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- 509 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—
- (1) How many inspections, over the past four financial years, have taken place at (a) Kambah Adventure Park, (b) Heagney Crescent playground, Gilmore, (c) Fadden Pond playground and (d) Louis Loder playground, Theodore.
 - (2) Of those inspections referred to in part (1), can the Minister provide a list of the jobs lodged for each playground.
 - (3) Of these jobs referred to in part (2), can the Minister provide the average amount of days it took for the job to be completed for each playground.
- 510 **MS LEE:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—
- (1) Can the Minister provide the total cost of consultation from 22 March 2021 to the closure of consultation on 10 May 2021, including, but limited to (a) the cost of the Transport Canberra and City Services pop-up at Campbell shops on 1 May 2021 and (b) the cost and number of houses letterboxed across the suburb inviting residents to visit the YourSay webpage.
 - (2) Can the Minister provide the results of the 176 people who completed the YourSay survey for the development of the Campbell shops, including a breakdown of results by question.

511 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—

- (1) When will the consultant's report be submitted regarding the intersection of Efkarpidis Street and Gungahlin Place.
- (2) Will the Minister publicly release the report.
- (3) When will the Government respond to the report's recommendations.
- (4) Will the Government's response be publicly available.
- (5) When will work start to improve the intersection.
- (6) What is the cost to hire a consultant to conduct the report into this intersection.
- (7) In relation to the answer to question on notice No 420, in which the Minister stated that "the rate of crashes is low compared to other similar locations", what other similar locations have a high rate of crashes and what are the rates since 2016.
- (8) What is the Government doing to reduce the rate of crashes at other intersections.
- (9) Are consultants being hired for those intersections; if so, at what cost.

512 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—In relation to traffic surveys undertaken by Transport Canberra and City Services on Redfern Street and Lyttleton Crescent in Cook, can the Minister advise the (a) number of surveys undertaken in the (i) 2019, (ii) 2020 and (iii) 2021 calendar years, including the date, time and duration of each survey, (b) number of vehicles monitored in each survey and (c) highest speed of a moving vehicle observed.

513 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Chief Minister—

- (1) How many members of the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) took (a) parental leave and (b) long service leave, for the financial years 2016-17 to 2020-21.
- (2) Of those members referred to in part (1)(a) and (1)(b), how many were (a) women, (b) men or (c) other, broken down by ACTPS employment level for each category.
- (3) What was the average duration of (a) parental leave and (b) long service leave taken.
- (4) What was the average cost of (a) parental leave and (b) long service leave to the ACTPS for each financial year.

514 **MS CASTLEY:** To ask the Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister provide the results of a review referred to in response provided by ACT Heritage to correspondence concerning the construction of a security fence around the Chabad Hebrew School which stated “It is understood that the security fence has been in place for some time, and in response to your email, a review of *Heritage Act 2004* requirements for the place will be undertaken.”
- (2) What submissions were required from the school when they contacted the ACT Heritage team to erect their fence.
- (3) Were all the required submissions provided by the school.
- (4) What is the legislation surrounding fences on ACT Heritage sites.
- (5) Who makes the decision that a modification of a heritage site, such as adding a fence, is deemed to be justifiable and what criteria do they use to make this decision.
- (6) Further to part (5), can the Minister provide details for the case of the Chabad Hebrew School.
- (7) Has a fence around an ACT heritage site ever been rejected by ACT Heritage; if so, can the Minister provide details.

515 **MS LAWDER:** To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services—In relation to the answer to question on notice No 28, in which the Minister stated that Libraries ACT is continuing to look for suitable hands-free alternatives for hand-sanitising, has the Government made progress on this matter; if so, what are the details of that progress.

