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THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

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- 1532. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (SO108(2) response due 17 October 2023)

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1533. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (SO108(2) response due 17 October 2023)

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1649. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the Premier's media statement of 19 September 2023 titled "\$1 billion contracts awarded for Kwinana and Collie big batteries", and I ask:

- (a) what advice, planning, or engagement has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services provided in respect to the potential fire risk of these projects;
- (b) is there any requirement for a fire suppression system, or other risk mitigation, to be put in place for these projects, and if so, please provide detail;
- (c) what risk mitigation is required for these projects in respect to external threats, such as bushfire;
- (d) given the potential risk associated with big battery projects, does the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) maintain a risk register for these types of projects, and does DFES provide guidance material to proponents on how to mitigate their fire risk; and
- (e) if yes to (d), please table any relevant documents?

1650. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the construction of the new Fitzroy River Bridge, and I ask:

- (a) what is the expected cost of the new Fitzroy River Bridge and what is the State Government's contribution;
- (b) when is the new Fitzroy River Bridge expected to be operational;
- (c) how long did the Main Roads procurement process for this project run for, and how many applications were received; and
- (d) please table the Alliance Agreement between Main Roads WA and the preferred proponent?

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1651. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the convention to permanency of staff of the Western Australian Public Sector, and I ask:

- (a) how many public sector staff have been converted to permanency under the Government's policy to convert existing contract and casual staff to permanent roles in the following years:
 - (i) 2020-21; and
 - (ii) 2022-23;
- (b) as at 18 September 2023 what is the total leave liability on the books for the States part time and full time public servants;
- (c) is there an additional leave liability created by the policy to convert existing contract and casual staff to permanent roles; and
- (d) if yes to (c), what is the value of it?

1652. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the National review of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System(AFDRS) and question without notice 1028 asked on 13 September 2023, and I ask:

- (a) has the Minister been provided with a copy of the Australian Fire Authorities Council national review of the AFDRS;
- (b) if yes to (a), on what date was this provided;
- (c) has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services been provided with a copy of the Australian Fire Authorities Council national review on the AFDRS;
- (d) if yes to (c), on what date was this provided;
- (e) please table the reports or any findings of the AFAC review;
- (f) what feedback did the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) contribute to the national review process through the review workshop process;
- (g) why did your media statement of 31 May 2023 state "DFES will also undertake their own review" when this did not occur; and
- (h) what issues with the AFDRS were identified as a result of DFES 'ongoing continuous improvement process' and what actions are being taken to address these issues?

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1653. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) facility located at Level 3, 1 Preston Street, Como, and I ask:

- (a) when did DFES enter into a lease agreement for these premises, and what is the commencement date and length of time of the lease;
- (b) what is the value of the lease;
- (c) what is the size of the leased area;
- (d) how many staff are currently operating from the Como site;
- (e) how many staff are anticipated to work from the Como site;
- (f) what is the capacity for staff at the Como site; and
- (g) which DFES divisions or business units operate from this facility?

1654. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the Kimberley Floods recovery, and I ask:

- (a) for the Business Recovery Grants please identify:
 - (i) the total value of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) funding allocated towards this program;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date;
- (b) for the Primary Producers Recovery Grants please identify:
 - (i) the total value of DRFA funding allocated towards this program;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date;
- (c) for the Homeowners Recovery and Resilience Grants please identify:
 - (i) the total value of DRFA funding allocated towards this program;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date;
- (d) for the Premier's Relief Payment please identify:
 - (i) the total funding pool available;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date; and

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- (e) for the Small Business Interest Rate Subsidy please identify:
 - (i) the total value of DRFA funding allocated towards this program;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date?

1655. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Category A funding for the Kimberley Floods recovery, and I ask:

- (a) in regards to the \$10,500 payments to repair or replace essential items please identify:
 - (i) the total funding available for this program;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date; and
- (b) in regards to the \$50,000 payments for essential repairs to housing, please identify:
 - (i) the total funding available for this program;
 - (ii) the number of applications received to date;
 - (iii) the number of applications approved to date; and
 - (iv) the total funding dispersed to date?

1656. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the Kimberley Floods recovery, and I ask:

- (a) how many people currently remain displaced from their communities and in temporary accommodation;
- (b) what is the location and accommodation type that displaced persons are currently being accommodated; and
- (c) for each month since January 2023, what is the monthly cost associated with temporarily accommodating displaced persons?

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1657. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the Kimberley Floods Recovery, and I ask:

- (a) in regards to the Freight Assistance Program, please identify:
 - (i) the total value of this program;
 - (ii) the total funding provided to date; and
 - (iii) how many businesses have accessed the Freight Assistance Program; and
- (b) in regards to the Measures for Primary Producers please identify:
 - (i) the number of applications received to date;
 - (ii) the number of applications approved to date;
 - (iii) the total funding dispersed to date; and
 - (iv) please confirm the expiry date of this grants program?

