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- 1 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Primary Industries and Water – With respect to Property Protection Permits and Crop Protection Permits in the period from 2010 to date:
 - (1) (a) Have any enforcement actions been undertaken for failures to comply with Property or Crop Protection Permit conditions, and if so, how many;
(b) Have any resulted in fines being issued or successful prosecutions in court, and if so, how many?
 - (2) (a) Have any property inspections (that involve a visit to the property by a departmental officer) or other assessments, such as desktop reviews, been undertaken to determine whether a Property Protection Permit was justified, and if so, how many?
(b) What type of inspections were carried out?
(c) In how many instances did the Department contact the landowner to request additional information?
 - (3) Are any “long-term wildlife population monitoring” methods and data sets being used in this population monitoring, and if so, what are they, and are the methods or data sets independently produced or peer-reviewed? (16 August 2022)
- 2 Ms *O'Connor* to ask the Minister for Parks – With respect to Wild Drake Pty Ltd RMPAT appeal:
 - (1) Was the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service listed as a party along with Wild Drake Pty Ltd when the Full Court of the Tasmanian Supreme Court ordered that the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal reconsider its decision from December 2019 to issue a planning permit for the Wild Drake Pty Ltd luxury tourism proposal, and if so, what was the total government expenditure on legal fees and costs?
 - (2) Did the State make any contribution to the legal fees of Wild Drake Pty Ltd, and if so, what amount? (23 August 2022)
- 3 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health: Since 15 December 2021 have any patients contracted COVID while admitted to public hospital, and if so, how many, by day, and hospital? (23 August 2022)
- 4 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to women and shelter accommodation:
 - (1) Are there any women living with a disability who have applied for shelter accommodation in Tasmanian shelters, and if so, how many for each shelter during:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021; and
 - (e) 2022 to date?

- (2) Of those women with a disability on the housing register, have any been refused accommodation at shelters due to capacity constraints in Tasmanian shelter accommodation during:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021; and
 - (e) 2022 to date?
 - (3) Are there any women on the housing register that have identified that they are in need of housing due to family violence, and if so, how many?
 - (4) Are there any women who have identified that they require housing due to family violence applied to Tasmanian shelters, and if so, how many for each shelter for the following periods:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021; and
 - (e) 2022 to date?
 - (5) Of those women who have identified they require housing due to family violence, have any been refused accommodation in shelters due to capacity constraints, and if so, how many for the years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021; and
 - (e) 2022 to date? (24 August 2022)
- 5 Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence – In relation to the following support services: Engender Equality; the Sexual Support Service; Laurel House; Yemaya; and the North West Relationship Abuse of an Intimate Nature Program (RAIN):
 - (1) Is there a wait time for support from these organisations, and if so, what is the average wait time for people seeking support from these organisations for the financial year to date?
 - (2) Are there waiting lists for these organisations, and if so, how many individuals are on these waiting lists for the financial year to date? (24 August 2022)
- 6 Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Education - Are there any school psychologist, social worker or speech pathologist positions currently unfilled in the Department of Education, and if so, how many of each? (24 August 2022)
- 7 Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services – In relation to currently serving Tasmanian firefighters:
 - (1) What is the age profile for current serving Tasmanian career firefighters by the following age brackets;
 - (a) 30 – 40;
 - (b) 40 – 50;
 - (c) 50 – 55;
 - (d) 55 – 60;
 - (e) 55 – 60; and
 - (f) 66 and above.
 - (2) Are there currently any serving firefighters entitled to access the defined benefits scheme, and if so, how many? (24 August 2022)
- 8 Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Education:
 - (1) Are any students with a disability, without a formal disability diagnosis, (i.e. those waiting for assessment, or who are yet to be diagnosed) being funded through the reasonable adjustments model, and if so, how many?