516 **MR CAIN:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation—

- (1) On what date was the Better Regulation Taskforce established.
- (2) Does the Better Regulation Taskforce have terms of reference; if so, can the Minister provide them.
- (3) How many full-time equivalent members of the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) comprise the Better Regulation Taskforce.
- (4) How many contractors, advisers, or other external service providers comprise the Better Regulation Taskforce and what are their roles.
- (5) Does the Better Regulation Taskforce hold formal internal meetings within the ACTPS; if so, are any minutes taken and can the Minister provide those minutes.
- (6) From the Better Regulation Taskforce’s discovery to date, what are the top ten regulatory issues, barriers or delays identified by businesses.
- (7) What actions has the Better Regulation Taskforce taken to date in response to regulatory issues, barriers or delays identified by businesses.

- (8) What was the cost of the legislative review in the 2020-21 financial year.
- (9) When will the legislative review be completed and will a legislative review report be publicly released.

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

- (1) In relation to fuel reduction through prescribed burns to maintain the safety of Canberrans during bushfire seasons, what season and months are typical for prescribed burns to occur.
- (2) What are the targets for prescribed burns in the ACT.
- (3) What percentage of the environment of the ACT is subject to prescribed burns each year.
- (4) Which areas of the ACT are targeted for prescribed burns.
- (5) With the wetter season, and the inability for prescribed burns to occur, will there be a catch-up time.
- (6) Does Parks and Conservation engage in cultural burning practices; if so, who do they work with to complete this practice.
- (7) When are these burns conducted.
- (8) What is the process for cultural burning.
- (9) Has a comparison of cultural burning and prescribed burning been conducted in the ACT and its effect on fuel reduction, bush fire prevention, and health outcomes.

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

- (1) Does the Emergency Services Agency have comprehensive evacuation plans for each of the areas in the ACT; if so, how frequently are these plans updated.
- (2) How detailed are the plans referred to in part (1), by government area, or by suburb.
- (3) What are the specific provisions for the border suburbs in the western and northern fringes of the ACT.
- (4) Do the plans consider the housing density of areas and narrow roads in many newer suburbs in the ACT; if so, can the Minister provide details.
- (5) Do the plans take into account access by emergency vehicles and egress of residents; if so, can the Minister provide details.
- (6) What assembly points have been identified for residents of each of the suburban areas in the event of a fire and can the Minister provide details.
- (7) Where are the plans available for the public to view and can the Minister provide the relevant ? Please provide the uniform resource locator (URL).
- (8) What plans are there to run an education campaign on what to do in the event of an evacuation.

- (9) How quickly will these plans kick in.
- (10) How will this information be disseminated.

519 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was any person, at 30 June 2021, delegated by the Treasurer to decide applications for waivers under section 131 of the *Financial Management Act 1996*; if so, who held a delegation, and what limits were attached their delegations.
- (2) How is money owed to the Territory that is waived appropriated.
- (3) What is the monetary value of the legal limit on the total amount of money that may be waived in any one year.
- (4) What was the total value of waivers under paragraph 131(1)(a) of the *Financial Management Act 1996* provided by the Territory in 2020-21.

520 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was any person delegated by the Treasurer, at 30 June 2021, to decide applications for act of grace payments under section 130 of the *Financial Management Act 1996*; if so, who was delegated, and what limits were attached their delegations.
- (2) How is money paid by the Territory as an act of grace payment appropriated.
- (3) What is the monetary value of the legal limit on the total amount of money that may be paid as an act of grace payment in any one year.
- (4) What was the total value of act of grace payments made by the Territory in 2020-21.

521 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What separate buildings at the Canberra Hospital site are owned by the ACT Government.
- (2) For each building identified in part (1), (a) what is the value of the building for accounting purposes, (b) what accounting method is used to value the building, (c) what is the value of all fixtures and fittings attached to the building, (d) what accounting method is used to value the fixtures and fittings and (e) how much depreciation or amortisation has been recorded against the value of the fixtures and fittings.

522 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) On average, how many full-time equivalent (FTE) (a) clinical and (b) administrative staff worked at the Dhulwa Secure Mental Health Unit in the year ending 30 June 2021.

- (2) On average, how many FTE staff, other than clinical staff and administrative staff, worked at the Dhulwa Secure Mental Health Unit in the year ending 30 June 2021.
- (3) On average, how many FTE (a) clinical and (b) administrative staff worked at the Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit in the year ending 30 June 2021.
- (4) On average, how many FTE staff, other than clinical staff and administrative staff, worked at the Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit in the year ending 30 June 2021.

