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## FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES

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

#### Temporary Accommodation

1. Could the Minister please provide an exact figure (total) for the number people in Temporary Accommodation:
  - (a) at its peak so far in 2022
  - (b) Total number of individuals who accessed temporary accommodation, per month from November 2022 to date
2. Could the Minister please provide the exact number of people in Temporary Accommodation who were previously sleeping rough from November 2021 to date?
3. How many individuals accessed Temporary Accommodation in:
  - (a) 2019
  - (b) 2020
  - (c) 2021
  - (d) 2022 to date
4. How many people exited Temporary Accommodation in 2022?
  - (a) Of those how many entered:
    - i. Social Housing
    - ii. Together Home packages
    - iii. Some form of rental assistance
5. Could the Minister provide figures relating to the number of women who utilised Temporary Accommodation from 1 July 2021 to date?
  - (a) How many of these women were over 55?
6. How many women who utilised temporary accommodation from 1 July 2021 to date have entered social housing or permanent tenancy?
7. Could the Minister provide details of people who accessed Temporary accommodation by:
  - (a) allocation zone; and
  - (b) geographic region

## **Social Housing Waiting List**

8. Could the Minister please provide the number of people on the social housing waiting list for the following months in 2021/22:
  - (a) November 2021
  - (b) December 2021
  - (c) January 2022
  - (d) February 2022
  - (e) March 2022
9. How many people on the social housing waiting list are currently experiencing homelessness?
10. Could the Minister please provide the number of people on the priority social housing waiting list for the following months in 2021/22:
  - (a) January 2021
  - (b) February 2021
  - (c) March 2021
  - (d) April 2021
  - (e) May 2021
  - (f) June 2021
  - (g) July 2021
  - (h) August 2021
  - (i) September 2021
  - (j) October 2021
  - (k) November 2021
  - (l) December 2021
  - (m) January 2021
  - (n) February 2022
  - (o) March 2022
11. How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2021?

12. How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2021?
13. How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2022?
14. How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2022?
15. Could the Minister please provide an updated breakdown of the social housing waiting list by allocation zone?
16. What is the average wait time to secure social housing for those on the social housing waiting list in FY 2021/22 to date?
  - (a) What is the median wait time?
17. What is the average wait time for people to access social housing for those on the priority social housing waiting list in FY 2021/22?
  - (a) What is the median wait time?
18. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the number and proportion by age and gender of people on the current waiting list?
  - (a) 55-65 years
  - (b) 65-75 years
  - (c) 75 – 80 years
  - (d) 80 and over
19. How many people aged 80 years in the general waiting list have been added to the priority waiting list over the last 5 years?
20. Could the Minister please provide a gender breakdown (number and proportion) of the people who were added to the priority list upon turning 80 years over the last 5 years?
21. What was the average time of people over 80 years in the priority list getting housing once they get on the priority list?
22. What is the average time for people over 55 years in the general waiting list (across all geographic areas) getting housing?
23. How many people on the current social housing waiting list identity as LGBTQIA+?
24. How many people on the current social housing priority waiting list identity as LGBTQIA+?
25. How many people on the current social housing waiting list identity as CALD?
26. How many people on the current social housing priority waiting list identity as CALD?

## **Housing Tenants**

27. How many people are currently housed in NSW public and community housing and Indigenous housing?
28. What are their age and gender profiles? (number and proportion over 55-65 years, 65-75 years, 75 years and over)

## **Rent Choice**

29. How many people over 55 years received rent choice?
30. Could the Minister please provide a gender breakdown by number and proportion of the rent choice participants over 55?

## **Homelessness Services in NSW**

31. How many people have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services in NSW during:
  - (a) 2021
  - (b) 2022
32. How many women were turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by women's shelters and specialist homelessness services in NSW during:
  - (a) 2021
  - (b) 2022

## **Link2Home**

33. Can you please provide the number of callers or clients by age and gender of people who interacted with Link2home during 2022:
  - (a) Clients aged 55-65 years
  - (b) Clients aged 65- 75 years
  - (c) Clients aged 75 and over

## **Complaints and correspondence**

34. How many complaints has the Minister's office received from tenants in social housing during the following months:
  - (a) July 2021
  - (b) August 2021

- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021
- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

35. How many complaints has DCJ received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021
- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

36. What is the total number of correspondence from social housing tenants the Minister's office has received in 2022?

- (a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to?
- (b) What is the average wait time for a response?

