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- 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)
- 35** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Justice – In relation to rental bonds held and managed by the Rental Deposit Authority for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:
- (1) Were any bonds returned in full to tenants at the conclusion of a tenancy, and if so, how many or what percentage, broken down by region (North, North West, South)?
  - (2) Were any bonds returned in full to landlords at the conclusion of a tenancy, and if so, how many or what percentage, broken down by region (North, North West, South)?
  - (3) Were any bonds returned in part to a tenant and in part to a landlord at the end of a tenancy, and if so, how many or what percentage, broken down by region (North, North West, South)? (10 May 2023)
- 36** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health – In relation to ambulance ramping, is there a wait time for the 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles for patients subject to offload delay, and if so, what is the wait time at each of the state's major hospitals in 2022-23? (20 June 2023)
- 37** Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to workers compensation in the police workforce:
- (1) Are any members of the police workforce on open workers compensation claims, and if so, what percentage?
  - (2) In the past two months, has there been an increase in staff who are fully incapacitated, and not at work, and if so, what percentage increase?
  - (3) Are there currently any staff on workers compensation claims, and if so how many:
    - (a) as of 20 June 2023; and
    - (b) are any of these positions backfilled, and if so, how many?
  - (4) If any workers are on open workers compensation claims, how many are for:
    - (a) psychological illness; and
    - (b) for physical illness?

- (5) Is there data on trends of psychological injuries and physical injuries which shows psychological injuries being greater than physical injuries, and if so, please provide this data?
- (6) What number of the total workforce are totally incapacitated, and of those totally incapacitated, how many are for psychological injuries, and how many for physical injuries?
- (7) What is the rate of separation for police on workers compensation in total and for:
- (a) psychological illness; and
  - (b) for physical illness? (20 June 2023)
- 38** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – What progress, if any, has been made on the agreement of Tasmania Police to work with the University of Tasmania and the police association on research into the workload analysis of 24 hour police stations? (20 June 2023)
- 39** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to the Winter Review:
- (1) Has there been any progress on the implementation of the recommendations of this review, and if so, what progress has occurred?
  - (2) Will the Minister accept recommendation 10 of the review, and if not, why not, and if so, when will this take place? (20 June 2023)
- 40** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – With 43% of women employed in the Tasmanian police service, have any actions been taken to ensure that maternity leave is backfilled, and if so, what actions? (20 June 2023)
- 41** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to the twenty-four recommendations of the review of the Work Health Safety structure of Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management completed in 2020:
- (1) Are any of the recommendations fully implemented, and if so, how many; and
  - (2) How many recommendations are still outstanding, and which ones? (20 June 2023)
- 42** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to “The Next Generation Policing Capability Review,” which identified rostering of high importance and risks including the ability to respond to emergency situations, award compliance and fatigue management – have any actions have been taken to address the recommendations of this review, and if so, what actions have been taken? (20 June 2023)
- 43** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to leave in the police workforce:
- (1) Are any staff and serving officers on extended sick leave or parental leave without pay, and if so, how many?
  - (2) If the workforce does currently have members on extended leave and maternity leave, are any of these positions currently being backfilled, and if so, how many? (20 June 2023)
- 44** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to the safe staffing trial:
- (1) Has any funding has been allocated for this trial over the last year, and if so:
    - (a) how much is this funding; and
    - (b) how is this funding sourced?
  - (2) Is the funding is sourced from unfilled vacant positions? (20 June 2023)
- 45** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to the recent restructuring of Tasmanian Police:
- (1) Were any new Commissioned Officer positions created, and if so, how many?
  - (2) Were any positions from Inspector to Assistant Commissioner created under the restructure, and if so, how many in each position? (20 June 2023)
- 46** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to the Aboriginal Strategic Plan 2014-2022:
- (1) Have there been any actions taken since this plan, and if so, what are these actions?
  - (2) Was there any consultation for any further work on the Strategic Plan, and if so, please provide a list of who was consulted? (20 June 2023)