523 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How many residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds were operated by the ACT Health Directorate on 31 October 2021.
- (2) How many drug and alcohol rehabilitation day program days were provided by the ACT Health Directorate in the week ending 31 October 2021.
- (3) How many drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds were operated by the Canberra Health Service on 31 October 2021.
- (4) How many drug and alcohol rehabilitation day program days were provided by the Canberra Health Service in the week ending 31 October 2021.
- (5) How many drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds were operated by organisations that are contracted to the ACT Health Directorate and the Canberra Health Service on 31 October 2021.
- (6) How many drug and alcohol rehabilitation day program days were provided by organisations that are contracted to the ACT Health Directorate and the Canberra Health Service in the week ending 31 October 2021.
- (7) How much did the ACT spend on drug and alcohol rehabilitation in (a) 2010-11, (b) 2011-12, (c) 2012-13, (d) 2013-14, (e) 2014-15, (f) 2015-16, (g) 2016-17, (h) 2017-18, (i) 2018-19, (j) 2019-20 and (k) 2020-21.
- (8) How much is the ACT budgeted to spend on drug and alcohol rehabilitation in (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23, (c) 2023-24 and (d) 2024-25.

524 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs—

- (1) Which multicultural, ethnic or national cultural groups have a cultural centre in Canberra.
- (2) For each cultural centre identified in part (1), (a) what is its address and (b) when was it established.

525 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Health—In relation to the mobile health clinic at the Garran Surge Centre site that is used to administer Sotrovimab, (a) who owns the mobile health clinic, (b) what is the cost to the ACT Government of using the mobile health clinic, (c) on what day did the mobile health clinic become operational for Sotrovimab infusions, (d) how many Sotrovimab infusions have been administered in the mobile health clinic, (e) how many days since the mobile health clinic has become operational has it not been used for Sotrovimab infusions, (f) is the mobile health clinic waterproof, (g) is the mobile health clinic able to be used when it rains and (h) what make and model of air purifier is used to filter the air in the mobile health clinic.

526 **MRS JONES:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Who drafted the Public Health (COVID-19 Affected Areas) Emergency Direction 2021 (No 12) (the Direction).
- (2) On what day and at what time was the person who drafted the Direction instructed to draft the Direction.
- (3) Who provided the drafting instructions to the person who drafted the Direction.
- (4) What differences are there between the Direction and the Public Health (COVID-19 Affected Areas) Emergency Direction 2021 (No 11).
- (5) Did the Chief Health Officer receive any direction or instruction about the content of the Direction; if so, from whom were the directions or instructions received and on what day and at what time were they received.
- (6) How many people were required to stay at home because of the Direction but would not have been required to stay at home if the Direction had not been made and the Public Health (COVID-19 Affected Areas) Emergency Direction 2021 (No 11) not been revoked.

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

- (1) In relation to the maintenance of government land in the Yerrabi region, will the Government take responsibility if a constituent has an accident due to low vision, caused by overgrown grass, as the result of Government neglect.
- (2) Why has the Government not yet conducted urgent mowing to remove traffic hazards in the Yerrabi region.
- (3) What catching methods does the Government have for the freshly mown grass clippings; if none, why not.
- (4) When can Yerrabi Residents expect their suburbs to be mown.

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

- (1) Has the Government announced the replacement of three footbridges in Umbagog District Park; if so, will there be a period of public consultation so residents can voice their opinions on the replacement bridges.
- (2) How does the Government intend to inform residents who likely use Umbagog District Park about this consultation.
- (3) As part of this bridge replacement project, is the Government considering the construction of a new bridge nearby the Umbagog stepping stones; if not, will the Government consider the construction of this bridge.
- (4) Is there an initial timeline for the replacement of these bridges; if so, what is that timeline.
- (5) Is there an intention to upgrade other park amenities and facilities as part of this bridge replacement project.

