

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 197

Thursday, 21 May 2020

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Notice Given ***Thursday, 12 March 2020***

2872. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
(SO108(2) response due 11 August 2020)

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2882. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
2883. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
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2886. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for
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2887. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
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2890. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
2891. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development

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2892. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for
Mines and Petroleum
2893. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
2894. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2896. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
2897. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
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- 2900. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 2901. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce
- 2902. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 2903. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
- 2904. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 2905. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 2906. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2907. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs
- 2908. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 2909. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 2910. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
- 2911. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts
- 2912. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 2913. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce
- 2914. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation
- 2915. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands
- 2916. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 2917. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Industrial Relations
- 2918. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy
- 2919. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning
- 2920. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing; Fisheries; Veterans Issues; Asian Engagement
- 2921. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
- 2922. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth

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- 2923. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2924. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2925. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 2926. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage
- 2927. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce

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- 2928. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

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- 2929. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 2930. Hon Rick Mazza to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 2931. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2932. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
- 2933. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Ports
- 2934. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 2935. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment
- 2936. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment
- 2937. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 2938. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2939. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2940. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 2941. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 2942. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2943. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 2944. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services

Notice Given *Thursday, 14 May 2020*

- 2945. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development
- 2946. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Ports
- 2947. Hon Colin Holt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 2948. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2949. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 2950. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing

Notice Given *Tuesday, 19 May 2020*

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- 2951. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 2952. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 2953. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services
- 2954. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 2955. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2956. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 2957. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 2958. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 2959. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2960. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 2961. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer

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- 2962. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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*Notice Given**Thursday, 21 May 2020***2963. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment**

I refer to Barrow Island, Chevron's 'Gorgon' project, and conservation efforts on the Island, and I ask:

- (a) how many staff members from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (the Department) are presently employed on Barrow Island for the purposes of independent audit and monitoring;
- (b) can independent scientists gain access to Barrow Island for research and/or data collection:
 - (i) if yes to (b), which entity can grant authority to access the Island;
 - (ii) if no to (b), why not; and
 - (iii) if no to (b), how does the Government reconcile Barrow Island being the site of the largest single resource project in Australia's history with its designation as a Class A nature reserve, while denying access to independent reviewers;
- (c) noting the answers supplied to question without notice 1189, asked 17 October 2019, have the Gorgon joint venture partners upheld their continuing responsibilities as per Ministerial Statement 800:
 - (i) if no to (c), can the Minister provide the relevant details; and
 - (ii) if no to (c), does the Department have the power to litigate against the proponent(s);
- (d) has the Department continued the register of non-conformance started by the Department of Parks and Wildlife:
 - (i) if yes to (d), would the Minister please table this register;
 - (ii) if no to (d), why not; and
 - (iii) is the information referred to at (d), still provided by the proponent(s):
 - (A) if yes to (d)(iii), how does the Department ensure the data is accurate and comprehensive;
- (e) given the Hon Ken Baston stated there were "localised pollution incidents on Barrow Island" in his reply to question on notice 2857 (23/04/2015), can the Minister advise whether those sites on the island have since been rehabilitated:
 - (i) if yes to (e), was this rehabilitation carried out by the proponent(s) or the Department;
 - (ii) if yes to (e), was this rehabilitation funded by the Department or the proponent(s); and
 - (iii) if no to (e), why not;
- (f) is Barrow Island still classified as 'contaminated, remediation required' under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*:
 - (i) if no to (f), could the Minister advise on Barrow Island's current classification in this regard; and

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- (ii) if yes to (f), could the Minister please state the source of the pollution;
- (g) listed by species, how many sick diseased, injured, or abandoned fauna were removed from Barrow Island for treatment and rehabilitation on the mainland in:
 - (i) 2015;
 - (ii) 2016;
 - (iii) 2017;
 - (iv) 2018;
 - (v) 2019; and
 - (vi) 2020; from 1 January to 20 May 2020;
- (h) for each of the years in (g), would the Minister advise on how many individuals of a species:
 - (i) died or were euthanised while in care;
 - (ii) were subsequently released on the mainland post-treatment; and
 - (iii) were kept post-treatment pursuant to a licence (please specify licence purpose e.g. educational purposes, scientific purposes); and
- (i) listed by species, how many sick diseased, injured, or abandoned fauna were treated on Barrow Island in the years referred to in (g)(i)-(vi)?

2964. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the newspaper article which appeared on page 47, 14 April 2020 in *The West Australian* newspaper titled 'Big Lithium Let Down', and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise how much royalties have been paid by Windfield Holdings or Tianqi to the State Government for the last five years in each of the respective years;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) has the Department of Mines Industry and Regulation checked whether Windfield Holdings or Tianqi have paid the correct and appropriate State royalty on lithium concentrate exported from Western Australia via the marketing hub to China; and
- (d) if yes to (c), what specifically was done to validate and verify that the correct and appropriate royalty has been paid?

2965. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to Mining Lease 15/621 and a February 2020 Australian Stock Exchange announcement by Bulletin Resources who reportedly has sold the Gecko gold project to Habrok (Geko Pit)Pty Ltd, and I ask:

- (a) as of the 1 May 2020, can the Minister advise who is owner of the tenement shown in the Department of Minerals Industry and Resources (DMIRS) Mineral Titles Register and, if not, in the register whom actually owns M15/621;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) can the Minister advise on what specific date Habrok (Gecko Pit) Pty Ltd commenced mining operations on Mining Lease 15/621 and other mining tenements;

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- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) can the Minister advise whether stamp duty has been paid to register a transfer with DMIRS for the above referred to announcement made in February 2020;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) can the Minister advise whom is responsible under the *Mining Act 1978* and *Mines Safety Inspection Act 1994* for accidents or fatalities on Mining Lease 15/621 given that Coolgardie Minerals Ltd may have a receiver manager appointed; and
- (h) if no to (g), why not?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council