- (2) Have any applications for funding been approved for students with a disability who do not have a formal diagnosis, and if so, how many?
- (3) Are there any plans to cap the numbers of students with a disability who can qualify for additional funding via the reasonable adjustments model?
- (4) Have any students with disability have been suspended year to date, and if so, how many?
- (5) Have any trespass orders been issued on parents of students with a disability in the last twelve months, and if so, how many?
- (6) Are any trespass orders currently still in place on parents of students with a disability, and if so, how many?
- (7) Have any students with a disability been subject to restraint in the last twelve months, and if so, how many? (24 August 2022)

9 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) Has Ambulance Tasmania dispatched taxis to collect and take people to Tasmanian Emergency Departments during the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022 to date, and if so, on how many occasions by region?
- (2) If patients were taken to Tasmanian Emergency Departments by taxis dispatched by Ambulance Tasmania:
 - (a) how many were because ambulances were not available;
 - (b) what were the triage categories;
 - (c) how many were subsequently admitted; and
 - (d) how many suffered adverse outcomes? (24 August 2022)

10 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health – With respect to elective surgery:

- (1) Were any elective surgery patients 'seen on time' for their procedure in the 2021-2022 financial year, and if so, what percentage and what was the average overdue wait time (in days) for those patients waiting beyond the recommended time?
- (2) Did any patients receive elective surgery in the 2021-2022 financial year, and if so what was the number during the 2021-2022 financial year?
- (3) Were any elective surgery patients 'waiting over boundary' in the 2021-2022 financial year, and if so, what was the number of patients?
- (4) As at 1 July 2022, have any patients waiting for elective surgery been on the waiting list since prior to 1 January 2019, and if so, how many? (25 August 2022)

11 Ms *Johnston* to ask the Minister for Science and Technology – With respect to the Digital Ready for Daily Life Program launched in 2019:

- (1) Were any programs and initiatives funded from this Program in each of the financial years: 2019-20; 2020-21; and 2021-22, and if so, how much for each such financial year?
- (2) Have any programs and initiatives been funded from the Program for 2022-23, and if so, what are the details?
- (3) Are any funds allocated from this Program for the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25, and if so, what are the details?
- (4) What are the Key Performance Indicators used to assess and measure the performance and effectiveness of the Program, what outcomes have been identified for Tasmanians experiencing high levels of digital exclusion, specifically: low income households; older Tasmanians; and people not in paid employment? (25 August 2022)

12 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management:

- (1) Are there any vacant positions across the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management, and if so, in what areas?
- (2) Has the Department reviewed and subsequently altered establishment numbers, and if so, in what areas?

- (3) Has the Vacancy Management Committee determined a position is not to be filled, and if so, on how many occasions and which positions were they? (25 August 2022)
- 13** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services – In relation to the seven 24 hour police stations in Tasmania, has there been an overtime budget spend for the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022 to date, and if so, what is the amount by station and year? (25 August 2022)
- 14** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Housing:
- (1) In the last five years, have any houses have been constructed for social housing in each of the local government areas (LGA) of; George Town; Launceston; Meander Valley; Northern Midlands; Dorset; Flinders Island; and West Tamar, and if so, how many reported by;
 - (a) the LGA in which the home has been built;
 - (b) the number of homes in each LGA that have been constructed to Silver Level of the Livable Housing Design Guidelines (LHDG);
 - (c) the number of homes in each LGA constructed to Gold Level and above of the LHDG;
 - (d) the number of new homes in each LGA that replace social housing properties that were demolished; and
 - (e) the net gain in the number of social housing properties in each over the time period.
 - (2) Within the Launceston and West Tamar LGAs, how many;
 - (a) homes have been constructed;
 - (b) homes have replaced social housing properties that have been demolished; and
 - (c) what is the net gain in the number of social housing properties by suburb and/or township?
 - (3) Have any social housing homes been demolished in the last five years and not replaced by another social housing property, and if so, how many within the following LGAs?
 - (a) George Town;
 - (b) Launceston;
 - (c) Meander Valley;
 - (d) Northern Midlands;
 - (e) Dorset;
 - (f) Flinders Island; and
 - (g) West Tamar. (6 September 2022)
- 15** Ms Haddad to ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the surveillance device warrant issued in June 2017 by a magistrate under the *Police Powers (Surveillance Devices Act) 2006*, permitting the use of a concealed recording device in a meeting room at Risdon Prison's maximum security unit from 15 June 2017 to 17 August 2017 ('the time period'):
- (1) Were any professional visits conducted in the meeting room containing the recording device during the time period, and if so, how many?
 - (2) Did any inmates attend professional visits in the room containing the recording device during the time period, and if so, how many?
 - (3) What types of professional visits for inmates were represented in those using the room containing the recording device during the time period, for example;
 - (a) lawyers;
 - (b) Ombudsman's office;
 - (c) Centrelink;
 - (d) community organisation/Non-Government Organisations; or
 - (e) other?
 - (4) If records of the type of professional visits in the meeting room are not kept, how many times did professionals attend the meeting room area during the time period? (29 September 2022)
- 16** Ms White to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – In relation to TasPorts' boat slips:
- (1) Where are all the slips owned by TasPorts located?
 - (2) Of the slips owned by TasPorts, please provide the details of:

