

Hon KIM CHANCE: I believe the answer addresses that matter. It addresses the Premier's role in the strategic direction for water, and the minister assisting the -

Hon Norman Moore: Are you saying you can't ask him any questions?

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! The leader was asked whether he had missed a particular part of the answer. The answer to that seems to be no.

Hon KIM CHANCE: I believe it is contained within the answer.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION, ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

289. Hon NORMAN MOORE to the minister representing the Minister for the Environment:

Obviously, this is question time and not answer time.

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich: That is why it is called question time; otherwise it would be answer time.

Hon NORMAN MOORE: I know. I would like to give notice that at the next sitting of the house we will change it to question and answer time.

Hon Kim Chance: No, I blush when I get a bad answer, and I didn't do so then.

Hon NORMAN MOORE: The Leader of the House is blushing now, and I can understand why. I know how he feels, because I used to have a minister who did the same thing to me.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order, members! Let us move on.

Hon NORMAN MOORE: I refer the minister to an advertisement in *The West Australian* on 13 May 2005 inviting expressions of interest for people to be appointed to the Conservation Commission on the basis of their experience in and knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and cultural matters.

- (1) Is there a lawful authority by which the Conservation Commission is expanding its scope to include Aboriginal heritage issues; and, if so, what is it?
- (2) Why does the government want Aboriginal heritage matters to be included in the Conservation Commission's work, given that our state has Aboriginal heritage laws?
- (3) Does the minister agree that it would be a waste of public funds to duplicate consideration of Aboriginal heritage through the environment portfolio, when other avenues are already established for such matters to be dealt with?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) With regard to membership of the Conservation Commission, section 21(4) of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 requires that -
 - One member is to be a person who, in the opinion of the Minister -
 - (a) has knowledge of and experience in Aboriginal cultural and Aboriginal heritage matters relevant to the functions of the Conservation Commission; and
 - (b) is able to make a contribution to the functions of the Conservation Commission.
- (2) The provision in the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 to require one member of the Conservation Commission to have knowledge of and experience in Aboriginal cultural and heritage matters was a part of the legislative reform of the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 in 2000 to establish the Conservation Commission in 2000, prior to the election of this current government.
- (3) The functions of the Conservation Commission do not duplicate those of any other agencies.

FREMANTLE HOSPITAL, HYDROTHERAPY POOL

290. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the hydrotherapy pool at Fremantle Hospital.

- (1) How much does the pool cost to operate per annum?
- (2) What is the notional capacity of the pool per week in terms of patient contact hours and sessions?
- (3) What is the projected level of usage per week for the balance of 2005?
- (4) What is the projected level of usage per week from January 2006?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.