1658. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to WA Country Health Service (WACHS) cancelling or reducing services in regional Western Australia and question on notice 1043 answered on 22 November 2022, and I ask:

- (a) in regards to the reduction in operating at Wyndham Hospital since October 2021:
 - (i) is this reduction temporary or permanent;
 - (ii) what is the timeframe to restore services to normal operations; and
 - (iii) please detail the specific actions the State Government is undertaking to address this service reduction;
- (b) in regards to the closure of maternity services in Carnarvon since February 2022:
 - (i) is this closure temporary or permanent;
 - (ii) what is the timeframe to restore services to normal operations;
 - (iii) please detail the specific actions the State Government is undertaking to address this service closure;
 - (iv) how many families have been impacted since the closure of maternity services;
 - (v) how many families have sought reimbursement for travel and accommodation incurred due to this closure:
 - (vi) what is the total the state government has spent on travel and accommodation reimbursements to date; and
 - (vii) please identify which hospitals women were diverted to as a result of maternity services not being provided locally in Carnarvon;
- (c) please identify any additional WACHS facilities where services have been reduced or cancelled since November 2022; and
- (d) for any facilities identified in (c), please provide:

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- (i) the reason for the service reduction or cancellation;
- (ii) the length of time the service was reduced; and
- (iii) whether services have returned to normal operation?

1659. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the State Government's Urgent Care Clinic trial and questions on notice 463 and 765 and question without notice 796, and I ask:

- (a) on what date was the end-of-pilot and analysis report for the GP urgent care network finalised;
- (b) on what date was the report presented to the Minister;
- (c) please table the report; and
- (d) what progress has the Government made on its election commitment to deliver urgent care clinics in the following,:
 - (i) Geraldton;
 - (ii) the Pilbara;
 - (iii) Albany;
 - (iv) the Kimberley; and
 - (v) Kalgoorlie?

1660. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the State Government's Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) incentive to attract regional nurses and midwives and I ask:

- (a) how many applications for HECS assistance have been received to date; and
- (b) please provide a breakdown of applications by WA Country Health Service region?

1661. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Housing Options Assessment form, and I ask:

- (a) for each month of the 2023 calendar year so far, (January to August), how many forms were submitted to the Department in total;
- (b) for (a), by month how many persons listed as part of the household did these did forms represent; and
- (c) for each month of the 2023 calendar year so far, (January to August), how many forms were submitted to the Department which ticked the following boxes (including all "yes" boxes where applicants were presented with "yes" or "no" choices):
 - (i) "Do you have a permanent medical condition or disability which impacts your housing needs?", on page 3;

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	(iii)	"Family violence" on page 3;
	(iv)	"Health reasons" on page 3;
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	(vi)	"Do members of your household have a permanent medical condition or disability which impacts on housing need?" on page 3;
	(vii)	"Primary homeless" on page 5;
	(viii)	"Secondary homeless" on page 5;
	(ix)	"Tertiary homeless" on page 5;
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	(xiv)	"Must leave immediately" on page 5;
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	(xvi)	"Between 2 weeks to 6 weeks" on page 5;
	(xvii)	"Between 6 weeks to 3 months" on page 5;
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	(xxi)	"I am not required to leave" in question 22 on page 5;
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- (xxx) "My house is overcrowded and impacting the health and wellbeing of my household" on page 5;
- (xxxi) "I am unable to afford current house and/or experiencing financial hardship" on page 5;
- (xxxii) "For cultural reasons I need to leave my current housing situation" on page 5;
- (xxxiii) "My current housing does not meet my household needs due to its design/amenity" on page 5;
- (xxxiv) "Are you in rent arrears in your private rental property?" on page 5;
- (xxxv) "The local market is unaffordable" on page 5; and
- (xxxvi) "I cannot find a property which meets my households location and/or property needs" on page 5?

1662. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the Forest Products Commission (FPC), and I ask:

- (a) can the Forest Products Commission Half Year Review it is indicated that the ecological thinning trials were almost complete. Can the Minister advise:
 - (i) are those trials complete, and when will the results be published;
 - (ii) if the trials are not complete, what impact will such a delay have on the commencement of ecological thinning under the new Forest Management Plan (FMP);
 - (iii) has the FPC and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) determined when ecological thinning will commence under the new FMP;
 - (iv) If yes to (iii), when will that be;
 - (v) if no to (iii), why not;
 - (vi) has the FPC prepared any estimates of likely timber yields from ecological thinning;
 - (vii) if yes to (vi), will these be published;
 - (viii) if no to (vi), why not;

 - (x) if it is not known when (ix), will occur, when does the Minister expect to be advised of this issue critical for the remnant timber industry;
 - (xi) has the Minister asked the FPC to produce a strategy for the future native forest timber industry; and
 - (xii) if no to (xii), why not?

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1663. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the Forest Products Commission (FPC), and I ask:

- (a) ss the Minister aware that the FPC has indicated it will not supply sawlogs to customers with contracts who have received transition payments;
- (b) how many sawmillers are likely to survive without timber supplies until the Forest Management Plan (FMP) makes wood available;
- (c) what does the Government plan to do with the sawlog timber if there are no sawmillers left to use it:
- (d) If the scenario in (c), occurs, will the Government allow sawlogs to be exported; and
- (e) why is the FPC placing sawlogs in firewood stockpiles rather than supplying them to sawmillers with contracts?

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council