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Tuesday, 15 October 2019

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 15 October 2019***2550. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Minister for the Environment's response to question on notice 2184 on 6 August 2019, in which the Minister confirmed that he had not received any advice, reports, minutes of meetings or notes directly from the Wetlands Coordinating Committee (WCC) since he took over responsibility of this Ministerial Advisory Committee and that only three meetings have been held over approximately six years since the current chairperson took over, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the minutes of the WCC held on 10 December 2019 indicate that the agenda items proposed by the members of the committee were not satisfactorily addressed by the WCC Chair;
- (b) has the Minister received a copy of the minutes of that meeting from the Chair;
- (c) does the Minister consider it appropriate that a Ministerial Advisory Committee under his responsibility has not provided him with any advice, reports or minutes of its meetings:
 - (i) if yes to (c), why; and
 - (ii) if no to (c), what does the Minister intend to do about it;
- (d) is the Minister aware that most of the key actions proposed in the State Wetlands Conservation Policy of 1997 have not been completed, contrary to the advice provided to him;
- (e) is the Minister aware that no formal audit of the completed initiatives from the Wetlands Conservation Policy has been carried out since 2007;
- (f) is the Minister aware that according to the EPA, more than 80 percent of the original wetlands on the Swan Coastal Plain have been lost since 1829;
- (g) is the Minister aware that scientists have noted that healthy wetlands are highly productive biologically and are essential for the sequestration of carbon and the mitigation of global warming;
- (h) why has the updated Wetlands Conservation Policy developed by the WCC in 2007 not been progressed to the Minister, given that the 1997 policy is over 20 years old and still incomplete;
- (i) is the Minister aware that, contrary to advice provided to him, the WCC has an ongoing function of active coordination of wetlands conservation activities across government agencies and this is not occurring due to the irregularity of WCC meetings and the refusal of the Chair to allow members to place items on the agenda;
- (j) is the Minister aware that two members of the WCC requested that the Chair convene a follow up meeting of the committee early in 2019 because the Chair refused to discuss important business items which they had raised at the meeting on 10 December 2019;
- (k) is the Minister aware that the Chair has so far failed to respond to this request or to a subsequent request by these members to meet with her to discuss the work program of the WCC;

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- (l) is the Minister aware that the Chair has not allowed development of work program for the committee:
 - (i) if yes to (l), does the Minister consider it appropriate for a ministerial advisory committee to work without a program of activities and lack of reporting arrangements; and
 - (ii) if no to (l), will the Minister direct the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to allow the WCC to prepare and operate under a work program;
- (m) is the Minister aware that although the Wetlands Conservation Policy (1997) designates the Director of Nature Conservation in the Department of Conservation and Land Management as the Chair of the WCC, this position no longer exists and the Committee has been chaired by various officers of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and its predecessors over the past 22 years:
 - (i) if no to (m), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (m), does the Minister agree that he has the authority to appoint whoever he wishes to chair the WCC; and
- (n) given that the WCC is being prevented from meeting regularly to discuss important issues affecting wetlands and that the Chair will not allow it to develop a work program, will the Minister use his authority to replace the Chair immediately with a suitably qualified person:
 - (i) if no to (n), why not?

2551. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

In the Ministers response to question on notice 2277, the Minister stated that he understood that not all States and Territory Governments carry out regular State of the Environment (SoE) reporting. My question actually referred to other States and the Commonwealth, which I now ask:

- (a) is the Minister satisfied for Western Australia (WA) to be the only State in Australia which does not provide detailed SoE reports for its community:
 - (i) if yes to (a), why; and
 - (ii) if no to (a), will he reintroduce regular SoE reporting;
- (b) considering that WA contains one of only two internationally recognised biodiversity hotspots in Australia, does the Minister accept that WA should monitor the health of its environment and make such information public:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (b), when does he intend to do this;
- (c) considering that WA provides the Commonwealth with material for its SoE reporting, why can't this information gathering exercise be used also to produce our own SoE report that focusses on key environmental indicators and issues for WA; and
- (d) does the Minister accept that regular SoE reporting and biodiversity audits are essential for good environmental planning and sound decision making in WA:
 - (i) if yes to (d), what does the Minister intend to do about it; and
 - (ii) if no to (d), why not?

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2552. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

For the Kimberley and Goldfields regions, in addition to the town of Kununurra specifically, would the Minister please table statistics, from the past five years to present, regarding:

- (a) instances of assault;
- (b) instances of specifically aggravated assault;
- (c) instances of burglary;
- (d) other instances of unlawful or forced entry;
- (e) any and all instances of family and/or domestic violence; and
- (f) if no to any part of (a) - (e), why not?

2553. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

Concerning the Emergencies department at Kununurra District Hospital, would the Minister please table the:

- (a) total attendance:
 - (i) by year;
 - (ii) for this year to-date; and
 - (iii) the preceding 4 years;
- (b) attendance for assault and/or battery:
 - (i) by year;
 - (ii) for this year to-date; and
 - (iii) the preceding 4 years;
- (c) attendance for incidents relating to drugs and alcohol (including motor vehicle accidents):
 - (i) by year;
 - (ii) for this year to-date; and
 - (iii) the preceding 4 years;
- (d) attendance for incidents relating to adverse mental health concerns:
 - (i) by year;
 - (ii) for this year to-date; and
 - (iii) the preceding 4 years; and
- (e) attendance for obstetric or maternity related concerns:
 - (i) by year;
 - (ii) for this year to-date; and
 - (iii) the preceding 4 years?

