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(Paper No. 517)

* 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?

Answer—

I refer to the Attorney General's answer to LC QON 6593.

* 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—

- (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?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA QON 5774.

I am advised:

Over the next four years, the NSW Government will invest \$28 million to continue the Justice Advocacy Service (JAS) state-wide and establish court-based diversion services in six local courts. JAS will receive funding of \$5 million per annum and its extended court-based diversion service will receive funding of \$2 million per annum.

The Department of Communities and Justice will undertake a tender process to select a community-based provider for JAS and its extended court-based diversion service. The Intellectual Disability Rights Service will continue to deliver JAS while the new, expanded service is being contracted.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) is unable to provide whole of government figures, hence the following information relates to projects funded by the Department for the requested period.

- (1) None in 2017-2019, one in 2020, and eight in 2021.
- (2) None in 2017 and 2019-2021, one in 2018.
- (3) None in 2017 and 2019, one each in 2018 and 2020, and eight in 2021.
- (4)
 - (a) Five, under the Precinct Support Scheme.
 - (b) None in 2017-2020. Three in 2021, under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund.
- (5)
 - (a) One.
 - (b) None.
- (6)
 - (a) Four.
 - (b) None in 2017-2020. Three in 2021, under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund.

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

- (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) what other grant or funding programs were involved and how many grants were provided under these in:
- (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021 to date?

Answer—

I am advised funding for projects can be found at <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>.

* 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?

Answer—

Creating a false equivalence between something as serious as youth suicide and self-harm with an operational decision regarding a school merger is both inappropriate and offensive. The member asking this should be ashamed of himself.

The merger at Murrumbidgee Regional High School took place in the best interest of children, and in consultation with the community. Since the merger, student outcomes have improved in a number of areas, including academic results, morale, attendance and suspension.

While I reject the premise of the member's question, I will take the opportunity to note the significant investment this government is making to support students' mental health and wellbeing at school.

Alongside access to a suite of supports including Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurses and telepsychology services, we are investing \$88.4 million to provide every public high school in NSW with two dedicated professionals to ensure students have access to timely mental health and wellbeing support.

If the member has any genuine concerns regarding the merger of Murrumbidgee Regional High School, I would be more than happy to set up a briefing for him.

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(Paper No. 518)

* 6597 TREASURER—PORT OF NEWCASTLE—The Hon. Anthony D'Adam to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Are there any prohibitions on the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle before Port Botany and Port Kembla are fully developed?
- (2) Why does the government penalise container traffic above a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
- (3) What is the government's authority to penalise container traffic above a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
- (4) Why does the government penalise the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle before Port Botany and Port Kembla are fully developed?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

- (1,2,4) We refer the Honourable Member to the current NSW Freight and Ports Plan as to the State's policy position on the development of additional container capacity in NSW. Any decision to build a container terminal at Newcastle is a matter for the private operator of the Port of Newcastle. The provision for payments to be made to the State under the Port Commitment Deeds were commercial arrangements that were agreed to by the purchasers of the long-term lease of the Newcastle port assets at the time of the transaction.
- (3) We refer to the relevant provisions of the *Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2012* which authorised the various transactions relating to the long-term lease of the port assets at Port Botany, Port Kembla and Port of Newcastle.

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6704 TREASURER—POINT OF CONSUMPTION TAX—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Table 4.4 in 2021-22 Budget Paper 1 shows a revenue line item entitled "Racing":
- (a) Why is this not broken out into its component parts, clearly showing Point of Consumption tax and betting tax revenues separately?
- (2) What is the forecast Point of Consumption Tax revenue for 2021-2022?

6705 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—GAMBLING REVENUE—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Table 4.4 in 2021-22 Budget Paper 1 shows a revenue line item entitled "Racing":
- (a) Is the figure shown for Racing an aggregate of Point of Consumption tax and betting tax revenues, consistent with prior budgets?
- (2) What was the Point of Consumption Tax revenue for:
- (a) 2019-2020?
- (b) 2020-2021?

6706 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BREEDING CODE OF PRACTICE—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) On 18 March 2021, the Legislative Council passed an amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Bill 2021, which if accepted by the Legislative Assembly would have required the Minister to publish a revised version of the 'Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats' before 31 May 2021:
- (a) Was any work conducted by your office between 19 March and 9 June 2021 to undertake either consultation in relation to, or revision of, the 'Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats'?
- (i) If yes, which stakeholder organisations were consulted?
- (b) Was any work conducted by the Department of Primary Industries between 19 March and 9 June 2021 to undertake either consultation in relation to, or revision of, the 'Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats'?
- (i) If yes, which stakeholder organisations were consulted?
- (2) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Bill 2021 was passed by both Houses on 10 June 2021, which directed the Minister to cause a revised version of the 'Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats' to be published before 31 August 2021:
- (a) What consultation and/or opportunity for public comment is planned?

- (i) How can interested stakeholders and members of the public get involved?
- (b) Since 10 June 2021 to date, what consultation has been undertaken by:
 - (i) Your office?
 - (ii) The Department of Primary Industries?
- (c) Please provide information on the specific stakeholder organisations consulted by:
 - (i) Your office?
 - (ii) The Department of Primary Industries?

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