## **DCJ**

37. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DCJ?

38. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Organisation Chart for Housing, Disability and District Services of DCJ?
39. Could the Minister provide a list of Executive staff that she is directly responsible for?
40. How many forced redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2021/22?
- (a) Which executive members were made redundant?
  - (b) What was the total cost of these redundancies?
41. How many voluntary redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2021/22?
- (a) Which executive members were made voluntarily redundant?
  - (b) What was the total cost of these voluntary redundancies?

### **Social Housing Tenants**

42. At the present time how many social housing tenants are there in NSW?
- (a) How many tenants have:
    - i. Requested transfers?
    - ii. Left social housing to private tenancy?
    - iii. Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
    - iv. Been evicted from social housing?
43. In 2021 how many social housing tenants were there in NSW?
- (a) How many tenants have:
    - i. Requested transfers?
    - ii. Left social housing to private tenancy?
    - iii. Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
    - iv. Been evicted from social housing?
44. Of those social housing tenants that have requested a transfer how many were granted in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22?
- (a) What is the breakdown as to why these transfers were requested?
  - (b) How many of these properties were then reallocated to different tenants within six months?

- (c) How many properties deemed unsafe or unsatisfactory were then reallocated, without any significant work completed, to new tenants?

**Social Housing Tenants - Evictions**

45. What is the broad breakdown of reasons tenants were evicted from social housing in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date)?

- (a) How many tenants were evicted from properties that were later sold during:

i. FY 2011/12

ii. FY 2012/13

iii. FY 2013/14

iv. FY 2014/15

v. FY 2015/16

vi. FY 2016/17

vii. FY 2017/18

viii. FY 2018/19

ix. FY 2019/20

x. FY 2020/21

xi. FY 2021/22 (to date)

- (b) How many tenants were relocated from properties that were later sold during:

i. FY 2011/12

ii. FY 2012/13

iii. FY 2013/14

iv. FY 2014/15

v. FY 2015/16

vi. FY 2016/17

vii. FY 2017/18

viii. FY 2018/19

ix. FY 2019/20



- x. FY 2020/21
- xi. FY 2021/22 (to date)

- 46. How many tenants have submitted appeals or requested hearings from NCAT relating to their social housing tenancy?
- 47. What is the total amount that has been spent on legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date) relating to defending cases heard at NCAT?
- 48. How many tenants have DCJ taken to NCAT during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date)?
- 49. What is the total amount that has been spent on legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date) relating to taking tenants to NCAT?

### **Rent from Public and Social Housing Tenants**

- 50. What is the total gross income the NSW Government receives from public and social housing tenants rent for the following years?
  - (a) FY 2016/17
  - (b) FY 2017/18
  - (c) FY 2018/19
  - (d) FY 2019/20
  - (e) FY 2020/21
  - (f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

### **Tenant Satisfaction Survey**

- 51. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the most recent tenant satisfaction survey or report?
  - (a) Who was this report shared with?
  - (b) When was the Minister briefed on this report?

### **Minister's Office**

- 52. How many Ministerial staff redundancies occurred there during the Ministerial changeover in late 2021?
  - (a) How many were:
    - i. Forced
    - ii. Voluntary

53. What is the total cost of these redundancies?
54. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?
55. What was the total cost of the following from Oct 2021 – March 2021:
  - (a) Office fit outs
  - (b) Office Upgrades
  - (c) Moving or relocation services
  - (d) Plants
  - (e) Business Cards
  - (f) Stationary
  - (g) Art
  - (h) Book cases or other office furniture
56. Were any upgrades or alterations made to the office during or after the Ministerial changeover?
57. Were any office assets unaccounted for after the Ministerial changeover?
  - (a) If so, could an itemised list please be provided with the costs of the assets
58. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 January 2022?
59. How many of these positions are:
  - (a) on-going and
  - (b) non-ongoing
60. Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Minister's office?
61. Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?
62. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date.
63. How much did the Minister's office spend on Christmas Party Functions in 2021?
64. Does the Minister have a clothing allowance?
  - (a) If so, what is it?

- (b) Could an itemised list be provided and cost associated with each item
65. What requests have been made from the Minister regarding office upgrades or furniture?
- (a) Could details of these requests be provided?

