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(Paper No. 501)

* 5984 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—STOCKTON CENTRE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—The Hon. Peter Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, and Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Are there any buildings in the now vacant Stockton Centre that could be used by specialist homelessness services to offer short term crisis accommodation to people experiencing homelessness?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Stockton site has been decommissioned and there are no suitable buildings that could be used for short term housing.

The Department of Communities and Justice is currently undertaking due diligence with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment/ Property and Development NSW to determine the future use of the site.

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(Paper No. 503)

* 6535 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What due diligence and character checks did the Minister undertake before appointing Steve Griffin as CEO of Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC)?
- (2) Did the Minister speak to anyone who detailed Mr Griffin's behaviour at the 2019 GWIC Christmas Party?
- (a) If so, what did they report to the Minister?
- (3) What experience did Mr Griffin have in the greyhound industry before he first worked for GWIC?

Answer—

The appointment of the CEO for the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission is a matter its Commissioners, in accordance with the requirements of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013. The Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation has no role in the appointment of persons to that position.

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(Paper No. 517)

6591 TREASURER—WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOLLOWING ASSAULTS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of serious violent assaults in 2020/21?
- (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
- (i) Coworkers?
- (ii) Clients?
- (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?

- (2) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of serious violent assaults in 2019/20?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?
- (3) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of sexual assaults in 2020/21?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?
- (4) How many injured workers made workers compensation claims for injuries sustained as a result of sexual assaults in 2019/20?
 - (a) How many of these claims were assaults by:
 - (i) Coworkers?
 - (ii) Clients?
 - (iii) Other visitors in the workplace?

6592 FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND DISABILITY SERVICES—THE JUSTICE ADVOCACY SERVICE—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What future funding will be committed to the Justice Advocacy Service (JAS) in:
 - (a) 2021/22?
 - (b) 2022/23?
- (2) How was the amount of funding allocated to the service determined?
- (3) How many people are likely to require assistance from the service in 2021/22 but not receive it because of funding or resource constraints?
- (4) What steps are being taken to ensure job security for staff at JAS and ensure expertise remains in the organisation?

6593 ATTORNEY GENERAL—THE JUSTICE ADVOCACY SERVICE—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

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6594 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SYNTHETIC TURF FUNDING—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many synthetic grass projects have been funded in whole by the government in:
 - (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021 to date?
- (2) How many synthetic grass projects have been funded in part by the government in:
 - (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021 to date?
- (3) How many synthetic grass projects have had funding committed by the government in:
 - (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021 to date?
- (4) For the projects in (1):
 - (a) How many were funded through priority precinct programs?
 - (b) What other grant or funding programs were involved and how many grants were provided under these in:
 - (i) 2017?
 - (ii) 2018?
 - (iii) 2019?
 - (iv) 2020?
 - (v) 2021 to date?
- (5) For the projects in (2):
 - (a) How many were funded through priority precinct programs?
 - (b) What other grant or funding programs were involved and how many grants were provided under these in:
 - (i) 2017?
 - (ii) 2018?
 - (iii) 2019?
 - (iv) 2020?
 - (v) 2021 to date?
- (6) For the projects in (3):

- (a) How many were funded through priority precinct programs?
- (b) What other grant or funding programs were involved and how many grants were provided under these in:
 - (i) 2017?
 - (ii) 2018?
 - (iii) 2019?
 - (iv) 2020?
 - (v) 2021 to date?

6595 SPORT, MULTICULTURALISM, SENIORS AND VETERANS—SYNTHETIC TURF FUNDING—
Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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6596 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Banasiak to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students at Murrumbidgee Regional High School have attempted suicide or self-harm since the Government's forced merger of Griffith and Wade High in January 2019?

- (2) Given a 2019 evaluation of the school merger revealed staff morale was at an “all-time low”, what research has the Government done on the impact of the school merger on the mental health of students?

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