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75 Dr *Broad* to ask the Premier —

- (1) Did the Government spend any funding on infrastructure during the 2019-20 financial year and if so how much?
- (2) How much will the Government spend on infrastructure during the 2020-21 financial year?
- (3) Has the Government already spent funding on infrastructure this financial year and if so how much has been spent to date? (19 November 2020)

76 Ms *O'Connor* to ask the Premier — Has the Premier taken any action “to investigate how a Jobs Guarantee program could be adopted in lutruwita/Tasmania to strengthen our COVID recovery, and support economic transition to tackle the climate emergency”, and if so what action has been taken? (19 November 2020)

77 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Education and Training —

- (1) Are there any positions currently vacant in TAFE Tasmania, and if so, in which area?
- (2) Do any delivery teams at TAFE Tasmania have a sessional pool, and if so, how many?
- (3) Are any courses at TAFE Tasmania behind the expected teaching schedule for 2020, and if so, which courses and when are they scheduled to take place? (4 December 2020)

78 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for State Growth — Were any red tape initiatives introduced by the Red Tape Reduction Commissioner in 2019 and 2020, and if so, how many? (4 December 2020)

79 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Science and Technology — Will any Tasmanians be directly employed as a result of the Technology One contract, and if so, how many? (4 December 2020)

80 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Minister for Justice —

- (1) Were any Work Safe Tasmania Provisional Improvement Notices issued in 2019 and 2020, and if so, how many?
- (2) Did any Provisional Improvement Notices proceed to investigation in 2019 and 2020, and if so, how many?
- (3) If there were Provisional Improvement Notices that proceeded to investigation in 2019 and 2020, did any of these investigations proceed to a sanction in 2019 and 2020, and if so, how many? (4 December 2020)

81 Ms *O'Byrne* to ask the Premier — In relation to the Family Violence Counselling and Support Service:

- (1) How many referrals, including new referrals, repeat referrals and active cases were there in each region in Tasmania in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020 to date?
- (2) What was the average case allocation per staff member per region in Tasmania in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020 to date? (4 December 2020)

82 Ms *O'Connor* to ask the Minister for Human Services — In relation to Child Safety Services:

- (1) Are there any children known to Child Safety Services who have an open case at incident level or higher and do not have an allocated Child Safety Officer, and if so, how many?
- (2) If there are children known to Child Safety Services who have an open case at incident level or higher who are without an allocated Child Safety Officer, what is the average length of time spent without being allocated a Child Safety Officer from 2017 to date?
- (3) Is there assessment criteria used to determine whether a child can make an informed decision about their care arrangements, also known by Child Safety Services staff as 'self-selection', and if so what is the criteria?
- (4) Were any children assessed as 'self-selecting' during the 2018-19 financial year, and at any point in the 2019-20 financial year, and if so how many? (4 December 2020)

83 Ms O'Connor to ask the Minister for Human Services — In relation to Strong Families, Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line:

- (1) Is the reduction in the figures between 2017-18 and 2018-19 provided in the Communities Tasmania Annual Report 2019-20 for the performance measure "Children in notifications, per 1,000 population a result of the Advice and Referral Line not recording notifications?
- (2) Is there a minimum training standard and/or qualification required for staff tasked with answering the phones for the Advice and Referral Line, and if so what are they?
- (3) Is there a minimum training standard and/or qualification required for the Advice and Referral Line's Community Engagement Officers, and if so what are they?
- (4) Is there oversight of decisions made by Advice and Referral Line phone staff and Community Engagement Officers such as when a decision is made not to refer a case to Child Safety Services, and if so what is that oversight?
- (5) What is the average timeframe for a Community Engagement Officer to visit a case that has contacted the Advice and Referral Line?
- (6) Does the Advice and Referral Line have criteria to assess whether or not to escalate a case, and if so what is that criteria?
- (7) Is it standard practice to keep a record of every contact made to the Advice and Referral Line?
- (8) What statistics and/or data are kept by the Advice and Referral Line?
- (9) Did anyone contact the Advice and Referral Line in the 2019-20 financial year, and if so:
 - (a) How many contacts were made;
 - (b) How many of these resulted in a referral to Child Safety Services;
 - (c) How many were referred to a third party provider of any type; and
 - (d) How many resulted in no action?
- (10) Were any complaints made about the Advice and Referral in the 2019-20 financial year, and if so, how many were made?
- (11) When a case is referred to Child Safety Services by the Advice and Referral Line, is data transferred as part of this referral, and if so what data?
- (12) Has the Minister for Human Services or the Department of Communities Tasmania been made aware of any concerns about the Advice and Referral Line and the way it functions? (4 December 2020)

