

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 133

Thursday, 13 June 2019

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

POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given *Tuesday, 9 April 2019*

2071. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
(SO108(2) response – 5 June 2019)

Notice Given *Tuesday, 7 May 2019*

2109. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
(SO108(2) response – 12 June 2019)

2110. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General (SO108(2)
response – 12 June 2019)

Notice Given *Thursday, 9 May 2019*

2128. 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

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Postponed Questions

- 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
- 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

Notice Given **Wednesday, 15 May 2019**

- 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

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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
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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2173. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
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

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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

Notice Given **Wednesday, 5 June 2019**

2191. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
 2192. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

Notice Given **Thursday, 6 June 2019**

2193. 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
 2194. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
 2195. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
 2196. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
 2197. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
 2198. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
 2199. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning
 2200. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Environment

Notice Given **Tuesday, 11 June 2019**

2201. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
 2202. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
 2203. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
 2204. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
 2205. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning
 2206. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment
 2207. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

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QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY

*Notice Given**Thursday, 13 June 2019***2208. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program commenced in 1977, and was expanded under the Salinity Action Plan in 1996, then continued under the State Salinity Strategy with ongoing funding of \$250,000 per year, and is currently managed by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions:
 - (a) if no to (1), why not?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program is one of the very few natural resource management monitoring programs in Western Australia providing routinely collected, long-term salinity, climate and biodiversity data for 105 wetlands across the south-west of the State for over 40 years:
 - (a) if no to (2), why not?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program is a critical indicator of catchment health, establishing climate trends and in supporting remotely sensed and other resource condition programs, and is used by a number of government and community-based natural resource managers to inform decision-making and set priorities:
 - (a) If no to (3), why not?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that in mid to late 2018, the Director of Science and Conservation at the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions withheld and stopped funding to the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program with the result that the program has effectively been prevented from operating and has ceased:
 - (a) if no to (4), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister advise whether any fieldwork has occurred under the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program in 2018-19:
 - (a) if no to (5), why not; and
 - (b) if yes to (5), what dates in 2018-19 was fieldwork undertaken and for which wetlands under the program?
- (6) Given the importance of the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program, and its key function under the State Salinity Strategy, in determining trends and the state of salinity; the condition of wetlands; supporting management; and contributing to the knowledge of climate change, can the Minister explain why funding has been stopped:
 - (a) if no to (6), why not?
- (7) Can the Minister confirm that program funding will be re-established and that it will continue at the current level of funding of \$250,000 and with current staffing levels:
 - (a) if no to (7), why not; and
 - (b) if yes to (7), when will these funds become available to staff this important State program?

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2209. Hon Jim Chown to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Why does the Health Department offer short term rolling contracts as normal practice opposed to permanent contracts?
 - (2) How many beds are there in the public hospital system that are currently not in use?
 - (3) What was the patient to staff ratio in the public hospital system in 2015 and 2019?
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