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## UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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*Questions unanswered*

Nos 823, 825, 864, 867, 892-893, 896-903, 905-908, 910-911, 914-915, 924, 926-959.

### QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper.

*14 September 2017*

823 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the hydroelectricity proposal that was originally launched as the ‘Tully Millstream’, promised by the LNP in 1995 and then soon after abolished by LNP Energy Minister Gilmore, and which resurfaced as the ‘Reverse Tully Millstream’ and has now evolved into the ‘Southern Tablelands Development Scheme’ (STaDS).
- (2) Is he aware that this scheme adds 50,000 ha of irrigated (sugar cane) farm lands south of Ravenshoe, west of Tully and moves the project from north of Tully, to south of Tully, and should deliver 600 MW of hydro and pump storage power from Tully.
- (3) Is he aware that the Snowy Mountains 2.0 is ineffective in providing security on the north Queensland grid (1 million people), since that grid is nearly 5,000 km from Snowy Mountains 2.0 and line losses over that distance would be prohibitive, making the STaDS proposal a necessary adjunct to Snowy Mountains 2.0.
- (4) Is he aware that when STaDS is added to the ‘triangle of power’ (Hell’s Gates Dam, Kidston Pump Storage and Big Kennedy Wind Farm), the resulting ‘quadrangle of power’ will add 2,200 MW of baseload power and 400 MW of hydro.
- (5) Is he aware that north Queensland’s existing renewables will then be providing over 8 per cent of the entire national grid, which when added to the existing 6 per cent, will deliver nationwide 14 per cent renewables and that to go higher than 20 per cent would jeopardise the cheap \$28 per MWh coming out of existing coal fired power stations, versus renewables at over \$90 per MWh.
- (6) As the STaDS proposal will provide 300 MW of hydro peaking power and 300 MW of pump storage peaking power; 300 million litres of ethanol; 300,000 tonnes of sugar (piped as liquor) to the Tully Mill for processing; and will fatten 500,000 cattle each year off algae ponds (grown from CO2 emissions which will be entirely ‘carbon captured’ in the algae ponds); when will the Minister commit to the Tully Hydro promised to the people of North Queensland and people of Tully/Ravenshoe 21 years ago.

825 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs—In respect of the Minister’s commitment to extend the Indigenous ranger program from June 2018 to June 2020, when will the Government be issuing the contract extensions for all Indigenous ranger groups.

*5 December 2017*

- 864 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) How many overseas (a) doctors, and (b) nurses, were granted a work visa in 2016-17.
  - (2) How many overseas doctors granted a work visa in 2016-17 left Australia before their visa had expired.
  - (3) How many overseas doctors granted a temporary work visa since 1 January 2013 have been granted permanent residency.
- 867 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—In respect of the following telephone lines for each month between 1 January 2017 and 1 December 2017, (a) myGov help desk (132 307), (b) Medicare general enquiries (132 011), (c) Older Australians (132 300), (d) Financial Information Service: Information on financial issues (132 300), (e) Child support enquiries (131 272), (f) People with disability (132 717), (g) Centrelink employment services (132 850), (h) Newstart Allowance—22 years of age and over (132 850), (i) Help in an emergency (132 850), (j) Job seekers: Youth Allowance—job seeker under 22 years of age (132 490), (k) Indigenous Australians: Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre (1800 136 380), (l) Centrelink complaints and feedback (1800 132 468), (m) Centrelink debt (1800 076 072), (n) Centrelink families (136 150), (o) Report income (133 276), (p) Aged Care Fee Assessments and Services (1800 227 475), and (q) National Disability Insurance Agency (1800 800 110), (i) what was the average telephone waiting time, (ii) what was the average telephone waiting time for callers who then speak to a human operator, (iii) what proportion (as a percentage) of telephone calls resulted in a conversation with a human operator, and (iv) what proportion (as a percentage) of telephone calls resulted in an engaged dial tone.

