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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN WRITING

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THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2025

(8 am)

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*Questions unanswered*

Nos 767, 779-783.

### 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.

*20 November 2024*

767 **MR BROADBENT:** To ask the Minister for Social Services—In respect of the correspondence received from the Minister for Social Services, dated 15 October 2024 (Ref: MC24-010604), and in particular the following passage, ‘Immunisation is an important health measure for children and their families as it is the safest and most effective way to prevent the spread of many diseases’:

- (1) What evidence is the Minister relying on for the statement ‘safest and most effective’.
- (2) How is this being monitored, and where can the data be accessed.
- (3) What criteria are being used to assess ‘most effective’.
- (4) Has safety been confirmed, particularly for babies aged under 12 months in light of the sudden infant deaths and frequent hypotonic/unresponsive/apnoeic episodes recorded in the Therapeutic Goods Administration’s (TGA’s) Database of Adverse Events Notifications and the TGA’s ‘internal’ database, the Adverse Event Management System.
- (5) What is the evidence base that unvaccinated children cost the Government more than vaccinated children so that unvaccinated children need to be effectively financially penalised.

*11 February 2025*

779 **MR HAMILTON:** To ask the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any work to extend full recognition and entitlements to all surviving national servicemen that were called up in the 1964-1972 scheme, ensuring that their sacrifices are honoured and remembered.
- (2) What further can be done to recognise and acknowledge the sacrifice and service of these men during a vital two years of their lives.

780 **DR M RYAN:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—In respect of the disallowable instrument tabled by the Minister for Finance in the Senate on 28 October 2024, regarding amendments to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997* and the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health and Aged Care Measures No. 4) Regulations 2024*:

- (1) What is the expected minimum funding that the Government will provide under the funding commitments of the Facility Establishment Agreement (including the annual minimum purchase commitment of COVID-19 vaccines).

- (2) Is there a set, or estimated, maximum Government expenditure anticipated by the Government, under the funding commitments of the Facility Establishment Agreement (including the annual minimum purchase commitment of COVID-19 vaccines).
- (3) What is the minimum funding that Moderna Pty Ltd is required to contribute to the project under the Facility Establishment Agreement.
- (4) What is the ownership structure of the Moderna mRNA facility, currently and post 2032.
- (5) Is the Moderna mRNA facility owned by Moderna, or the Government, or is it a form of BOOT (build, own, operate, transfer) public-private partnership scheme.
- (6) Given that the Moderna mRNA facility will have an annual production capacity of 100 million vaccine doses: (a) does the facility expect to produce multiple vaccines at the one time; (b) what proportion of this annual production is expected to be exported; and (c) what proportion is expected to be purchased for use by the Government and /or Australian population.
- (7) What is the expected future of the Moderna mRNA facility post 2032 and after the conclusion of the current Facility Establishment Agreement.
- (8) Does the Facility Establishment Agreement anticipate that the facility will be an ongoing commercially sustainable facility, or will ongoing Government funding/guarantee be required.

*12 February 2025*

781 **MS SPENDER:** To ask the Minister for Defence—In respect of the Future Air Mission Training System (F-AMTS) program AIR5428 PH3:

- (1) Is the Government aware that for the Australian small and medium enterprise (SME) which is the incumbent supplier of the simulation technology for the existing air mission training system to participate in the request for tender (RFT) for the F-AMTS, it has to offer its capability via the companies the Department of Defence has selected to receive the RFT, who together with teaming partners and/or their related entities have simulation capability for this program.
- (2) Is the Government aware that this creates a conflict of interest at the supplier level as defined by the Department of Finance’s ‘Ethics and Probity in Procurement’ policy guidelines.
- (3) Does the Department of Defence consider that it is equitable that the Australian SME can only offer its capability via its competitors, and/or that the Australian SME must disclose its technical performance and price data to its competitors, but not vice-versa.

*13 February 2025*

782 **MR BROADBENT:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How much money has Australia contributed each year to the United Nations Trust Facility for Supporting Co-operation on Arms Regulation, and in total.
- (2) How much money has Australia contributed each year to the Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund, and in total.
- (3) What is the reason for significant increases to arms and ammunition exports from Australia in recent years.
- (4) Can a breakdown be provided of value in arms and ammunition exports from Australia that are received by different countries.

783 **MR BROADBENT:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Does the ‘Estimated Value on Approved Defence Permits’ include items from both list 1 and list 2 from the Defence and Strategic Goods List.
- (2) What is the reason for the significant increase in the growth in value of Australian export permits in recent years.
- (3) Can a breakdown be provided of the value of Australian export permits received by different countries.
- (4) Given the Licence Free environment legislated under AUKUS, are export permits to the United States and the United Kingdom still reflected in current figures, will they be reflected in future figures.
- (5) What is the process used to determine whether export permit applications meet the stipulated 12 points of criteria.

- (6) Who is responsible for assessing criterion 1, that is ‘the risk that the goods or the DSGL technology may go to, or become available to, a country upon which the Security Council of the United Nations or Australia has imposed a sanction’, and what sources of information are used.
- (7) Who is responsible for assessing criterion 3, that is ‘the risk that the goods or the DSGL technology may be used to commit or facilitate serious abuses of human rights’.
- (8) If a permit is deemed at any level of risk in points of criteria 1 and 3, does this mean the permit would be automatically refused.
- (9) Are external experts consulted in assessing whether the permit meets legislated requirements.

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