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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)

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 Tamer 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)

- 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 50th, 75th and 90th 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)
- 53** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to Homes Tasmania's 'Matching and Offering a Property Policy', section on 'Property Offers and Unreasonable Rejections':
- (1) What constitutes a reasonable or unreasonable rejection?
 - (2) Have any applications been suspended because of a rejection that was deemed unreasonable, and if so, how many in the last 12 months, and in the last 24 months?
 - (3) Of those suspended, on average, how long has each suspension lasted prior to being reactivated in the last 12 months and 24 months? (22 June 2024)
- 54** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing:
- (1) Are there any government managed public housing properties, and if so, how many were there:
 - (a) on 31 March 2014; and
 - (b) on 31 March 2023?
 - (2) Are there any Community Housing Provider managed social housing properties, and if so, how many were there on:
 - (a) on 31 March 2014; and
 - (b) on 31 March 2023? (22 June 2023)
- 55** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to 'Under 16 Homelessness: Children and Young People under 16 who are Alone or at Risk of Experiencing Homelessness: A Policy Framework for Tasmania', what is the budget allocation for 2022-2023 and over the forwards estimates to implement the recommendations of this framework? Please breakdown the budget allocation into capital, recurring and staff costs. (22 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)
- 57** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to the Government's 'Headworks Holiday' program:
- (1) Are community housing providers eligible for this program?
 - (2) And if so, how many successful applications from community housing providers were there in:
 - (a) the 2020-2021 financial year;
 - (b) the 2021-2022 financial year; and
 - (c) the 2022-2023 financial year? (22 June 2023)
- 58** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to the 915 homes completed by 30 April 2023, and on the document tabled at estimates breaking down the number of homes built by region, please break down the number of homes completed by month? (22 June 2023)
- 59** Ms Haddad to ask the Minister for Housing – In relation to the Housing Supply Land Order (Howrah) rezoning at Merindah Street in Howrah:
- (1) Who currently owns this land, and are there current plans to transfer its ownership or management?
 - (2) Has the mix of affordable, social and/or market-rate housing on the site been determined, and if so, what is it?

- (3) Has a Commonwealth Housing Provider been engaged to manage the Housing, and if so, which one?
 - (4) What is the expected date for completion of any housing built on the site? (22 June 2023)
- 60** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Housing, of the total Homes Tasmania Budget, what the proportion is allocated to programs for:
- (a) home ownership programs;
 - (b) social housing (public and community housing for renters); and
 - (c) facilities to alleviate homelessness (including Youth Foyers/Youth2 Independence, Supported Accommodation Facilities (e.g. Bilton Lodge and Bayview Lodge), and other Specialist Homelessness Services)? (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)
- 62** Ms *Haddad* to ask the Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation – In relation to the Government’s proposed Police Family Violence Order Misidentification Working Group:
- (1) Is the Government doing anything to ensure that victim-survivors are part of, and heard by the working group, and if so, what?
 - (2) Is the Government doing anything to ensure that specialist family violence services are part of, and heard by the working group, and if so, what?
 - (3) Does the working group’s parameters include the Police Family Violence Order revocation process, or just the process to initiate orders? (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)

67 Ms *Haddad* to ask the Premier – In relation to the delays in responses to Right to Information requests to public sector agencies:

- (1) Is anything being done to properly resources Departments and Right to Information Officers across the State Service given the increasing demand, and if so what?
- (2) Is the Government doing anything to increase the understanding of and adherence to the Right to Information Act across the State Service, and if so, what? (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 CO₂) 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)

- 77** Mr O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Corrections and Rehabilitation – In relation to the proposed youth justice facility at 972 East Derwent Highway:
- (1) Has a Traffic Impact Assessment been undertaken at this site as part of this development, and if not, when will an assessment be completed?
 - (2) Have any environmental assessments been undertaken at this site in relation to this proposal, and if not, when will environmental assessments take place? (9 August 2023)
- 78** Mr O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – In relation to the pilot trial of transit officers on public transport:
- (1) Have any businesses/third parties been engaged to provide transit officers as part of this trial and if so, which ones?
 - (2) What is the duration of each of the contracts with third parties that the Government has for the provision of transit officers?
 - (3) Are any transit officers employed directly by the State Government or by Metro Tasmania, and if so, how many by each? (9 August 2023)
- 79** Mr O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – In relation to the Domain Highways Planning Study:
- (1) What benefit does the Government stand to gain from this study?
 - (2) Have any businesses and consultancies been engaged as part of this study, and if so, which ones?
 - (3) Will the Government commit to tabling the final report and associated attachments relating to this study, and if not, why not? (9 August 2023)
- 80** Mr O'Byrne to ask the Minister for Housing and Construction:
- (1) Does Homes Tasmanian have any oversight, controls or policies that relate to how Community Housing Providers manage tenants' unpaid rent debts, and if so, what are they?
 - (2) Does Homes Tasmania have any contractual agreement with Community Housing Providers that directly prescribes how Community Housing Providers manage tenants who are in arrears of their rental payments?
 - (3) In relation to the Government's commitment to build 10,000 social and affordable dwellings with \$1.5 billion over the next decade, how will these assets be financed and who will hold the title to these 10,000 dwellings?
 - (4) On what date does the Government expect to complete the Housing Connect Reform Project?
 - (5) When will the new Housing Connect 2.0 online portal be operational? (9 August 2023)

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