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COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS

Questions from Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (*on behalf of the Opposition*)

Hizb ut-Tahrir

1. Given recent activity involving Hizb ut-Tahrir in NSW, what is the estimated number of followers in the State?
 - (a) What steps is the NSW Government taking to counter their activity?

Hezbollah

2. Given recent activity involving Hezbollah in NSW, what is the estimated number of followers in the State?
 - (a) What steps is the NSW Government taking to counter their activity?

Nazi flag

3. Given that documents obtained under freedom of information revealed that between June 2018 and April 2020, there were 31 separate occasions where the Nazi flags and symbols was flown or displayed in NSW, how many times did this occur in:
 - (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 1 January 2021 to 31 October 2021?

Hezbollah flag displays

4. How many times have the display of Hezbollah flags been recorded by NSW Police in the period 2015 to 2021?
 - (a) By year – 2015?
 - (b) 2016?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2019?
 - (f) 2020?
 - (g) January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021?

Islamic State or ISIS flag displays

5. How many times have the display of Islamic State or ISIS flags been recorded by NSW Police in the period 2015 to 2021?
 - (a) By year – 2015 and in what locations?
 - (b) 2016 and in what locations?
 - (c) 2017 and in what locations?
 - (d) 2018 and in what locations?
 - (e) 2019 and in what locations?
 - (f) 2020 and in what locations?
 - (g) January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 and in what locations?

High Risk Terrorist Offenders

6. How many High Risk Terrorist Offenders (HRTOs) and under surveillance in NSW as of November 3, 2021?
 - (a) Of those who many are men and how many are women?
 - (b) What are their ages?
 - (c) What are the requirements as part of their release?

ISIS Brides/Jihadis

7. How many people are residing in NSW – who have returned from foreign zones under Islamic State control– and are they being monitored as former Australian Jihadis or ISIS brides?
 - (a) Number of women?
 - (b) Number of men?
 - (c) Number of minors/children?
 - (d) Are they the subject of monitoring?
 - i. If yes, what are the measures?

Step Together helpline

8. Given the Step Together hotline – 1800 875 204 – was set up in June 2017 and it is a NSW funded helpline and online support service for people concerned about friends, family or loved ones who may be headed down the path of violent extremism, how many telephone calls has it received since it was established– as of November 3, 2021?

- (a) How many calls received in 2017?
- (b) 2018?
- (c) 2019?
- (d) 2020?
- (e) January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021?
- (f) How many charges or arrests have been made in 2017? 2018? 2019? 2020? And January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021?
- (g) What was the cost of the hotline in 2017? 2018? 2019? 2020? And January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021?

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program

9. How many has been spent on the Counter Violent Extremism program in:
- (a) 2015?
 - (b) 2016?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2019?
 - (f) 2020? And January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021?
10. Given the NSW government in its submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Inquiry into extremist movements and radicalism in Australia – published March 18 2021 claimed that the program reached almost 1.5 million people, what is the basis for that claim?

Riot at Parklea Correctional Centre

11. What is the estimated cost to repair the damage resulting from the riot on 12 July 2021?

Wellington Correctional Centre mouse plague

12. Wellington Correctional Centre was closed as a result of a mouse plague. When will the facility be reopened?
13. Please detail the cost of the mouse infestation at the Wellington Correctional Centre broken down by,
- (a) Cost of refurbishing facility

(b) Cost of relocating staff

(c) Cost of relocating inmates

Deaths in Custody

14. Please advise the number of people who have died in custody since 1 January 2021?