

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 129

Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given *Tuesday, 9 April 2019*

2071. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2079. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection;
Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services

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2091. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2092. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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2095. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
2096. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer; Minister for
Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands

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2097. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment
2098. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
2099. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
2100. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for
Mines and Petroleum
2101. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer; Minister for
Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands
2102. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for
Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
2103. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection;
Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services

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2104. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
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2106. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
2107. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
2108. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Asian Engagement
2109. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2110. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
2111. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning
2113. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
2114. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
2115. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
2116. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
2117. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
2118. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
2119. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
2120. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
2121. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
2122. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
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Notice Given **Wednesday, 8 May 2019**

2124. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations

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- 2125. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Industrial Relations
- 2126. Hon Aaron Stonehouse to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 2127. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
- 2128. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 2129. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

Notice Given **Tuesday, 14 May 2019**

- 2130. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 2131. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2133. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
- 2134. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
- 2135. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 2136. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 2137. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2138. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
- 2139. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 2140. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 2141. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
- 2142. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
- 2143. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 2144. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce
- 2145. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation
- 2146. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands

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2147. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
2148. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
2149. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy
2150. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning
2151. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth; Asian Engagement
2152. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
2153. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
2154. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

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2155. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
2156. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
2157. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
2158. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment
2159. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services

Notice Given **Thursday, 16 May 2019**

2160. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
2161. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth; Asian Engagement
2162. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
2163. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
2164. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2165. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2166. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2167. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

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2168. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2169. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
2170. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
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2174. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2175. Hon Michael Mischin to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Notice Given **Tuesday, 4 June 2019**

2177. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
2178. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
2179. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2180. Hon Michael Mischin to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
2181. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
2182. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning
2183. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
2184. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
2185. Hon Colin Holt to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
2186. Hon Colin Holt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
2187. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
2188. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training

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 QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY

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Wednesday, 5 June 2019

2189. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations:

- (1) Has the Minister read a letter, dated 9 April 2019, titled, “Removing Legal Barriers to Efficient Environmental Regulation”, signed by the Acting Executive Director, Resources and Environmental Compliance Division from the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the removal of legal barriers to efficient environmental regulation is a goal of DMIRS and will the Minister identify the first or earliest item of DMIRS correspondence using the term “removal of legal barriers to efficient environmental regulation”?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the letter is intended to invite each recipient to express support or otherwise in a clear written response by Thursday, 18 2019 (sic.) for a proposal to remove legal barriers to efficient environmental regulation?
- (4) Noting that the letter attributes to “the proposal” the scope to deliver “Clear legislation that provides transparency and procedural fairness in assessments and decision making”, can the Minister table or otherwise furnish a study which demonstrates that the *Mining Act 1987* and *Mining Regulations 1981* fail to provide transparency and procedural fairness in assessments and decision making?
- (5) What is the actual date in 2019, which the author intended should be the closing date for each clear written response?
- (6) Can the Minister table or otherwise provide a list of the recipients of this letter?
- (7) What was the basis of selection of recipients of this letter?
- (8) What is the meaning of “the highest risks and monitoring compliance with responsible mining practices” on which DMIRS is seeking to target its time and resources?
- (9) Can the Minister table or otherwise provide the text of the “revised proposal to amend the *Mining Act 1978*” mentioned at the top of page two of the letter?
- (10) Can the Minister list the specific concerns raised by the prospecting community, mentioned in the first paragraph on page two?
- (11) What are “low impact activities that can be managed by standard practices” and what are those “standard practices”?
- (12) Can the Minister table or otherwise provide the detail of a study which recommends the need for “a very clear and narrow definition of the environment to ensure DMIRS does not duplicate the work of other regulators”?
- (13) Will the Minister recommend action to ensure that the work of DMIRS is not duplicated by other regulators, notably the Environment Protection Authority?
- (14) Will the Minister direct that the letter be withdrawn and rewritten with clarity and purpose?

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2190. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations:

- (1) Has the Minister read a letter, dated 21 September 2018, titled, "Request for an Audit Statement on the Form 5 Report on operations for the year ending 10 October 2017 affecting M15/736", signed by Compliance Coordinator Titles Compliance Branch, Resource and Environmental Compliance Division from the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)?
- (2) Can the Minister table a list of the tenement numbers which in the two years to 15 May 2019 which been the subject of a request for an Audit Statement of Form 5 Report on Operations?
- (3) What is the detail of the process by which tenements are selected to be the subject of a request for an Audit Statement of Form 5 Report on Operations?
- (4) What study or studies have been conducted into the cost to a tenement holder of complying with a request for an Audit Statement of Form 5 Report on Operations?
- (5) Will the Minister table such study or studies, and what is the average cost of complying?
- (6) What study or studies have recommended that DMIRS instigate requests for Audit Statements on Form 5 Report on Operations rather than allowing any person who believes expenditure has not been incurred on any mining tenement to lodge an application for forfeiture and use the Wardens Court as the appropriate mechanism, and will the Minister table such study or studies?

2191. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to reports that a 65 year old serial child sex offender 'MDG' has been released into the community on a supervision order which directs compliance with 49 conditions, and I ask, what will be the full financial cost, on a yearly basis, to the Western Australian taxpayer of the Western Australia Police Force's management and supervision of 'MGD' in the community in a manner which ensures his compliance with all conditions of his release?

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2192. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to page 664 of Budget Paper 2, Volume 2 and funding for Muja C and D, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide a list of the work undertaken on Muja C and D for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2019-20;
 - (ii) 2020-21;
 - (iii) 2021-22; and
 - (iv) 2022-23;
- (b) did Synergy consider the expected remaining life of Muja C and D prior to committing funding to undertake works;
- (c) if yes to (b), what is the expected remaining life of Muja C and D;
- (d) was a business case prepared to justify over \$40 million in capital works;
- (e) if yes to (d), will the Minister table the business case; and
- (f) if no business case was prepared, what documentation was prepared before the funding was committed?

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