84 Ms Butler to ask the Minister for Building and Construction — In relation to the Rental Deposit Authority:

- (1) Is money held by the Rental Deposit Authority, and if so, how much is currently held and what income is generated by it annually
- (2) Are bonds held by the Rental Deposit Authority, and if so, how many were held in total as of 30 June 2020? (4 December 2020)

85 Ms Butler to ask the Minister for Building and Construction — In relation to the Residential Tenancy Act Minimum Standards:

- (1) Has the Residential Tenancy Commissioner received any complaints during the 2019-20 financial year related to the minimum standards under the Residential Tenancy Act, and if so, how many have been received and how many have been investigated?
- (2) If there have been investigations undertaken during the 2019-20 financial year, what were the outcomes of these investigations, including fines, convictions or other enforcement actions?
- (3) Have any oversight or enforcement measures been undertaken during the 2019-20 financial year, and if so what are they and what is projected for the 2020-21 financial year?
- (4) Has any resources or funds been spend on enforcement and oversight of minimum standards during the 2019-20 financial year, and if so, how much and what is projected for 2020-21?

- (5) Have any penalties been issued for infringements of the Residential Tenancy Act minimum standards been issued since the Act came into force, and if so, how many and what were the types of penalties? (4 December 2020)
- 86** Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Building and Construction — In relation to funding for changes to residential tenancies during the COVID-19 pandemic:
- (1) Has funding been provided for rent relief and landlord support, and if so, how much funding has been provided up to 1 December 2020 and from 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021?
 - (2) Has funding been provided for reducing rent by mutual agreement, and if so, how much funding has been provided up to 1 December 2020 and from 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021? (4 December 2020)
- 87** Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management — In relation to the Government Radio Network:
- (1) Is Telstra Motorola the provider for the Government Radio Network, and if so:
 - (a) how long will the Tasmanian Government be obligated to use it as the provider;
 - (b) is there a clause in the agreement obliging Telstra Motorola to prepare a proposed cure plan where, in the opinion of the State, the default places at risk the safety and welfare of members of the public or persons associated with the State;
 - (c) If a cure plan is required, what will this entail and will it be more than an upgrade to software and will it be at the State's expense and
 - (d) Will appropriate coverage be provided by Telstra Motorola inside buildings?
 - (2) Will a police officer calling for back up from inside a shopping centre be able to call for back up under the Government Radio Network?
 - (3) Will a fire fighter in a basement attending to a structural fire be able to contact fire fighters outside the building through the Government Radio Network? (4 December 2020)
- 88** Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management — Are 92 police officers being recruited to assist with COVID-19 tasks, and if so, what strategies are in place for this recruitment? (4 December 2020)
- 89** Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management — In relation to workers compensation:
- (1) Does the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management pay workers compensation insurance premiums, and if so, how much is paid each year?
 - (2) Have any police officers received workers compensation lump sum payouts in the past 18 months for mental health illnesses due to being unable to return to policing, and if so, how many?
 - (3) Are any workers compensation claims waiting to be resolved, and if so, how many?
 - (4) Are any workers compensation claims categorised under step down provisions waiting to be resolved, and if so, how many?
 - (5) Have criminal code offences against police officers resulted in workers compensation claims, and if so how many? (4 December 2020)
- 90** Ms *Butler* to ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management —
- (1) What is the clearance rate of offences against the person in Bridgewater?
 - (2) What actions, if any, are being undertaken by Tasmania Police to address offences against the person in the communities of Bridgewater?
 - (3) What is the clearance rate of public place assaults in Bridgewater? (4 December 2020)
- 91** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — Was an audit conducted on the housing waitlist, and if so, how many people were removed as part of the audit process? (4 December 2020)
- 92** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — In relation to brokerage funds for housing:
- (1) Were any persons temporarily housed using brokerage funds from July 2019 to October 2020, and if so, how many?
 - (2) If people were housed using brokerage funds, what was the average number of nights a person stayed in the accommodation?
 - (3) If people were housed using brokerage funds, how many were moved into stable accommodation and how many were moved on?