- 47** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to Aboriginal Liaison Officer positions:
- (1) Is the position of Tasmanian State Aboriginal Liaison Officer for Tasmanian Police currently filled?
  - (2) Does the Department currently employ District Aboriginal Liaison Officers and Assistant Aboriginal Liaison Officers, and if so, how many, by band and employment status? (20 June 2023)
- 48** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – during the time periods of 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, and 2022 to date:
- (1) Were any Aboriginal people charged, and if so, how many?
  - (2) Were any Aboriginal people detained in custody, and if so, how many?
  - (3) Were any Aboriginal people cautioned, and if so, how many?
  - (4) Were any Aboriginal people subject to drug diversion, if so, how many?
  - (5) Were any people supported by Early Intervention and Youth Action Units, and if so, how many?
  - (6) How many notifications to the Aboriginal Legal Service occurred where an Aboriginal person was detained?
  - (7) Were there any Aboriginal deaths in custody, and if so, how many?
  - (8) Was there any engagement with the Aboriginal community and organisations in line with the Tasmanian Government Framework for Community Engagement, and if so, at what level?
  - (9) Were there any instructions in relation to warrant checks at cultural gatherings, and if so how many? (20 June 2023)
- 49** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – In relation to Tasmanian Aboriginal people employed:
- (1) Are there currently any Tasmanian Aboriginal Police Officers serving as sworn officers and if so, how many by:
    - (a) rank;
    - (b) years of service;
    - (c) salary band; and
    - (d) by district?
  - (2) Are there any Tasmanian Aboriginal People currently employed by DPFEM, in the State Service, and if so, how many by:
    - (a) position held;
    - (b) salary band;
    - (c) years of service;
    - (d) type of employment (temporary or permanent); and
    - (e) geographic location by which district? (20 June 2023)
- 50** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – Does the Department of Police Fire and Emergency Management have a Reconciliation Action Plan in place? (20 June 2023)
- 56** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to the Government's announcement on 1 March 2022 that it would 'build and acquire' 10,000 social and affordable homes by 2032, since the date of the announcement, how many homes has the Government acquired? (22 June 2023)
- 61** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to the 15 new units at Magnolia Place designed for women and children escaping domestic and family violence:
- (1) What has been the occupancy since opening, broken down by month?
  - (2) Have there been any issues that have prevented the units being fully utilised, if so what are they? (22 June 2023)
- 63** Ms Haddad to ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the unproclaimed amendments to allow the Health Complaints Commissioner to investigate unregistered health workers:
- (1) When does the Government expect these amendments to be proclaimed?
  - (2) Once they are proclaimed, are any extra resources planned to offset the added workload on the Office of the Health Complaints Commissioner, and if so, what are they? (22 June 2023)

- 64** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Attorney-General – In relation to the Office of the Health Complaints Commissioner:
- (1) Are there currently any complaints on hand, and if so, how many?
  - (2) Are there any unresolved complaints, and if so, how many were received before:
    - (a) 1 January 2023;
    - (b) 1 July 2022; and
    - (c) 1 January 2022?
  - (3) Are any staff positions vacant, and if so, how many? (22 June 2023)
- 65** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation – In relation to the out of cell hours in the Tasmanian Prison Complex, what is the average weekly out of cell hours over the past twelve months for each of the following correctional facilities:
- (a) Risdon Prison Complex;
  - (b) Ron Barwick Prison;
  - (c) Mary Hutchinson Women’s Prison;
  - (d) Hobart Reception Prison;
  - (e) Launceston Reception Prison; and
  - (f) Southern Remand Centre? (22 June 2023)
- 66** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Attorney-General:
- (1) How many people have been employed as witness intermediaries since the introduction of the scheme, broken down by court registry?
  - (2) Have the witness intermediaries been engaged to assist in court, and if so, how many times, broken down by court registry?
  - (3) Have any hearings had to be adjourned or delayed due to the unavailability of a witness intermediary, and if so, how many times, by court registry?
  - (4) If there have been delays due to unavailability of a witness intermediary, how long has each delay been in months? (22 June 2023)
- 68** Ms *Finlay* to ask the Minister for Skills, Training and Workforce Growth – In relation to the proposed new TAFE student accommodation in Burnie to be available by the end of 2024:
- (1) Where is the location for the new Burnie TAFE accommodation?
  - (2) Will any places at the accommodation be dedicated and available to rural and regional students attending TAFE in Burnie, and if so, how many?
  - (3) Has provision been made for a suitable and safe interim accommodation solution for children under the age of 18 who may be staying in unsuitable and unsupervised accommodation until the new accommodation is available, and if so, what is this provision? (8 August 2023)
- 69** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for the Arts:
- (1) Did any member of the Government provide a written statement of support to any recipient of the 2021-22, or 2022-23, Community Arts and Cultural Development grants awarded by Arts Tasmania?
  - (2) If so, which members of the Government provided statements of support? Please provide a copy of any such statements. (8 August 2023)
- 70** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation:
- (1) The Justice Department’s annual reports indicate only four Monetary Penalty Community Service Orders were issued in 2021-22, and only one per year was issued in the prior two years. Were any applications for these orders rejected, and if so, how many, for each year over the past four financial years (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23)?
  - (2) Were any people, after enforcement actions that cancelled their licence or registration, charged with driving without a license or registration, in each of the last financial years (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23), and if so, how many?
  - (3) Were any people incarcerated in the last four financial years (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23) as a result of a warrant of commitment for non-payment of fines, and if so, how many for each financial year?
  - (4) Were any prison lockdowns during the 2022-23 financial year due to staffing levels, and if so, how many?
  - (5) Were any prison staff on workers’ compensation or personal leave as at 30 June 2023, and if so, how many?

