

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**QUESTIONS**

**No. 27**

**Wednesday, 13 September 2017**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.  
When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

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**POSTPONED QUESTIONS**

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*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, 15 August 2017*

- 123. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance
- 145. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 149. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 153. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 168. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 248. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 254. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety
- 255. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 262. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 263. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

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*Notice Given*                      *Wednesday, 16 August 2017*

- 268. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 271. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, 22 August 2017*

- 275. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
- 276. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
- 277. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing
- 278. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 279. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
- 280. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage

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281. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
282. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
283. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development
284. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
285. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
286. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism
287. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
288. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Education and Training
289. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
290. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
291. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
292. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services
293. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
294. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
295. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
296. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
297. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
298. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Disability Services
299. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment
300. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
301. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
302. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport

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303. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
304. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
305. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
306. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
308. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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309. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
310. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
311. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
312. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
313. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
314. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
315. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
316. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
317. Hon Michael Mischin to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
318. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
319. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
320. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
321. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
322. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
323. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
324. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
325. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
326. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
327. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
328. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
329. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
330. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
331. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
332. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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333. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
334. Hon Robin Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
335. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development
336. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
337. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
338. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
339. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training
340. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
341. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
342. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations
343. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
344. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
345. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment
346. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
347. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
348. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
349. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
350. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services
351. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
352. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
353. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
354. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training
355. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
356. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
357. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
358. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
359. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

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- 360. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 361. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 362. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
- 363. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 7 September 2017**

- 364. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 365. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 366. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 367. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 368. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 12 September 2017**

- 369. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 370. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development
- 371. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment
- 372. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
- 373. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 374. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 375. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water

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**376. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the answer to question without notice No. 533 asked on 6 September 2017 about a contaminated site in Exmouth, lots 300 and 301 on deposited plan 406333, and ask:

- (a) what was the total cost to Western Power for the remediation works carried out at this site; and
- (b) who were the environmental consultants?

**377. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) Environment E- newsletter Edition number 4, dated 19 December 2012, titled, *Directors foreword: 2012 at a glance* and the recruitment of extra additional environmental officers, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise what was the total cost of the recruitment campaign to employ and engage new DMP environmental employees/contractors which were recruited as part of the recruitment campaign in October, November, December 2012 and January to December 2013;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) can the Minister advise what was both the total number of environmental employees/contractors within the environment division in July 2012 and the total operating costs for salaries/wages and contractor payments made by the DMP;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) on or around July/August 2012, can the Minister explain with detail why the workload within the environmental division could not have been dealt with utilising the existing level of employee/contractor numbers within the DMP thereby totally necessitating the recruitment campaign of new employees in October 2012 through till December 2013;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) can the Minister explain what specific skills/expertise for each newly created respective position of employees/contractors did the DMP environmental division not have prior to October 2012 when the recruitment campaign was purportedly in full swing;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) will the Minister table copies of all the job description statements/forms which were previously publicly available for all the newly created respective positions of employees/contractors recruited in October, November, December 2012 and January to December 2013;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;

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- (k) for each of the newly created positions from October, November, December 2012 and January to December 2013, can the Minister advise the respective level of remuneration, the title of the position/contract and the level within the public service; and
- (l) if no to (k), why not?

**378. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) Environment E-newsletter edition number 7, dated December 2013, Edition number 4, dated 19 December 2012 titled, *Directors foreword: 2012 at a glance and extension of POW- E approval timeframes*, and ask:

- (a) in relation to the above edition, dated 19 December 2012, can the Minister explain how the “new two years’ timeframe” for extension to the standard approval timeframe for Programmes of Work (POW) from one year to two years would provide explorers with more flexibility to plan and conduct exploration programs within the State of Western Australia;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) can the Minister explain why is it so important and necessary to allow explorers/miners with more and greater flexibility with their POW as part of developing the resources of the State as opposed to reducing flexibility to plan and conduct exploration programs;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) in relation to the above edition, dated 19 December 2013, can the Minister explain why the DMP chose and decided to increase the validity period for POW from two years to four years as opposed to decreasing the validity period of approval back to one year;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) in relation to the above edition, dated December 2013, can the Minister explain how many extra new DMP employees/contractors were recruited as part of the recruitment campaign in October, November, December 2012 and January to December 2013; and
- (h) if no to (g), why not?

**NIGEL PRATT**

Clerk of the Legislative Council