- (4) If people were housed using brokerage funds, how much money has been spent on brokerage accommodation in 2020? (4 December 2020)
- 93** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing —
- (1) Do tenants that have a lease with Housing Tasmania but whose property is managed by Better Housing Futures providers have access to the Housing Review Committee for dispute resolution?
 - (2) Will an additional 2000 properties be managed by Better Housing Futures providers, and if so, when will that take place?
 - (3) If the additional properties are to be managed by Better Housing Futures providers, is there a maintenance backlog liability on the properties that will be managed, and if so what is the current maintenance backlog liability on these properties?
 - (4) If the additional properties are to be managed by Better Housing Futures providers, do the tenancies have any rent in arrears, and if so, will the Community Housing providers be responsible for collecting these arrears on behalf of Housing Tasmania? (4 December 2020)
- 94** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — What is Housing Tasmania’s stock profile by suburb by the number of bedrooms? (4 December 2020)
- 95** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — In relation to the Housing Review Committee:
- (1) Did the Housing Review Committee meet during the 2019-20 financial year, and if so, how many times did it meet and how many reviews were conducted?
 - (2) If reviews were conducted by the Housing Review Committee in 2019-20, were any decisions overturned, and if so, how many? (4 December 2020)
- 96** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — What were the outcomes of the ‘joined up’ project for which \$600,000 was committed and what are the next steps? (4 December 2020)
- 97** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — In relation to the Rapid Rehousing Program:
- (1) How many properties are in the rapid rehousing program?
 - (2) What is the budget for the rapid rehousing program?
 - (3) Will more properties be added to the rapid rehousing program? (4 December 2020)
- 98** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — In relation to housing during COVID:
- (1) Were people housed during the COVID shutdown using brokerage funds, and if so, how many?
 - (2) Were people asked to leave shelter’s during the COVID shutdown due to issues with social distancing, and if so, how many?
 - (3) Are shelters prepared for another outbreak of COVID?
- 99** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — In relation to hotel quarantine:
- (1) Who is contracted for the security at hotel quarantine?
 - (2) How is PPE disposed of at hotel quarantine?
- 100** Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Human Services — In relation to out of home care:
- (1) Will the Government invest in a model of care for young people that will benefit the whole Tasmanian community?
 - (2) Will the Government work with experts in the field to build a long-term service model for safe, effective, therapeutic care for Tasmanian youth?
 - (3) Will the Government commit to funding an Adventure Therapy program in Tasmania?
 - (4) Are young people in out of home care engaged with the State’s mental health service CAMHS, and if so, what percentage?
 - (5) Will the Government adopt Recommendation 8.5 of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report ‘Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Reforms to Human Services’ No. 85, 27 October 2017 to increase default contract lengths for family and community services to seven years?
 - (6) Is an expert panel being established to investigate services for at risk youth, and if so:
 - (a) What will be the terms of reference;
 - (b) How will the panel be appointed; and
 - (c) Will the panel include Bush Adventure Therapy researchers and practitioners?
 - (7) Is the Minister aware of the ‘Out of Bush On Country’ model, and if so, will the Minister commit to dialog with the groups involved in the model?

- (8) Will the Government pay for a service model in Tasmania that is psychologically safe, and effective at providing healing from trauma experienced in childhood?
- (9) Do peak bodies funded by the Department of Communities Tasmania to provide out of home care programs receive less funding than those funded by the Department of Health, and if so, what steps will the Minister take to address the disparity? (4 December 2020)

101 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — What was the total cost to the Crown of Tasmania for the cases of *Parsons v Director of Housing* [2018] TASSC62 and *Director of Housing v Parsons* [2019] TASFC33, including the legal costs paid to Mr Parson’s lawyers of \$86,701.66 and the costs incurred by the Office of the Solicitor-General? (4 December 2020)

102 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Housing — What progress has been made on the target outlined in the Premier’s Disability Advisory Council’s ‘Agency Implementation of the Disability Framework for Act 2017’ at page 11 to ‘Require 100 per cent of social housing new builds in Tasmania to include accessibility in their design, with 20 per cent of those homes being built to the platinum universal standards’? (4 December 2020)

103 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Heritage — In relation to the Heritage Register:

- (1) Have any properties been added to the register in the last year, and if so, how many?
- (2) Have any properties been removed from the register in the last 10 years, and if so, how many?
- (3) Was an audit taken in 2018 to correct the Heritage Register, and if so how many errors were found in that audit and how many known errors are on the register as of 30 June 2020?
- (4) Is there a process for verifying the accuracy of the register and correcting errors that are found, and if so, what is it?
- (5) Have additional funds been provided in the 2020-21 Budget to address historic problems with the register?
- (6) If there are errors on the register, how long will it take to correct these issues?
- (7) If properties have been incorrectly listed, have property owners been informed?
- (8) What are the implications, if any, of errors exposed on the register?
- (9) Are any properties on the register currently open to legal challenge, and if so, how many?
- (10) Does Table 10.5 on page 270 of the 2020-21 Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1, indicate a 1.5% reduction in the percentage of places on the Tasmanian Heritage Register actively managed due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and if so, why is this the case? (4 December 2020)