- (6) Were any people released from prison into the following facilities for the last three financial years (2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23), and if so, how many in each financial year:
  - (a) Velocity Transformations;
  - (b) The Bridge Program;
  - (c) Bethlehem House; or
  - (d) Dudley House? (8 August 2023)

**71** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Energy and Renewables:

- (1) The 2023-24 budget provides \$3.75 million for “Delivering the Renewable Energy Agenda” in the Department of State Growth and provides a list of supported projects (Project Marinus, onshore and offshore renewable energy developments, Battery of the Nation projects and the implementation of Renewable Energy Zones). How is this money allocated across all of the projects supported in this budget line item?
- (2) What is the final proposed easement width for the North West Transmission Corridor in Loongana Valley?
- (3) Will the new easement widths and associated mapping for the North West transmission Corridor in Loongana Valley be communicated to affected landholders, and if so, when? (8 August 2023)

**72** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change:

- (1) Is there any calculation of the emissions (by tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>) arising out of Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT) post-logging ‘regeneration burns’?
- (2) If there is a calculation of emissions, what are the figures for the last five financial years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23)?
- (3) Is there any monitoring of health impacts arising out of STT regeneration burns?
- (4) If there is monitoring of health impacts, what are the estimates of health impacts for the last five financial years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23)?
- (5) Is there any monitoring of air quality across the affected airshed during regeneration burns?
- (6) If air quality is monitored, what were the monitored levels of air quality and particulate content for the last five financial years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23)? (8 August 2023)

**73** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) Are any paramedics on workers’ compensation plans and not working at the moment, and if so, how many?
- (2) Has overtime for Ambulance Tasmania staff been paid, and if so, how much, by staff role for the financial years 2020-21; 2021-22; and 2022-23?
- (3) Are there operational four-wheel drive ambulances in each of the state’s three regions, and if so, how many in each region for the financial years:
  - (a) 2020-21;
  - (b) 2021-22;
  - (c) 2022-23; and
  - (d) the current financial year?
- (4) Have staff in each region been trained to drive these four-wheel drive ambulances, and if so, how many are trained as at 8 August 2023?
- (5) When was the last four-wheel drive ambulance training course run in each region?
- (6) What is the percentage of patients seen within clinically recommended timeframes in Tasmanian emergency departments, by hospital and triage category, for each of the past five calendar years?
- (7) What is the total number of patients seen in Tasmanian emergency departments, by hospital and triage category, for each of the past five calendar years? (8 August 2023)

**74** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Planning:

- (1) For the 2021-22, 2022-23 and the current financial year, how many short stay properties in each region (North, Northwest and South) have permits, and how many do not have permits?
- (2) For the 2021-22, 2022-23 and the current financial year, are any short stay properties in Tasmania, exempt from the permit system, and if so, how many by region, and for what reasons?
- (3) Are there instances where owners of short stay properties claim no permit is required, and if so, how many of these claims were checked in the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23?
- (4) Is there a process in place for the oversight of confirming the ‘no permit required’ status of short stay properties, and if so, what is this process? (8 August 2023)