### **Briefings**

66. Has the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly? If so, can the following be provided:
- (a) The subject matter of the briefing.
  - (b) The location and date of the briefing.
  - (c) Who proposed the briefing?
  - (d) Attendees of the briefing by level/position

### **Communications staff**

67. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – By Department or agency, the following:
- (a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
  - (b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.
  - (c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
  - (d) How many are graphic designers
  - (e) How many are media managers
  - (f) How many organise events
68. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios
- (a) If yes, why
  - (b) When was it established
  - (c) What is the set up cost
  - (d) What is the ongoing cost
  - (e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications

### **Board Appointments**

69. Can the Minister provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members she has made since her appointment?
70. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
71. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?
72. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?
73. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?

#### **Commissioned Reports and Reviews**

74. Since 1 July 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned? Please provide details of each report including:
  - (a) Date commissioned.
  - (b) Date report handed to Government.
  - (c) Date of public release.
  - (d) Terms of Reference.
  - (e) Committee members and/or Reviewers.
75. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?
76. Can you please provide the background and credentials of the Review personnel?
77. Can you please provide the remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel?
78. Can you please provide the cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review?
79. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
80. What is the current status of each report?
81. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so?

#### **Social media influencers – DCJ**

82. What was the DCJ total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?
83. What advertising or information campaigns did the DCJ use social media influencers to promote?

84. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?
85. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?

### **Promotional merchandise – DCJ**

86. What was the DCJ total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22?
87. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?
88. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?

### **Advertising and information campaigns –DCJ**

89. What was the DCJ total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date.
90. What advertising and information campaigns did the DCJ run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:
- (a) When approval was first sought.
  - (b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.
  - (c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.
91. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided

### **Executive Travel – DCJ**

92. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Chief Executive of DCJ or the Deputy Secretary - Housing, Disability and District Services Deputy Secretary Paul Vevers since 1 July 2020 be provided including:
- (a) Flights for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
  - (b) Ground transport for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.

- (c) Accommodation for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- (e) Any available photographs documenting the Secretary or Deputy Secretary travel should also be provided.

### **Ministerial Travel**

93. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Minister since 21 December 2021 be provided including:
- (a) Flights for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
  - (b) Ground transport for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
  - (c) Accommodation for the Minister, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
  - (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
  - (e) Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.

### **Executive Office Upgrades - DCJ**

94. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the DCJ Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2020? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).

### **Ministerial Functions**

95. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 21 December 2021, can the following be provided:
- (a) List of functions.
  - (b) List of all attendees.
  - (c) Function venue.
  - (d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).

- (e) Details of any food served.
- (f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.
- (g) Any available photographs of the function.
- (h) Details of any entertainment provided.

### **2022 NSW Floods**

- 96. How many social housing tenants have been have unable to return to their properties after the 2022 floods?
- 97. How many requests for Temporary Accommodation have been made relating to the 2022 floods?
  - (a) How many have been granted?
  - (b) What was the average length of stay?
- 98. How many people are now expected to be homeless from these floods?

### **Office of the Children's Guardian**

- 99. Has the Office of the Children's Guardian received a Parameter Technical Adjustment since 2019, or a budget increase, specifically related to additional roles and responsibilities in between budget cycles?
- 100. If so, please provide the details of the additional resources.
- 101. How many full-time-equivalent staff were employed by the Office of the Children's Guardian in:
  - (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
- 102. When will the proposed Children's Guardian Regulation (Register of Workers) come into effect?

### **Child Protection**

- 103. Please provide the number of full-time-equivalent staff employed by the Department in each district in:
  - (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22

104. Please provide the number of unique young people who entered out-of-home care in each district in each of the following years, including the number of Indigenous young people:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
105. How many full-time-equivalent staff are employed by the Department in child protection-related roles?
106. How many Department caseworkers and management staff submitted workers compensation claims in:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
107. How many Department caseworkers and management staff took a period of stress-related leave in:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
108. Of the Department staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took less than six months leave:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
109. Of the Department staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took more than six months but less than 12 months leave:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
110. Of the Department staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took more than 12 months leave:
- (a) 2019/20



(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

111. Currently, how many unique caseworkers employed by the Department have:

- (a) Less than one year experience
- (b) Between one and two years' experience
- (c) Between two and three years' experience
- (d) Between three and four years' experience
- (e) Between four and five years' experience
- (f) More than five years' experience

112. How many Department staff in child protection-related roles left their employment within 12 months of commencing?

113. How many Department staff in child protection-related roles left their employment within 24 months of commencing?

### **Indigenous Child Protection**

114. What proportion of the NSW child protection and out-of-home care budget is directed to prevention and early intervention (including family support and restoration services) for Aboriginal children and families compared to statutory out of home care services?