*6 December 2017*

- 892 **MR KEOGH:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—What sum was spent on advertising of the National Energy Guarantee policy (a) Australia wide, (b) in Western Australia, and (c) in the Perth Metropolitan Area, (i) on television, (ii) in newspapers, (iii) online, and (iv) in any social media sponsored or boosted posts.
- MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Ministers listed below (question Nos. 893 to 894)—
- (1) How many tests have been conducted around Defence and non-Defence sites for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) or other chemicals related to fighter fighting foams and retardants.
  - (2) What were the results, broken down by location tested, and including maps of the impacted areas.
  - (3) Specifically, have the estuaries, beaches and waterways around the Adelaide Airport been tested for contamination; if so, what were the results.
  - (4) What remediation, if any, has been considered for contaminated sites around Australia.
  - (5) Do any sites in South Australia require treatment or further testing; if so, what are the timelines.
  - (6) What resources have been allocated to test firefighters and other personnel exposed to PFOS and PFOA.
  - (7) What ongoing testing and treatment and or medial monitoring have been considered or implemented by the Government.
- 893 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence.

*5 February 2018*

- 896 **MR WILKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training—
- (1) What total number of executive positions (those considered by a university to form part of its executive leadership team, including vice-chancellors, deputy vice-chancellors and pro-vice chancellors) existed in all Australian universities in (a) 2006-07, (b) 2007-08, (c) 2008-09, (d) 2009-10, (e) 2010-11, (f) 2011-12, (g) 2012-13, (h) 2013-14, (i) 2014-15, (j) 2015-16 and (k) 2016-17.
  - (2) What total sum was spent on remuneration for these executive positions in each of the above financial years.
  - (3) Can the Minister provide other relevant data on university executive staffing and remuneration held by the Government.

- 897 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services—What Government financial protections are available to superannuation account holders if (a) there is a major economic downturn, (b) their related registerable superannuation entity becomes insolvent, and (c) their account is with an employer-run superannuation fund and the employer goes bankrupt.
- 898 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—In respect of under age 18 participants of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, how many have requested funding for voluntary out-of-home care, and (a) what number of these requests were funded, and (b) what (i) average, and (ii) total, level of funding was granted.
- 899 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—In respect of under age 18 participants of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, how many have requested funding for independent supported living, and (a) what number of these requests were funded, and (b) what (i) average, and (ii) total, level of funding was granted.
- 900 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—In respect of under age 18 participants of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, how many have requested funding for six-plus months of respite, and (a) what number of these requests were funded, and (b) what (i) average, and (ii) total, level of funding was granted.
- 901 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Small and Family Business, Workplace and Deregulation—Separately against each recommendation, what steps have been taken by the Government to respond to the 15 recommendations of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman’s report *Inquiry into small business loans* (12 December 2016, pages 7 and 8).
- 902 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services—
- (1) Why does the excise rate for beer differ depending on the size of the commercial keg in which it is transported.
  - (2) Are kegs over 48 litres used more frequently than kegs under 48 litres in the transportation of beer in Australia.
  - (3) Is the Government aware that kegs over 48 litres are commonly manually handled at pickup and delivery locations.
  - (4) Does the Government realise that the lower excise rate on beer in kegs over 48 litres could be incentivising greater utilisation of kegs over 48 litres for transportation.
  - (5) What data does the Government have on the number of serious workplace health and safety (WHS) incidents that occur in the manual handling of beer kegs and what does this data conclude on the relationship between the size of the kegs and the prevalence of WHS incidents.
  - (6) Will the Government consider adopting a flat excise rate for beer kegs of all sizes; if not, why not.
- 903 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—
- (1) Is there a plan to review the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) zero to six years of age sector in respect of funding for support hours, given the vast gap in the caring role a parent provides a newborn compared with a six year old.
  - (2) Has a sliding scale of parental caring been considered for assessing the zero to six years of age NDIS applicants and their access to support hours.
- 905 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—In respect of a statement by the Prime Minister on 1 September 2016 that the Government would provide more support for community groups to install solar and battery storage in the electoral division of Mayo, since then (a) how many solar and battery storage projects have commenced under the Solar Communities Program (or other programs), (b) how many have been completed, and (c) what outcomes have they achieved.
- 906 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—Has the Government now fully delivered on its 2016 federal election commitment to provide \$500,000 of funding to the Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board for on-ground action to tackle feral cats; if not, (a) why not, and (b) when will the full sum of this funding be delivered.
- 907 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—Has the Government now fully delivered on its 2016 federal election commitment to provide \$200,000 of funding for the Lower Lakes under the 20 Million Trees Program; if not, (a) why not, and (b) when will the full sum of this funding be delivered.