- 75** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Primary Industries and Water:
- (1) A response to a question on notice last year indicated that there have been 17 investigations into property/crop protection permits since 2010. Of these, two resulted in infringement notices and seven resulted in prosecutions. What, if any, types of penalties resulted from these actions?
  - (2) Were the above prosecutions successful, and was there any follow up investigation of compliance with subsequently issued permits? (8 August 2023)
- 76** Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Workplace Safety and Consumer Affairs:
- (1) How many bonds in total were held by the Rental Deposit Authority as at each of:
    - (a) 30 June 2023 (or the nearest available date for which data is available);
    - (b) 30 June 2022;
    - (c) 30 June 2021;
    - (d) 30 June 2020;
    - (e) 30 June 2019;
    - (f) 30 June 2018; and
    - (g) 30 June 2017?
  - (2) What is the total value of the bond holdings for each of these years;
    - (a) 30 June 2023 (or the nearest available date for which data is available);
    - (b) 30 June 2022;
    - (c) 30 June 2021;
    - (d) 30 June 2020;
    - (e) 30 June 2019;
    - (f) 30 June 2018; and
    - (g) 30 June 2017? (8 August 2023)
- 81** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Housing and Construction:
- (1) Will any homes be provided using the Social Housing Accelerator Federal funding, and if so, how many broken down by:
    - (a) region: North; North West; or South;
    - (b) management type: community housing provider managed; government managed; or other; and
    - (c) by housing type: newly constructed homes; renovations/refurbishments of existing dwellings that are currently uninhabitable; or through the acquisition of existing homes?
  - (2) What are the timelines for when the above homes are expected to be available? (5 September 2023)
- 82** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Housing and Construction – In relation to references made by the (then) Minister and Homes Tasmania representatives during the 2023 Estimates Committee hearings to a lived experience group that provided input to the Housing Connect Review and the most recent Housing strategy:
- (1) Are any of this lived experience group members tenants, and if so, how many broken down by region (North, North West and South)?
  - (2) Did this group participate in any meetings over the course of the Housing Connect Review and the development of the Housing Strategy, and if so, how many meetings?
  - (3) Are the members of this lived experience group remunerated or otherwise rewarded for sharing their expertise, and if so, how?
  - (4) What process was used to appoint members to the lived experience group? (5 September 2023)
- 83** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – In relation to the Transport Access Scheme:
- (1) Have any applications for the Transport Access Scheme been made since 1 July 2021, and if so, how many, broken down by month?
  - (2) How many of the above applications were approved, and how many were refused, broken down by month?
  - (3) How many distinct individuals (i.e. counting people who have applied multiple times once) have applied for the Transport Access Scheme since 1 July 2020, de-identified and broken down by month of first application?

- (4) Of the applicants whose applications were refused, did any reapply, and if so, how many had their applications then approved (de-identified and broken down by month of successful application)?
- (5) Does the Transport Access Scheme have a policy for contacting medical practitioners to verify an applicant's eligibility for the Scheme, and if so, what is this policy? (5 September 2023)

**84** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – For the periods of 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, 2022 to 2023, and 2023 to date:

- (1) Have there been any occasions where volunteer fire and emergency staff have been required to respond to an ambulance call out on board an ambulance, and if so, how many occasions?
- (2) If the above has occurred, how many of these instances were the result of there not being enough paramedics available to fill the two roles of driving and attending the patient in the ambulance during transfer?
- (3) Were there any occasions where these volunteers were required to:
  - (a) drive the ambulance whilst the paramedic attended the patient; or
  - (b) attend to the patient whilst a paramedic drove?
 And if so, on how many occasions did the above occur? (6 September 2023)

**85** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change – In relation to the Container Deposit Scheme in Tasmania:

- (1) What progress has been made on the Container Deposit Scheme in Tasmania?
- (2) Has the tender process concluded?
- (3) Where are the expected locations of the refund points?
- (4) The scheme was due to be implemented in the first half of 2023. What are the revised implementation timeframes? (6 September 2023)

**86** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management – For the periods of 2020 to 2021, 2021 to 2022, 2022 to 2023, and 2023 to date:

- (1) Have there been any occasions where Career Fire Officers have been required to respond to an ambulance call out on board an ambulance, and if so, how many occasions?
- (2) If the above has occurred, how many of these instances were the result of there not being enough paramedics available to fill the two roles of driving and attending the patient in the ambulance during transfer?
- (3) Were there any occasions where these volunteers were required to:
  - (c) drive the ambulance whilst the paramedic attended the patient; or
  - (d) attend to the patient whilst a paramedic drove?
 And if so, on how many occasions did the above occur? (7 September 2023)

**87** Ms O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Health, for each Tasmanian hospital emergency department for the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023 to date:

- (1) Have any patients had their clinical assessment of urgency (as their condition deteriorated) risen whilst 'ramped', and if so, how many for each of the following:
  - (a) from category 4 to category 3;
  - (b) from category 3 to category 2; and
  - (c) from category 2 to category 1?
- (2) Have any of the above patients whose conditions has deteriorated whilst 'ramped,' then being subsequently admitted, and if so, how many?
- (3) Have any people who called an ambulance been automatically transferred from the North West by ambulance to the Launceston General Hospital, and if so, how many? (7 September 2023)

**88** Mr Bayley to ask the Minister for Housing and Construction – In relation to the 132 established dwellings purchased by Homes Tasmania in the 2022/23 financial year:

- (1) Were any of these properties purchased following advertisement on the open market, or as private sales without advertisement, and if so, how many of each?
- (2) Were any of these properties purchased from social housing providers, and if so, how many?
- (3) Were any of these properties purchased participating in the Private Rental Incentives Program, and if so, how many?
- (4) What was paid for each of the properties, and what was the latest Valuer-General valuation for each property and the date of these valuations?

- (5) Was an independent valuation assessment conducted for each property prior to purchase, and if so, what were these valuations? (14 September 2023)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*