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

- (1) Further to the response to question on notice No 171, in which the Minister advised that the ACT Government engaged private contractors to supplement in-house mowing capacity during peak grass growing periods from November 2020 to March 2021, which business was engaged by the ACT Government for this purpose.
- (2) Is this business a local Canberra based business; if not, why wasn't a local Canberra based business engaged for this contract.
- (3) How much was this business paid for their services for the time they were contracted.
- (4) Has the Government again contracted more private contractors to supplement in-house mowing for this year's grass growing period; if not, does the Government intend to; if so, what are the details of this engagement such as cost, business engaged, full-time equivalent hired and duration of the contract.

530 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What diagnostic and support services are currently available for people living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) in the ACT.
- (2) Are there screening pathways for FASD in the ACT that are currently available in (a) Child and Youth Protection Services, (b) Bimberi Youth Justice Centre, (c) education, (d) social services, (e) hospitals, (f) general practitioners and (g) paediatricians; if so, can the Minister provide the details for each setting.
- (3) Can the Minister provide an update on improving FASD screening, assessment and support in (a) pregnancy, (b) paediatric, (c) youth justice, (d) adult criminal justice and (e) population-wide settings in the ACT.

531 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Women—

- (1) What statistics does the ACT collect on women in the workforce.
- (2) Has the ACT Government identified any specific cohorts of women that experience a distinct lack of opportunity when seeking employment; if so, what are those cohorts of women.
- (3) Are there any industries or sectors that the ACT Government are focussing on to increase the employment levels of women; if so, what are those industries.
- (4) What is the current gender pay gap in the ACT, according to the ACT Government.
- (5) What is the ratio of men to women in the ACT workforce.
- (6) How many women are employed in the ACT workforce.
- (7) Does the ACT Government have a quota for hiring women; if so, (a) is this a general quota for all of government or does it vary according to directorate and (b) what are those quotas.

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

- (1) Did a drone deliver a coke bottle filled with drugs and a mobile phone into the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC); if so, when.
- (2) Was the drone intercepted; if so, where is that drone now.
- (3) Was the controller of the drone apprehended or is there an open case attempting to find the controller.
- (4) How was the drone located.
- (5) Was the drone's payload intercepted before it fell into the hands of detainees.
- (6) Whereabouts on the grounds of the AMC did the drone drop the payload.
- (7) Was there any sign a detainee tried to obtain the payload.

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

- (1) Further to the ministerial statement given by the Minister on 9 November 2021 in which he stated that "significant progress has been made in implementing a number of outstanding recommendations", what recommendations was the Minister referring to, and what progress has been made toward implementation for each of these recommendations.
- (2) How many recommendations from the various oversight bodies have been fully implemented since the Minister took on the Corrections portfolio and what were those recommendations.

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

- (1) How many shivs have been seized at the Alexander Maconochie Centre in the last four years.
- (2) Does ACT Corrective Services keep a log of seized shivs with details such as location seized and what they were made of; if so, can the Minister provide a list of these shivs accompanied by details of location seized and what the shivs were made of.

535 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) How many judgments determined by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) have consequently been enforced by the Magistrates Court, for each of the past four years.
- (2) Are there any other mechanisms to enforcing a judgment determined by ACAT, aside from seeking an enforcement of a judgment by the Magistrates Court; if so, what are they.
- (3) How many civil disputes have been heard by ACAT that have exceeded the usual threshold of monetary claim of \$25,000, for each of the past four years.
- (4) How many of the disputes referred to in part (3), for each year the past four years, were due to agreement of all parties involved for ACAT to hear a claim above the usual monetary threshold and for the remaining disputes, what were the reasons for ACAT to hear a claim above the usual monetary threshold.
- (5) In relation to an ACAT Client Satisfaction Survey that is currently being conducted, have there been any client satisfaction surveys conducted on ACAT in previous years; if so, what years and what was the feedback received, including positive comments, issues and suggestions for improvement.
- (6) Can the Attorney-General provide a copy of the current survey and also each of any previous surveys conducted as attachments to the answer of this question.