- (a) How much of these allocated funds goes to Aboriginal organisations?

115. What proportion of the NSW child protection and out of home care budget was allocated to the provision of Aboriginal community-controlled child and family supports?

116. What proportion of targeted early intervention service funding is provided to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?

- (a) Why is this not equal to the proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care as recommended in the Family Is Culture Review?

117. How much money has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the 125 recommendations of the landmark 2019 Family Is Culture Review recommendations report aimed at reducing the disproportionate and increasing number of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW?

- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?

118. How much funding has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the Aboriginal Case Management Policy (ACMP), Rules and Practice Guidance, including to the establishment of Aboriginal Community Controlled Mechanisms, Community Facilitators and Aboriginal Family Led Decision-Making?
- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?
119. How much money has the NSW Government directed to research, in particular, Aboriginal-initiated and led research, to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care?
120. What proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care are in the care of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
- (a) What funding or initiatives are there to support the transition of Aboriginal children to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
  - (b) Will the NSW Government meet its commitment to transition all Aboriginal children in out-of-home care to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations by 2022?
121. How many Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care were moved onto guardianship orders in the past financial year?
- (a) How many Aboriginal children and young people are on guardianship orders in total?
  - (b) How many Aboriginal children and young people who were moved onto guardianship orders have since returned into out of home care?
  - (c) With the rollout of the Aboriginal Guardianship Support Model, co-designed by AbSec and local communities, beginning in the trial sites of South West Sydney and the Hunter, when is this support planned to be rolled out state-wide?
  - (d) What is being done in the period until then to support Aboriginal children and families moved onto guardianship orders seeing as there has been such a marked increase (172 Aboriginal children moved onto guardianship in 2019/20 a 35.4% increase from 2018/19)?
122. How many children between the age of 10-13 are in juvenile detention?
- (a) How many of these children are Aboriginal and what percentage do they make up?
  - (b) Has any funding been allocated to activities related to raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14?
  - (c) Without raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14, how would NSW meet Closing the Gap target 11, reducing the rate of Aboriginal children in detention by 30%?

123. What proportion of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care had a documented cultural care plan in the past financial year?
- (a) How many of these were done by the Department of Communities and Justice, non-Aboriginal NGOs and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
124. What are the reporting mechanisms for non-Aboriginal organisations that receive allocated Aboriginal funding?
- (a) Are there plans to make information on this available to increase the accountability of organisations that are receiving funding?
- (b) With significant funding going to non-Aboriginal organisations for Aboriginal initiatives and little transparency, does this not go against Closing the Gap Priority Reform 2 (building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector)?
125. How much funding has the Department of Communities and Justice set aside to increase the cultural capability of its staff?
- (a) How will this be achieved?
- (b) Through what programs/training?
126. Will the NSW Government uphold its commitment to Closing the Gap by making funding available in the next budget, in line with the proposals developed by NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations in partnership with NSW Government agencies?
127. What steps has the NSW Government taken to implement significant structural change to the NSW child protection system through self-determination and greater public accountability and oversight as recommended by the 2019 Family Is Culture Review?

## **Youth Justice**

128. How many Youth Officers have returned positive COVID results from December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, when restrictions were eased?
129. How many young persons have returned positive COVID results from December 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, when restrictions were eased?
130. How many vacancies are there currently within Youth Justice?
131. How many vacancies are there currently in Youth Justice Community offices?
132. What is the plan to address mass staff shortages within Youth Justice, which threaten the supervision and safety of young persons?

133. What is the government's plan to address understaffing and workload pressures in Community Offices, and to maintain capacity to provide community based intervention for young people who are at risk of reoffending?