908 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Communications—Further to the Minister’s answer to question in writing No. 797 (House *Hansard*, 11 September 2017, page 10004), in respect of the Government’s commitment to fund the construction of mobile infrastructure in (a) Gosse/Stokes Bay, and (b) Ashbourne, in the electoral Division of Mayo, (i) what was the outcome of the competitive funding process, (ii) were suitable applications submitted and/or approved, (iii) which companies have been chosen for construction, (iv) has construction commenced, and (v) when are the towers expected to be fully operational.

910 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Rural Health—

- (1) What measures is the Government taking to ensure that participants in the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) scheme are completing their return of service obligations to work in a rural or remote area for up to six years.
- (2) How many doctors who were recipients of an MRBS are yet to complete their return of service obligations.
- (3) What other measures has the Government taken to ensure a proportionate distribution of doctors across regional and rural Australia.

#### *6 February 2018*

911 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Rural Health—What potential conflicts of interest were disclosed by each panel member in the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand Expert Advisory Group on New Breeding Techniques.

#### *12 February 2018*

914 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Jobs and Innovation—

- (1) In respect of the Youth Jobs PaTH program from its inception until 31 January 2018, how many internship placements were (a) fully completed, (b) partially completed, (c) rural placements, (d) urban placements, and (e) hosted at employer organisations with aggregated annual turnover of (i) greater than \$50 million, (ii) between \$10 million and \$50 million, (iii) between \$1 million and \$10 million, and (iv) less than \$1 million.
- (2) What was the breakdown of internship placements by industry or sector.
- (3) How many internship placements were converted into post-placement employment.
- (4) What was the breakdown in the type of post-placement employment between (a) casual employment, (b) part-time employment, (c) full-time employment, and (d) apprenticeships.
- (5) For those partially completed placements, what was the numerical breakdown of the recorded reasons that the placement was not completed.
- (6) How many complaints did the department receive, and what was the numerical breakdown of the complaint type for those complaints, from (a) host employer organisations, and (b) internship placements.

915 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services—Further to part (2) of her answer to question in writing No. 842 (House *Hansard*, 5 February 2018, page 201), why does raspberry, blackberry and blueberry cider not meet the definition of cider under the *A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act 1999*.

#### *15 February 2018*

924 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—Did his department take action in 2016-17 against any food importer for providing incorrect information on their food labels; if so, (a) in how many cases was action taken, and (b) what was the nature of the action taken.

#### *26 February 2018*

926 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to part (1)(b) of her answer to question in writing No. 850 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2018, page 101), will the Government (a) support a strong resolution on Cambodia to return to democracy at the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, and (b) engage key members of the United Nations to put Cambodia on the agenda of the next meeting of the General Assembly.