536 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development—

- (1) Further to the answer to question on notice No 471 in which the Minister advised that the Request for Proposal released to the market that contained three blocks comprising the Circus Site Precinct and the former Water Police Site were to be considered as one package and given the *Place Design Brief* document and the *A Connected Waterfront Precinct* document published by the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) do not make clear in any way that they were being sold as one package, why, when the SLA documents do not suggest in any way that the Circus Site Precinct and the former Water Police Site were considered as one package, were they being considered as one package.

- (2) Did the Government receive any feedback from submissions that the consideration of both these sites as one package made the land purchase less desirable.
- (3) Did all submissions address both sites; if not, how many only addressed either the Circus Site Precinct or the former Water Police Site.
- (4) Given the SLA documents did not make clear that the sites would be considered one package, when were interested parties informed of this and how were they informed.
- (5) Did any of the submissions include consultation with the Ginninderra Sea Scouts.

MRS KIKKERT: To ask the following Ministers:

*537 Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

*538 Minister for Planning and Land Management—

- (1) What steps, either informal or formal, have been taken so far in investigating the possibility of purchasing land from NSW adjacent to the Ginninderry development as part of the Ginninderry development.
- (2) Has Corkhill Bros already been approached about a potential sale of their NSW land adjacent to Ginninderry as part of the Ginninderry development.
- (3) Have there been any discussions within the ACT Government, either formal or informal, about purchasing land from NSW adjacent to the Ginninderry development and then subsequently annexing the land as part of the Ginninderry development.

539 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence—

- (1) Does the ACT currently have a dedicated screening tool for domestic violence that is specific to pregnancy; if so, can the Minister provide further details; if not, are there any other mechanisms used to identify domestic violence during pregnancy.
- (2) Does the ACT have a dedicated screening tool for domestic violence in other health-care settings, such as early childhood health services, mental health, alcohol and other drugs services; if so, can the Minister provide further details for each setting; if not, are there any other mechanisms used to identify domestic violence in these settings.

540 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Justice Health—

- (1) What is the make and model of the toothbrushes that are distributed to the detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) and if there are multiple makes and models, could the Minister list them.
- (2) Why has this particular toothbrush been chosen and if there are multiple toothbrushes, can the Minister list the reasons for each toothbrush.

- (3) Are these toothbrushes less able to be turned into improvised weapons than regular commercial toothbrushes.
- (4) Is there a set interval of time between distribution of toothbrushes, such as every three months; if so, how long is that interval.
- (5) If a detainee needs or requests a new toothbrush before that interval, are they provided with a new toothbrush.
- (6) Does the detainee need to provide a satisfactory reason for needing a new toothbrush.
- (7) In response to a stabbing at the AMC in January 2020, it was suggested by an MLA that silicon toothbrushes be distributed to detainees instead of plastic toothbrushes which have been used to make improvised weapons and a Minister stated that the Government would have a look at the toothbrush suggestion, what was the result of the Government's review of this idea.

541 **MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Business and Better Regulation—

- (1) What was the total government revenue from all parking fines, for each of the past two financial years.
- (2) What was the revenue from parking fines, for each of the past two financial years, according to (a) fines issued to vehicles parked in government-owned car parks, (b) fines issued to vehicles parked in the street and (c) any others, including details.
- (3) What was the revenue from parking fines issued, for each of the past two financial years, to vehicles parked in the street according (a) pay parking, expired time, (b) pay parking, no permit, (c) time-limited free parking, further broken down by the length of time allowed (such as three hours, two hours, five minutes, 15 minutes, etc), (d) loading zone, expired time, (e) loading zone, no permit, (f) disability parking, (g) all other parking that requires a permit (such as medical practitioner) and (h) parking in an area where parking is not allowed (illegal parking).
- (4) What percentage of revenue from parking fines, for each of the past two financial years, issued to vehicles parked in the street has been generated (a) between 6am and 6pm, (b) between 6pm and 6am, (c) on weekdays (Monday through Friday) and (d) on weekends (Saturday and Sunday).

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