### **Guardianship Orders**

134. How many children were under guardianship orders in:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
135. Please provide a list of NSW Government financial support or assistance streams available to children and carers under guardianship orders.
136. For each of the financial support or assistance streams listed above, please provide the total amount of funding provided in each of the following years, and the total number of recipients:
- (a) 2019/20
  - (b) 2020/21
  - (c) 2021/22
137. How many children under guardianship orders receive no financial support from Communities and Justice, with specific respect to their guardianship arrangements?

### **Extended Care for Children in Out-Of-Home-Care**

138. In 2021/22, how many young people are receiving financial aftercare assistance between the ages of 18 and 25?
139. In relation to young people receiving financial aftercare assistance in 2021/22, how many were:
- (a) 18-19 years old
  - (b) 19-20 years old
  - (c) 20-21 years old
  - (d) 21-22 years old
  - (e) 22-23 years old
  - (f) 23-24 years old
  - (g) 24-25 years old

### **Disability Services**

### **NSW Service Provision**

140. Does the NSW Government currently operate or deliver any disability services in NSW?
- (a) If so, please provide details.

### **NSW Taxi Reforms**

141. What incentives will the NSW Government offer Wheelchair Accessible Taxi owners following the implementation of the taxi industry reform package?
142. Will the Government guarantee no loss of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis in regional areas as a result of the government's taxi industry reform package?

### **Adult Change Tables**

143. How many additional adult change tables has the NSW Government funded in:
- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22
144. What is the average amount of NSW Government funding for each adult change table project?
145. What is the average cost of building an adult change table, based on projects fully/partially funded by the NSW Government?

### **Disability Advocacy Funding**

146. Please provide a list of organisations that lost their entire disability advocacy funding in:
- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22

### **Social Housing**

147. As of 2 March 2022, how many general and priority applicants are on the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East waiting list?
148. As of 2 March 2022, how many general and priority applicants are on the NN20 Wyong waiting list?
149. How much did the Government spend on property maintenance for social housing properties located in the Swansea electorate during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?

- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
150. How much did the Government spend on property maintenance for social housing properties located in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
151. How much did the Government spend on property maintenance for social housing properties located in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
152. How many Government social housing properties were sold in the Swansea electorate during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
153. How many Government social housing properties were sold in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
154. How many Government social housing properties were sold in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
155. How many Government social housing properties have been built in the Swansea electorate during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
156. How many Government social housing properties have been built in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
157. How many Government social housing properties have been built in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone during the:
- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
  - (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
  - (c) 2021/2022 financial year?
158. As of 2 March 2022, how many Government social housing properties are located in the Swansea electorate?
159. As of 2 March 2022, how many Government social housing properties are located in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone?
160. As of 2 March 2022, how many Government social housing properties are located in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone?
161. How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the Swansea electorate over the next 5 years?
162. How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone over the next 5 years?
163. How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone over the next 5 years?

### **Young people in detention**

164. What is the number of young people in custody broken down by:
- (a) Total
  - (b) Age of young person

165. What is the number of aboriginal young people in custody broken down by:

(a) Total

(b) Age of young person



## FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES

### Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

#### Family is Culture

166. What proportion of the NSW child protection and out-of-home care budget is directed to prevention and early intervention (including family support and restoration services) for Aboriginal children and families compared to statutory out of home care services?
- (a) What proportion of targeted early intervention service funding is provided to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
  - (b) Why is this not equal to the proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care as recommended in the Family is Culture Review?
167. What proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care are in the care of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
- (a) What funding or initiatives are there to support the transition of Aboriginal children to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
168. How much funding has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the 126 recommendations of the landmark 2019 Family Is Culture Review recommendations report aimed at reducing the disproportionate and increasing number of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW?
- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?
169. How much funding has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the Aboriginal Case Management Policy (ACMP), Rules and Practice Guidance, including to the establishment of Aboriginal Community Controlled Mechanisms, Community Facilitators and Aboriginal Family Led Decision-Making?
- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?
170. How much funding has the NSW Government directed to research, in particular, Aboriginal-initiated and led research, to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care?

