have a Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) certificate have surrendered their certificate by notifying the registrar for each year since the SLJC was implemented.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the employee size of each business that has surrendered their SLJC certificate for each year since 2018-19.
- (3) Are businesses able to let their SLJC lapse; if so, how many SMEs have let their SLJC certificate lapse each year since 2018-19.
- (4) How many complaints, for each year since the SLJC was implemented, have relevant (a) directorates, (b) officers, (c) authorities, (d) ministers' offices and (e) registrars received from businesses regarding SLJC impacting successful tenders from businesses.
- (5) Have any of the relevant authorities identified in part (4)(e) conducted reviews into the SLJC impacting businesses being successful for government tenders; if so, what were the titles of the reviews and when were they conducted.
- (6) Can the Minister advise, for each year since the implementation of the SLJC certificate, how many compliance actions the registrar has taken under Division 2B.4.1 (compliance measures), Section 22T of the *Government Procurement Act 2001*.

1437 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) How many complaints have Major Projects Canberra (MPC) received each year since its creation, from businesses regarding an unsuccessful tender to an ACT Government contract.
- (2) Has MPC received any internal complaints regarding tender selection; if so, can the Treasurer provide a breakdown for each year since the creation of MPC, and are there any on-going or recent investigations.
- (3) Has MPC, or any other authority or directorate, investigated any of these claims; if so, (a) what were the findings and (b) for each year since the creation of MPC, how many tenders from business have been investigated by the Government.
- (4) What were the findings/outcomes for all investigations by the ACT Government for parts (1), (2) and (3), eg, findings were substantiated, further investigation, no findings etc).
- (5) For each finding outcome mentioned in part (4), can the Treasurer provide details of the outcomes of these findings.
- (6) Has MPC conducted any internal reviews or commissioned any external reviews into their tender selection for government contracts; if so, what (a) is the name of the reviews and (b) years they were conducted.

1438 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) For all (a) sole-sourced, (b) open tender, (c) quotation and (c) select tender, awarded by Major Projects Canberra (MPC) for each year since its creation, (i) how many contracts over \$200,000 have been awarded, (ii) how many successful suppliers have 20 employees or less, (iii) how many successful suppliers did not offer the lowest price for the contract , (iv) how many have not had a Secure Local Job Code (SLJC) certificate and (v) how many have had a SLJC certificate.
- (2) Is there an opportunity for businesses to seek clarification if they are unsuccessful in tendering for a contract with MPC; if so, (a) can the Treasurer provide details, (b) how many businesses have sought this opportunity and (c) are there any other mechanisms after this opportunity for businesses to seek information; if so, how many businesses have sought these mechanisms.

1439 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety —

- (1) How many small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the ACT have a Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) certificate.
- (2) Is there a cost for businesses to apply for a SLJC certificate; if so, can the Minister outline the details on the cost for all industries or business type.
- (3) Is there a cost for renewing a SLJC certificate; if so, can the Minister provide details on the cost for all industries and business type.
- (4) How many SMEs that have a SLJC certificate have tendered for government contracts for each year since 2018-19.
- (5) How many SMEs that have a SLJC have not tendered for any government contracts while their certificate was active for each year since 2018-19.

1440 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the “6 high issues” identified in the April to May reporting period for the Digital Health Record (page 127, ACTHDFOI23-24.03).
- (2) Can the Minister advise on the status of each issue, eg, resolved, in progress etc.
- (3) If the issues are resolved, when were they resolved.
- (4) If the issues are ongoing, what actions have been taken and what are the impacts of these issues.

1441 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Treasurer —

- (1) Does Major Projects Canberra collate and assess data on awards to consultants within the CEC/C-CA (Civil engineering services with Construction Contract Administration) prequalification category; if so, (a) is this data used to increase the chances of available, and suitably qualified consultants receiving work by including them in select tenders wherever possible and (b) how is this data used to support the objectives of the Local Industry Participation Policy.
- (2) What is the Chief Minister's response to a consultant's allegation that a tender assessment was undertaken without a defined method by which tenderers' submitted prices were correlated to a score for the Financial Weighted Criteria, and is this an overt manipulation of the scoring.
- (3) Can the Chief Minister provide details on how select tender lists are compiled.

1442 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety —

- (1) It is currently not the requirement for consultants to hold a secure local jobs certificate in accordance with the current website at www.procurement.act.gov.au/secure-local-jobs/business.
- (2) Is there a change to this policy; if so, (a) what does the change intend to achieve and (b) has the impact on small to medium-sized enterprises to comply with any change to this regulation been considered.

1443 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Special Minister of State —

- (1) Is the requirement for Professional Indemnity Insurance being reconsidered in the interests of reducing costs to consultants in an ever increasing insurance market, and as a result of a petition from Consult Australia; if so, what is the timing for the implementation of the changes.
- (2) Is a Procurement Reform Process currently underway, and have numerous deficiencies in the procurement record keeping by entities been observed by the reform team; if so, can the report, or a report excerpt, be provided on a summary of the improvement opportunities.
- (3) Are consultants required to have a ISO9001 Quality Certification.
- (4) Has consideration been given to impose such a ISO9001 Quality Certification requirement on government entities; if so, would the quality of procurement improve.

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