- 927 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to part (1)(c) of her answer to question in writing No. 850 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2018, page 101), what specific steps (a) has the Government taken to encourage Cambodia to return to democracy and improve its human rights record, and (b) will the Government take to encourage Cambodia to return to democracy and improve its human rights record at the Australian-ASEAN Special Summit in March 2018.
- 928 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to part (2) of her answer to question in writing No. 850 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2018, page 101), why is it a matter for the United Nations Secretary-General and not the Government, to contact the Indonesian and French co-chairs of the Paris International Conference on Cambodia to see whether there is interest in reinvigorating the mechanisms under the Paris Peace Agreements.
- 929 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Further to part (3) of her answer to question in writing No. 850 (*Hansard*, 8 February 2018, page 101), has the Government (a) attached conditionality to any component of its bilateral aid program with Cambodia that would require improvements in Cambodia’s democracy and human rights record before any or additional official development assistance is expended, or (b) considered attaching conditionality to its bilateral aid program with Cambodia that would require improvements in Cambodia’s democracy and human rights record before any or additional official development assistance is expended.
- 930 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—
- (1) Is he aware that both the farmed and wild caught prawn industries in South East Queensland have been decimated in the last two years by white spot disease, an exotic disease fatal to prawns and other crustaceans transmitted by diseased, low quality imported raw prawns being used by recreational anglers for bait in local waterways.
  - (2) Is he aware that the Queensland Government is now spending millions on advertising the risk to recreational fishing that the pathogens in these prawns present and that this initiative will not connect with many in the fishing fraternity—it really is only a matter of when, not if, other fisheries are affected.
  - (3) Is he aware that this disease, if not eradicated totally (and banning imported product is the logical first step), has the potential to wipe out both the inshore commercial and recreational fisheries.
  - (4) Are our local commercial and recreational fishing industries not worthy of the same protection from this exotic scourge that the banana industry received after cyclones Larry (2006) and Yasi (2011) decimated the local banana industry and there was a strong push from retailers to import foreign bananas but biosecurity risks, concerns and issues ensured that banana imports never went ahead.
  - (5) Will the Australian Government consider permanently suspending the importation of raw foreign prawns and associated raw prawn products in light of the biosecurity disaster currently emerging in South East Queensland; if not, why not.
- 931 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—Does his department maintain data on citizenship applications classed as requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or some other similar designation, to indicate increased complexity or difficulty in processing.
- 932 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—How does his department stream, categorise or prioritise citizenship applications.
- 933 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—What criteria determine if a citizenship application is classed as requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation.
- 934 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—
- (1) Who makes the determination that a citizenship application requires ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation.
  - (2) Does the schedule of delegates provide for different levels of authority to approve certain cases; if so, what is the (a) typology, and (b) number of delegates, for each category.
  - (3) How many departmental staff have the authority to (a) approve citizenship (by conferral) applications, and (b) assess citizenship applications that require ‘further assessment’ or ‘thorough analysis’ or any similar designation.
  - (4) Since the decision handed down in the Federal Court by Justice Bromberg in *BMF16 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection* [2016] FCA 1530, has his department increased the number of staff capable of assessing citizenship applications requiring ‘further assessment’ or ‘thorough analysis’ or any similar designation.

- 935 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—
- (1) How many citizenship (by conferral) applications were lodged in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (2) What number of people received citizenship by conferral in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (3) What number of citizenship (by conferral) applications were classed as requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (4) What number of citizenship applications classed as requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation were granted by conferral in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
- 936 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—
- (1) Of all citizenship applications requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation, what were the average processing times for these applications in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (2) What is the current expected processing times for citizenship applications requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation.
- 937 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—
- (1) What number of citizenship applications were lodged by ‘Illegal Maritime Arrivals’ in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (2) What number of citizenship (by conferral) applications lodged by people who arrived in Australia as ‘Illegal Maritime Arrivals’ were granted citizenship by conferral in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (3) What number of citizenship applications lodged by people who arrived in Australia as ‘Illegal Maritime Arrivals’ were classed as requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
- 938 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—
- (1) What was the breakdown of citizenship (by conferral) applications by country of birth in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (2) What was the breakdown of the country of birth of applicants (for citizenship by conferral) whose applications were classed as requiring ‘thorough analysis’ or ‘further assessment’ or any similar designation in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (3) What was the breakdown of successful applicants (for citizenship by conferral) by country of birth in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
- 939 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—How many applicants were awaiting a decision on their citizenship (by conferral) overall in each quarter (or in as detailed data sets as possible) of (a) 2013, (b) 2014, (c) 2015, (d) 2016, (e) 2017, and (f) from 2018 (to the most recent quarter collected by his department).
- 940 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—What precise data fields are (a) collected in applications for citizenship by conferral, (b) stored in his department’s systems, and (c) searchable in his department’s systems.
- 941 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—
- (1) What was the breakdown, by country of birth, of the median time between an applicant sitting the citizenship test and a decision being made regarding their application in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).
  - (2) What was considered an acceptable standard processing time for citizenship applications (by conferral), in respect of Key Performance Indicators, by his department in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).

- (3) What is the average length of time between successfully sitting the citizenship test and attending a citizenship ceremony for the 10 per cent of applicants who experienced the shortest and longest waiting times.
- (4) How many Ministerial determinations were made under section 26(3) in (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14, (c) 2014-15, (d) 2015-16, (e) 2016-17, and (f) 2017-18 (to date).