104 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Heritage — In relation to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens:

- (1) Has the budgeted revenue for 2020-21 to support the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens increased to \$7 million from \$5.5 million in 2019-20 as outlined in Table 10.14 on page 286 of the 2020-21 Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1, and if so, what are the sources of revenue and the basis of modelling for the increase?
- (2) Is the projected revenue to support the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens in the forward estimates less than half that budgeted for 2020-21, and if so, what is the modelling that underlies these projections? (4 December 2020)

105 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Heritage — In relation to grant and subsidies:

- (1) Does the 2020-21 Budget provide for any grants and subsidies to be administered by Heritage Tasmania, and if not, why not?
- (2) Has any funding been provided in the 2020-21 Budget for National and World Heritage Projects, apart from the \$5.4 million funded by the Australian Government for projects outlined on page 254 of Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1? (4 December 2020)

106 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Heritage — In relation to the Public Building Maintenance Program:

- (1) Is some of the \$5 million provided in the 2020-21 Budget for the Public Building Maintenance Program on page 254 of Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1, for works on heritage buildings, and if so, what will the funding be expended on?
- (2) Is ‘priority road maintenance’ included in the ‘Public Building Maintenance Program’, and if so, why and how much funding is allocated to road maintenance? (4 December 2020)

107 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Climate Change — In relation to Tasmania’s Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021:

- (1) Is funding provided in the forward estimates for a climate change action plan after the 2020-21 financial year, and if not, why not?
- (2) Given the 2020-21 Budget refers to a Climate Change Action Plan 2026, what plan will be in place between 2021 and 2026?
- (3) Are there any performance measures for the Climate Change Action Plan for 2020-21, and if not, why not?
- (4) Will performance measures and/or targets be set for the Climate Change Action Plan 2026, and if so, what will be the process and consultation involved in setting targets and when will this occur? (4 December 2020)

108 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Climate Change — In relation to climate change policy review:

- (1) Does the 2020-21 Budget provide funding of \$300,000 to progress the 2020 independent review of the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008, and if so, what is the funding for and why?
- (2) When will the Government bring its proposed amendments to the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008 to the House? (4 December 2020)

109 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Climate Change — Does the 2020-21 Budget and forward estimates provide an allocation for the Government's plan to trial zero emissions buses through Metro Tasmania within the next two years, and if not, how will this trial be funded? (4 December 2020)

110 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Climate Change — In relation to the Emissions Reduction Loan Scheme:

- (1) Has \$1.3 million over 4 years been provided to introduce a no-interest loan scheme for large greenhouse gas-emitting businesses and industries to reduce emissions, and if so, on what basis was this funding determined?
- (2) What organisations are the highest carbon emitters in Tasmania and what discussions has the Minister had with them and how are they expected to participate in the scheme?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to support the transition to a clean energy future for impacted workers and communities? (4 December 2020)

111 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Climate Change — Were Climate Tasmania and the Youth Network of Tasmania not included on the consultation list for the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Council despite making submissions, and if so, why? (4 December 2020)

112 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Climate Change —

- (1) Has the Minister had any briefings from climate scientists since becoming the Minister for Climate Change, and if so, how many and with whom?
- (2) Has a youth climate council with state wide youth representation of climate leaders been established, and if so, how many times has it met and what outcomes have been achieved, and if not when will it be established? (4 December 2020)

113 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Environment and Parks —

- (1) Did a pollution event occur in the Plenty River in late September 2020 in which 105,000 brown trout fry, 12,000 rainbow trout fry, 43 brook trout brood stock and 25 display fish died at the Salmon Ponds hatchery, and if so, what investigation occurred and what actions or outcomes have been put in place to ensure the health of the river?
- (2) Does the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment have plans to review the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994, and if so, what is the timeframe and resource allocation to complete this review? (4 December 2020)

114 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Environment and Parks — In relation to Parks and Wildlife Management:

- (1) Are staff employed on contracts that only guarantee 50 hours a year, and if so, how many?
- (2) Are staff employed on fixed term contracts that are less than a year in length, and if so, how many? (4 December 2020)

115 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Environment and Parks — In relation to Dismal Swamp:

- (1) Has the Dismal Swamp site formerly managed by Sustainable Timbers Tasmania been handed back to Parks?
- (2) If so, what are the plans, if any, for future use of the site and what restorative work is required?

