

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 130

Thursday, 6 June 2019

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

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2126. Hon Aaron Stonehouse to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
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2128. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

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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

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

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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
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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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2168. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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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

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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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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

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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:

I refer to the Minister's visit to the Agricultural Region on Friday, 10 May 2019, and ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide an unredacted copy of the Ministers' itinerary and travel arrangements;
- (b) will the Minister please provide all briefing notes and advice provided to the Minister in relation to meetings, functions and other commitments undertaken by the Minister;
- (c) who accompanied the Minister during the visit and at each meeting, function or other commitments undertaken the Minister; and
- (d) on what date, at what time and by what means were the following local members of Parliament notified of the Minister's visit:
 - (i) Hon Martin Aldridge MLC;
 - (ii) Hon Colin de Grussa MLC;
 - (iii) Hon Laurie Graham MLC;
 - (iv) Hon Ian Blayney MLA;
 - (v) Hon Rick Mazza MLC;
 - (vi) Hon Darren West MLC; and
 - (vii) Hon Jim Chown MLC?

2194. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to proposed clearing and road works on the 15 km stretch of Great Northern Highway east from juncture with the Derby Highway and question on notice 1874 of 14 February 2019 and the significantly large and culturally important Boab located at 17°38'05.5"S 123°44'36.5"E, and ask:

- (a) will this Boab be retained in situ;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if no to (a), what process will be put in place to ensure that it is relocated and not buried as occurred in the previous road works;
- (d) if it is to be relocated, what specialist horticultural services will be used to ensure that it is relocated successfully; and
- (e) if it is to be relocated, given its age and enormous weight, what specialist lifting sources will be mobilised to the Kimberley to enable its lifting with root ball intact?

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2195. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety:

I refer to Legislative Council question without notice 566 answered on 5 June 2019, and in particular the Minister's non-answer to parts one and four of the question, and I ask again:

- (a) what laws, regulations or policies, if any, are in place to prevent the adverse politicisation of the Western Australia Police Force as occurred with respect to the election signage of the Labor Candidate for Pearce;
- (b) is the Minister or Commissioner of Police considering further measures to ensure this type of conflict does not arise in future election campaigns; and
- (c) if yes to (b), will the Minister please detail the measures being considered by Government for the Western Australia Police Force?

2196. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations:

- (1) I refer to a letter, dated 9 April 2019, titled, "Removing Legal Barriers to Efficient Environmental Regulation", signed by Karen Caple, Acting Executive Director, Resources and Environmental Compliance Division from the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS), and ask, can the Minister explain how low impact activities can be managed by standard practices?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister list the specific "standard practices" which can be used to manage the programs of work?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister explain why DMIRS has not written by email and/or by hard copy to consult with all tenement holders in the State of Western Australia for those people whom are not members of Association of Mining and Exploration Companies, Chamber of Minerals and Energy or Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association about these proposed changes to legislation?
- (6) Can the Minister explain and define what DMIRS regards as the "highest risks and monitoring compliance" in the mining sector?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Can the Minister explain why Small Mining Operations templates and definitions are specifically not being included in the low impact notification framework, to greatly assist full-time prospectors and mining companies operating in the industry?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Can the Minister explain why the current *Mining Act 1978* and *Mining Regulations 1981* does not provide for transparency, procedural fairness in assessments and decision making?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?
- (12) Can the Minister explain why DMIRS maintains it needs a "narrow" definition of the environment as opposed to a wider definition of the environment, to ensure the department does not duplicate the work of other regulators?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?

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2197. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to an Ordinary Meeting of Council, Minutes, 22 May 2019, of the Port Hedland Town Council, and ask:

- (a) is it correct that Perth police have advised the Mayor that the investigation is still open and that he was still being contacted by the police in regards to the investigation as he was the one who submitted the complaint;
- (b) is it also correct that there was evidence of electoral offences; and
- (c) if yes to (b), what was the nature of the electoral offences and, if they involved voting irregularities, the total number of votes in question?

2198. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to section 30(2) of the *Firearms Act 1973*, which provides for firearms dealers to legally supply ammunition to someone who does not hold a firearms licence but acts as an agent for a licensed firearms owner. The application of section 30(2) is particularly useful in remote areas when a member of a group is making a journey to town. Can the Minister therefore advise on what grounds Western Australia Police Force has recently been insisting that the practice applies only to primary producers?

2199. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning:

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 - (vii) Shane Love MLA?

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2200. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the ongoing issue of dust contamination in Port Hedland, in particular the *Port Hedland Industries Council Annual Report 2017-18*, which states that two of the dust monitoring stations have recorded their highest number of concentrations above the Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) standards compared to all previous years of monitoring, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the consistent and continued exceedance of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and NEPM particulate matter limits in Port Hedland;
- (b) if yes to (a), what are steps is the Minister taking to ensure that Government and industry work together to reduce the levels of dust pollution in Port Hedland;
- (c) what extra dust mitigation strategies will the Government implement to reduce the dust pollution as output through the port continues to rise; and
- (d) will the Government commit to undertaking any studies into the long term effects of the dust on the health of those that are continually exposed to it?

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council