942 **MR HILL:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—

- (1) Can he provide the geographic breakdown for citizenship ceremonies for citizens (by conferral); if so, can this data be provided by state/territory or local government area (or some other geographic unit), including the number of citizens, for each month from 1 June 2013 until the most recent period for which data is available; if not, can this data be provided by sub-region, region or state/territory, and by month, or quarter, or a similar period from 1 June 2013 until the most recent period.
- (2) Does his department review or cross check if new citizens attend a citizenship ceremony; if so, (a) what past period do these reviews cover, (b) what is the purpose of these reviews, and (c) do the reviews target any particular cohorts; if, so which ones.

943 **MR KATTER:** To ask the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services—In respect of a number of constituent cases in the electoral division of Kennedy, some dating back to Cyclone Yasi (2011), where it is alleged that Club Marine is bullying and intimidating its policy holders to settle for a meagre amount of their total claim, or drawing the process out for years in the hope that the policy holder will go broke or run out of energy to pursue the matter, will he order Club Marine, part of Allianz Australia Insurance, to reveal how many claims (a) have been made, and (b) have been paid, and (i) in the case where payment has been made, what percentages of the claim did Club Marine pay, and (ii) on claims that have been paid, what number have been disputed by the policy holder, and what number are still in dispute.

#### *27 February 2018*

944 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many male suicide deaths were there in Australia in each of the last three years for which figures are available, and of those deaths how many were (a) married men, and (b) divorced or separated men.
- (2) How many female suicide deaths were there in Australia in each of the last three years for which figures are available, and of those deaths how many were (a) married women, and (b) divorced or separated women.

#### *1 March 2018*

945 **MR ALBANESE:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—

- (1) Is he aware that Commonwealth funding for the Australasian New Car Assessment Program runs out this financial year.
- (2) Will he commit to providing this vital road safety organisation with long term certainty by agreeing to fund it for a further five years.

946 **MR GEORGANAS:** To ask the Minister for Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to ensure the integrity of the next federal election.
- (2) What engagement has the Government or responsible agency undertaken with (a) state governments to ensure the integrity of state elections, and (b) the major political parties to ensure elector database integrity.
- (3) How many targeted cyberattacks have attempted to breach the Australian electoral systems.
- (4) Have any cybersecurity attacks on the Australian electoral systems been successful.
- (5) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that social media feeds are not manipulated by a foreign power.
- (6) How many times has the Australian Parliament House parliamentary network successfully been attacked, what were the dates of the attacks, what information was stolen, and what steps did the Government take to notify those impacted.

26 March 2018

- 947 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Health—What number of new clients of the voucher component of the Hearing Services Program are expected to become ineligible in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20, (c) 2020-21, and (d) 2021-22, if the recommendations in the report *Review of services and technology supply in the Hearing Services Program* (PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia for the Department of Health, September 2017) are adopted.
- 948 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) In respect of the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) *Report Card 2018: The Wellbeing of Young Australians*, will he (a) explain why the proportion of children aged 2 who are fully immunised fell from 92.7 per cent in 2008 to 90.5 per cent in 2017, and (b) advise what steps the Government is taking to reverse this trend.
  - (2) Will he (a) explain why, according to ARACY, the percentage of Australians aged 18 to 24 suffering from high or very high psychological distress rose from 11.8 per cent in 2011 to 15.4 per cent in 2014-15, and (b) advise what steps the Government is taking to reverse this trend.
- 949 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Attorney-General—
- (1) Has the Government considered introducing legislation that would mirror or resemble the United States' *Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012* (the 'Magnitsky Act'); if not, why not; if so, what has the Government concluded.
  - (2) Has he, or his immediate predecessor, met with Magnitsky Act advocate, Mr William Browder; if so, what was the result of that meeting; if not, would the Government consider meeting with Mr Browder.
- 950 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What is the Government's response to Recommendation 2.6 of the Productivity Commission report *Shifting the Dial: 5 Year Productivity Review* (Report No. 84, 24 October 2017).
  - (2) Has the Government considered freezing the indexation of the spirits excise and if so, why has such a freeze not been proceed with.
  - (3) On a year-by-year basis, has the average tax paid on spirits (as a percentage of total price) increased, decreased, or remained constant over the last 5 years and how does this compare to the average tax paid (as a percentage of total price) on beer and wine over the same period.
  - (4) What is the Government's estimate of the dollar contribution of (a) gin distillers, and (b) non-gin spirit distillers to (i) Australia's economy, (ii) South Australia's economy, and (iii) the economy of the electorate of Mayo.
  - (5) What is the Government's estimate for (a) percentage growth; and (b) inflation-adjusted dollar growth, in the Australian distillery industry.
  - (6) What is the Government's planned spending over the forward estimates on education about alcohol.
- 951 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—
- (1) How many complaints have been lodged with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) since 26 March 2017.
  - (2) What is the breakdown of the number of complaints lodged with the NDIA since 26 March 2017 in (a) South Australia, (b) Victoria, (c) New South Wales, (d) Queensland, (e) Western Australia, (f) Tasmania, (g) Northern Territory, and (h) Australian Capital Territory.
  - (3) How many applications for internal review of a decision by the NDIA have been made since 26 March 2017.
  - (4) What is the breakdown of the number of applications for internal review of a decision by the NDIA since 26 March 2017 in (a) South Australia, (b) Victoria, (c) New South Wales, (d) Queensland, (e) Western Australia, (f) Tasmania, (g) Northern Territory, and (h) Australian Capital Territory.
  - (5) How many decisions by the NDIA have been reviewed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal after the internal NDIA review process.
  - (6) How many people are currently undertaking the new participant pathway pilot for the National Disability Insurance Scheme that began in December 2017 in Victoria; and on what basis were the Victoria East and Victoria North regions chosen to participate in the project.
  - (7) Has consideration been given to rolling out this pilot in South Australia; if so, when; and if not, why not.