171. How many Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care were adopted in the past financial year?
- (a) How many of those were adopted by non-Aboriginal carers?
172. How many Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care were moved onto guardianship orders in the past financial year?
- (a) How many Aboriginal children and young people are on guardianship orders in total?
  - (b) How many Aboriginal children and young people who were moved onto guardianship orders have since returned into out of home care?
  - (c) With the rollout of the Aboriginal Guardianship Support Model, co-designed by AbSec and local communities, beginning in the trial sites of South West Sydney and the Hunter, when is this support planned to be rolled out state-wide?
  - (d) What is being done in the period until then to support Aboriginal children and families moved onto guardianship orders given there has been such a marked increase
173. What proportion of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care had a documented cultural care plan in the past financial year?
- (a) How many of these were done by the Department of Communities and Justice, non-Aboriginal NGOs and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
  - (b) What are the reporting mechanisms for non-Aboriginal organisations that receive allocated Aboriginal funding?
  - (c) Are there plans to make information on this available to increase the accountability of organisations that are receiving funding?
  - (d) With significant funding going to non-Aboriginal organisations for Aboriginal initiatives and little transparency, does this not go against Closing the Gap Priority Reform 2 (building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector)?
  - (e) How much funding has the Department of Communities and Justice set aside to increase the cultural capability of its staff?
  - (f) How will this be achieved? Through what programs/training?

### **Alternative care**

174. How many children are currently in alternative care arrangements?

(a) of these, how many are First Nations?

175. In the last 12 months what has been the longest period that a child has spent in alternative care arrangements?

176. What is the rate at which children in ACA attend school?

### **Aging out of care:**

177. How many children in out-of-home care were able to remain in their out-of-home care after turning 18; how many carers received financial support to allow them to do so?

178. In the last financial year how many children leaving out-of-home care at age 18 were instead referred to homelessness support services within 12 months of leaving care?

### **Guardianship orders**

179. Of the case reviews that were undertaken of kids in out-of-home care in the past year, how many considered the potential for successful restoration?

(a) Can you provide the relative data comparing Aboriginal kids in care as against non-Aboriginal kids in care and the proportion that get restored?

180. how many—and if you can, what proportion—of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care are placed in relative or kinship care?

(a) Of those children, how many and what proportion are placed in relative or kinship care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of their family?

(b) How many and what proportion are placed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander foster carers?

(c) How many and what proportion are managed by an Aboriginal community controlled organisation?

### **Family Support Services spending**

NSW government expenditure on Intensive Family Support Services decreased from \$189,768,000 in 2019-2020 to \$129,362,000 in 2020-21, equating to a \$34.12 or 32 percent decrease in spending per child aged 0-17 years (*See: ROGS 2022, Part F, Section 16, Child Protection Data Tables, Table 16A.8.*) Conversely, expenditure on Family Support Services almost doubled from \$138,917,000 in 2019-2020 to \$255,534,000 in 2020-21.

181. What was the rationale for reducing expenditure on Intensive Family Support Services?

182. Has the additional funding for Family Support Services (supporting families once they are already in contact with the child protection system) come at the expense of intensive family support services (supporting families before they are in contact with the child protection system)?

### **Referrals**

Children in Statutory Care for a period of 2 years or more, who are aged 15 years or older or will leave care in less than 3 years, must be referred to DCJ Legal Services for a legal audit of their file to determine any legal matters that may affect them when they leave care.

183. How many children within this category were identified as having a potential claim against the State of New South Wales, care of DCJ, for abuse whilst subject to Parental Responsibility of the Minister (Potential Claim) in the financial year ending 30 June 2021?
184. It was further estimated that approximately 850 children left care of DCJ by way of turning 18 last year. Of the 850, how many of those children had a Potential Claim?
185. How many of these children were referred for legal advice and/or representation with respect to a potential claim against the State of New South Wales, care of DCJ, for abuse whilst subject to Parental Responsibility of the Minister in the financial year ending 30 June 2021?

## FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES

### Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

#### **Aboriginal controlled organisations**

186. What percentage of social sector funding for Aboriginal clients goes to Aboriginal controlled organisations?

#### **Housing**

187. How many people are currently housed in NSW public and community housing and indigenous housing?

- (a) What are their age and gender profiles? (number and proportion over 55-65 years, 65-75 years, 75 years and over)

#### **Return to work grants**

188. Currently return to work grants are limited to Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) only. Will eligibility for the grants be extended to all specialist domestic and family violence services?

- (a) Will the timeframe for application be extended beyond two weeks to ensure there is time to apply?