- (3) If so, is there a plan to develop a master plan, and if so, what consultation is anticipated with local tourism operators?
- (4) If so, was there a cost to Government to end the contract with the previous lessee? (4 December 2020)

116 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Environment and Parks — In relation to the management of heritage assets:

- (1) Is there a collections database for staff of the Parks and Wildlife Service for the historic buildings with museum collections?
- (2) Does each property managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service have a collections inventory, and if not, how would it be known if an item was stolen?
- (3) Does Parks have a collections strategy?
- (4) Has a significance assessment been undertaken of the museum collections the Parks and Wildlife Service manage across the State and when was the last time a museum conservator assessed the condition of the collections?
- (5) Is there a heritage assessment by Heritage Tasmania underway for Halls Island, and if so, have Heritage staff visited the island, is Parks supportive of the listing, and what impact will this have on any development on the island? (4 December 2020)

117 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Environment and Parks — In relation to the Halls Island Lake Malbena Project:

- (1) If approvals for the project are not granted, will the Halls Island exclusive lease be rescinded?
- (2) Have other leases/licences been finalised before final approval has been given to the project? (4 December 2020)

118 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Disability Services and Community Development — Have 18 disability service organisations that were block funded by the Government been transitioned to the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building grant funding commissioning model, and if so, does the Government have contingency funds if there is market failure in a particular area of Tasmania as a result of disability service organisations closing? (4 December 2020)

119 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Disability Services and Community Development —

- (1) What action, if any, is the Minister taking to address the concerns raised by NDS Tasmania about the need to invest in sector development, including a workforce strategy and action plan to ensure the needs of people living with a disability are met?
- (2) Has funding been provided in the 2020-21 Budget and forward estimates to prioritise this, and if not, why not? (4 December 2020)

120 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Disability Services and Community Development — What action, if any, is the Government taking to ensure older Tasmanians are not left behind in digital literacy and are able to engage effectively online? (4 December 2020)

121 Ms *Standen* to ask the Minister for Disability Services and Community Development — Are there protocols in place to transfer patients to hospital in the event of a positive COVID diagnosis in a residential aged care home, and if so, what advice has the Minister received to inform this process? (4 December 2020)

122 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health — In relation to elective surgeries:

- (1) Does the Government have any goals for what percentage of patients should be seen on time for elective surgery, for example by 2022?
- (2) In the 2019-20 financial year did someone have their elective surgery cancelled only to be later admitted for an emergency procedure of this surgery, and if so, how many times and how does this compare to the previous two financial years?
- (3) How much financial support has Tasmania received under the Federal Government's \$1.3 billion support package to utilise private hospitals during COVID-19, including for elective surgery?
- (4) Have any public elective surgeries been done in private hospitals in the period 1 June 2020 to 1 December 2020, and if so how many, and how does that compare to the same period last year? (4 December 2020)

123 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health — What percentage of Category 2 patients are seen within the clinically recommended timeframe of 20 minutes at the Royal Hobart Hospital? (4 December 2020)

124 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Health — In relation to Ambulance Tasmania:

- (1) Are Intensive Care Paramedics currently employed by Ambulance Tasmania, and if so, how many?
- (2) Are Extended Care Paramedics currently employed by Ambulance Tasmania, and if so, how many?
- (3) Has any money been spent on equipment that supports the work of Extended Care Paramedics since the release of the 2017 'Review of Ambulance Tasmania Clinical and Operational Service' report, and if so, how much?
- (4) Have any courses been run to train Extended Care Paramedics since May 2017, and if so, how many and what is the total number of people who have participated in these courses?
- (5) Is it correct that to undertake training to become an Extended Care Paramedic, paramedics must first become an Intensive Care Paramedic, and if so, what is the rationale for this?
- (6) Has Ambulance Tasmania employed a secondary triage system, and if so, how much as this system reduced demand on paramedics having to attend to patients and where are patients referred to if an ambulance is deemed to not be required?
- (7) Are shifts not covered by secondary triage staff, and if so, approximately what proportion of shifts are not covered?
- (8) Are arrangements in place requiring ambulances that transport a patient with cold and flu symptoms to undergo a full deep clean, and if so, does this require paramedics to wait until the ambulance is cleaned before they can get back on the road, and if so, has consideration been given to allow paramedics to swap vehicles to enable to get back on the road faster, and if not why not?
- (9) Are paramedics required to do multi-hour intrastate transport while on regular shifts, and if so, how many hours were spent by paramedics on doing intrastate patient transport rather than responding to calls during the 2019-20 financial year?
- (10) Is the expenditure per person using Ambulance Tasmania up 25.7% from 2016-17 to 2018-19, and if so, what has caused this increase and is it a trend that is expected to continue?
- (11) Was overtime paid to paramedics in the 2019-20 financial year, and if so how many overtime hours were paid and how does this compare to previous years? (4 December 2020)

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*