952 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—

- (1) Is Adelaide Airport subject to the requirements of the *Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010* (the Standards), including Part H2 of the Standards, and is Adelaide Airport in compliance with these Standards.
- (2) Do all obstacles that abut an access way at Adelaide Airport, especially bollards, conform with Standard H2.2(5).
- (3) Is Adelaide Airport required to have signage that indicates where disabled carparks are located; if so, is the airport in compliance with relevant requirements.
- (4) Is Adelaide Airport required to have signage, readable by people with a vision impairment, that indicates which security screening area lane is allocated for persons requiring assistance; if so, is the airport in compliance with relevant requirements.
- (5) Is Adelaide Airport required to provide assistance to people with disabilities when passing through security screening; if so, is the airport in compliance with relevant requirements.
- (6) Is Adelaide Airport required to have a minimum level of luminous contrast for its (a) floor number signs beside elevators; (b) elevator call buttons and internal elevator buttons; (c) directional signage; (d) toilet signage; and (e) foot rails; if so, is the airport in compliance with relevant requirements.
- (7) Do all instances of door glazing at Adelaide Airport, including glazed doors, sidelights, and wall panels, have luminous contrast strips that conform with Standard H2.5.
- (8) Is Adelaide Airport subject to the requirements of the *Disability Standards for Accessible Transport 2002*; and is the airport currently in compliance with these standards.
- (9) Is Adelaide Airport required to have a maximum height level for the directional signs to its terminals; and if so, is the airport in compliance with relevant requirements.
- (10) Is Adelaide Airport required to have tactile ground surface indicators on access paths in and around its terminals; and if so, is the airport in compliance with relevant requirements.
- (11) Is Adelaide Airport subject to the requirements of the *Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016* whilst construction works are undertaken; and (a) has the airport been in compliance with this code, and (b) is it currently.
- (12) What steps will the Government take to ensure that the structures and premises of Adelaide Airport are in compliance with its legal requirements regarding safe access by vision-impaired persons; and by what date does the Government expect Adelaide Airport to become compliant.