- (a) whether the slip is operational;
- (b) whether the slip is currently taking bookings;
- (c) how regularly the slip is used;
- (d) whether the slip requires infrastructure investments;
- (e) whether any infrastructure upgrades are planned and when they are scheduled to occur; and
- (f) if the slip is not operational, can TasPorts indicate;
 - i. when it closed and whether there are plans to re-open it, and if so, when; and
 - ii. if there are no plans to re-open it, why not? (18 October 2022)

- 17** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing:
- (1) Are any social housing properties in Bass, both community and government, currently vacant, and if so, how many?
 - (2) If there are vacant social housing properties in Bass, how many have been vacant for more than:
 - (a) 1 - 4 months;
 - (b) 3 - 6 months; and
 - (c) longer than 6 months?
 - (3) Are there any vacant social housing properties in Bass that are vacant due to maintenance requirements, and if so, how many?
 - (4) Are there any social housing properties in Bass, both community and government, that have been identified as having mould, and if so, how many? (26 October 2022)
- 18** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Energy and Renewables:
- (1) Are there any customers in Bass who have disconnected their power to properties in Bass in the last 12 months, and if so, how many?
 - (2) Have any customers in Bass needed to negotiate payment plans for their power bills in the last 12 months, and if so, how many? (26 October 2022)
- 19** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Premier as the Minister responsible for the *State Service Act 2000*, with regards to Aboriginal members of the Tasmanian State Service - Do any members of the State Service identify as Aboriginal, and if so, how many disaggregated by:
- (a) agency and division;
 - (b) classification level; and
 - (c) location? (26 October 2022)
- 20** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Parks with regards to Aboriginal staff in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania - Are there any Parks and Wildlife staff who identify as Aboriginal, and if so, how many disaggregated by:
- (a) region;
 - (b) classification level;
 - (c) eligibility to receive the out-of-hours work loading; and
 - (d) being in receipt of an out-of-hours work loading? (26 October 2022)
- 21** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs with regard to Aboriginal members of the Tasmanian State Service - Are there any staff that identify as Aboriginal, and if so, how many disaggregated by:
- (a) agency and division;
 - (b) classification level; and
 - (c) location? (26 October 2022)
- 22** Ms White to ask the Minister for Tourism:
- (1) Who were the successful applicants for the Tourism Innovation Grant Program?
 - (2) Of those successful applicants, which applicants were Tier 1 and which were Tier 2 applicants?
 - (3) How much funding did each successful application receive, and what was the funding for? (27 October 2022)
- 23** Ms White to ask the Minister for Hospitality and Events:
- (1) How many applications were received for the Revitalising Local Hospitality Venues Grant Program?

- (2) Who were the successful applicants of the Revitalising Local Hospitality Venues Grant Program?
- (3) How much funding did each successful application receive and what was the funding for? (27 October 2022)

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