953 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources—

- (1) How much has been contributed to fund the development of the Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative (PBRI) by (a) each of the seven Plant Research and Development Corporations, (b) Plant Health Australia, and (c) the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
- (2) How will the PBRI measure its targets to (a) invest in new knowledge and skills across all plant industries to support Australia's plant biosecurity system, and (b) provide coordination and collaborative leadership to ensure research is well-targeted, innovative and that the science is of the highest quality.
- (3) How many interested parties, other than the core partners, have participated in the PBRI.
- (4) How many cross-sectoral research projects which include interested parties are currently being developed through the PBRI.
- (5) How much cash or in-kind contributions have been committed by interested parties, other than the core partners.
- (6) How many projects undertaken through the PBRI address gaps in the plant biosecurity research as identified in the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity.
- (7) How many concepts for projects have been developed through the regular tabling of cross-sectoral biosecurity research needs through the PBRI and what is the funding envelope provided for each project.
- (8) How many concepts for projects have been submitted to the respective Boards for consideration.
- (9) How often has the PBRI Management Committee met; and for each of these meetings (a) on what dates were they held, (b) where did the meetings take place, and (c) who attended.

27 March 2018

954 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Since the implementation of the luxury car tax (LCT) in 2000, (a) how much revenue has the LCT raised, and (b) how much LCT has been raised through the importation of historic cars (over 30 years old).
- (2) What is the year by year breakdown on the number of historic cars imported in Australia from 1990 to 2017.
- (3) Has the Government considered granting historic cars imported to Australia with an exemption from the LCT; if so, when would this occur; and if not, why not.

28 March 2018

\*955 **MR ZAPPIA:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) In respect of the Oakden Older Persons Mental Health Service (OPMHS); have there been any visitors under the Commonwealth Community Visitors Scheme in the last 5 calendar years; and if so; on how many occasions were visits made.
- (2) Has the department received any complaints about the Oakden Aged Care Facility over the past 5 calendar years and if so; (a) how many, and (b) what action was taken in response.
- (3) How many reports have been made to police by aged care providers in respect of incidents occurring within aged care facilities in the past 5 calendar years which were of a reportable nature.
- (4) How many (a) announced, and (b) unannounced, visits were made to aged care facilities by Department of Health staff or other agencies contracted to the department in (i) 2013, (ii) 2014, (iii) 2015, (iv) 2016, and (v) 2017.
- (5) Has the Department of Health recommended to the Carnell Inquiry (*Review of National Aged Care Quality Regulatory Processes*, Kate Carnell and Ron Paterson, October 2017), that the Department should conduct unannounced visits to aged care facilities and if so; when will such visits commence.
- (6) How many complaints have been made to the Department about aged care facilities in (a) 2015, (b) 2016, and (c) 2017.
- (7) In the past 5 calendar years, (a) how many aged care facilities have had their accreditation withdrawn, and (b) have any aged care facilities been prosecuted for breach of accreditation standards.

\*956 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Energy—

- (1) In respect of recommendation 10 of the December 2017 report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy, *Powering our Future*, (a) what is the Government's response, and (b) will an audit been undertaken as per the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) What is the Government's response to recommendation 21 of the same report, and will the Government be moving towards real-time settlement; if not, why not.

\*957 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—

- (1) In respect of the August 2017 Productivity Commission report, *Shifting the Dial: 5 Year Productivity Review*, what is the Government's response to recommendation 4.1.
- (2) In respect of recommendation 5.2 of the same report, what steps, if any, is the Government taking to (a) establish consumer rights over their own data, (b) establish consumer rights to transfer their own data, (c) adopt a copyright law with fair use exceptions, and (d) remove the competition law exemption for intellectual property.
- (3) In respect of recommendation 6.3 of the same report, has the Government considered shifting responsibility for the Intergenerational Report to the Parliamentary Budget Office to ensure that it is a non-partisan report and provides a consolidated view of the Government's fiscal sustainability.

\*958 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—

- (1) In 2018 will the Government raise the Commonwealth Rent Assistance payment for recipients of the Age Pension by more than the ordinary indexation rate; if so, by how much; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the Government (a) advise if it has considered establishing an independent tribunal to assess the base rate of the Age Pension to determine the best mechanism for annual review, and (b) establish such a tribunal.
- (3) Will the Government (a) advise if it has considered establishing a roundtable (or similar) to review services to people on the Age Pension, and (b) establish such a roundtable.

\*959 **MS SHARKIE:** To ask the Treasurer—Will the Government adopt the recommendation of the ACCC in its *New Car Retailing Industry market study* (December 2017), to introduce a mandatory scheme that sets out rules for car manufacturers to share technical information with independent repairers; if so, when; if not, why not.

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**DAVID ELDER**

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