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2554. Hon Tim Clifford to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken in the development of the State Government's Greenhouse Gas Policy, and I ask:

- (a) will the Premier please table details of any communication, including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the Greenhouse Gas Policy with the following organisations:
 - (i) Conservation Council of Western Australia;
 - (ii) World Wildlife Fund;
 - (iii) Environmental Consultants Association; and
 - (iv) Environmental Defenders Office?

2555. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken in the development of the State Government's Greenhouse Gas Policy, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table details of any communication, including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the Greenhouse Gas Policy with the following organisations:
 - (i) Conservation Council of Western Australia;
 - (ii) World Wildlife Fund;
 - (iii) Environmental Consultants Association; and
 - (iv) Environmental Defenders Office?

2556. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken in the development of the State Government's Greenhouse Gas Policy, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table details of any communication, including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the Greenhouse Gas Policy with the following organisations:
 - (i) Conservation Council of Western Australia;
 - (ii) World Wildlife Fund;
 - (iii) Environmental Consultants Association; and
 - (iv) Environmental Defenders Office?

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I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's greenhouse gas emission guidelines, both withdrawn guidelines and consultation process, and I ask:

- (a) will the Premier please table details of any communication, including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the guidelines with the following organisations:
 - (i) Chevron;
 - (ii) Woodside;
 - (iii) Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association;
 - (iv) Association of Mining and Exploration Companies; and
 - (v) Chamber of Minerals and Energy?

2558. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's greenhouse gas emission guidelines, both withdrawn guidelines and consultation process, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table details of any communication, including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the guidelines with the following organisations:
 - (i) Chevron;
 - (ii) Woodside;
 - (iii) Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association;
 - (iv) Association of Mining and Exploration Companies; and
 - (v) Chamber of Minerals and Energy?

2559. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's greenhouse gas emission guidelines, both withdrawn guidelines and consultation process, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table details of any communication, including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the guidelines with the following organisations:
 - (i) Chevron;
 - (ii) Woodside;
 - (iii) Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association;
 - (iv) Association of Mining and Exploration Companies; and
 - (v) Chamber of Minerals and Energy?

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I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's greenhouse gas emission guidelines, both withdrawn guidelines and consultation process, and I ask:

- (a) will the Premier please table details of any communication including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the guidelines with the following organisations:
 - (i) Conservation Council of Western Australia;
 - (ii) World Wildlife Fund;
 - (iii) Environmental Consultants Association; and
 - (iv) Environmental Defenders Office?

2561. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's greenhouse gas emission guidelines, both withdrawn guidelines and consultation process, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table details of any communication including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the guidelines with the following organisations:
 - (i) Conservation Council of Western Australia;
 - (ii) World Wildlife Fund;
 - (iii) Environmental Consultants Association; and
 - (iv) Environmental Defenders Office?

2562. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to stakeholder consultation undertaken regarding the Environmental Protection Authority's greenhouse gas emission guidelines, both withdrawn guidelines and consultation process, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table details of any communication including correspondence, emails, letters, phone calls, briefing notes, diary appointments, meeting minutes, meeting dates and records of attendance regarding the guidelines with the following organisations:
 - (i) Conservation Council of Western Australia;
 - (ii) World Wildlife Fund;
 - (iii) Environmental Consultants Association; and
 - (iv) Environmental Defenders Office?

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2563. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the response provided to question without notice 1081, and I ask:

- (a) which organisations or individuals did Western Australia Police communicate with regarding the route of the “Global Climate Strike”;
- (b) when did Western Australia Police notify strike organisers that access to St Georges Terrace would be blocked; and
- (c) was there any contact between any Government representative and any representative from Woodside and/or Chevron in relation to the strike route prior to the decision being made?

2564. Hon Tim Clifford to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to correspondence between the State Government and the Federal Government regarding Western Australia’s climate change commitments and ask, will the Premier please table all correspondence had with the Federal Government regarding the State Government’s climate change commitments and climate change policies?

2565. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to correspondence between the State Government and the Federal Government regarding Western Australia’s climate change commitments and ask, will the Minister please table all correspondence had with the Federal Government regarding the State Government’s climate change commitments and climate change policies?

2566. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to correspondence between the State Government and the Federal Government regarding Western Australia’s climate change commitments and ask, will the Minister please table all correspondence had with the Federal Government regarding the State Government’s climate change commitments and climate change policies?

2567. Hon Tim Clifford to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) I refer to comments made by the Minister for Health in an *Echo Newspaper* article on 20 July 2019 in relation to the Chalet Rigi restaurant in Piesse Brook in which the Minister was quoted saying “I am prepared to grant the development an exemption from the sewer requirement and allow the use of an on-site wastewater system, subject to compliance with the conditions imposed by the DOH”, and I ask:
 - (a) has this exemption been granted; and
 - (b) will the Minister please provide details of what the exemption relates to:
 - (i) including the type of wastewater system;
 - (ii) the location and size of the system; and
 - (iii) any conditions placed on the exemption by the Department for Health?
- (2) The wastewater system relates to a development application to increase the patronage at Chalet Rigi from 80 to 480. A previous application to increase the maximum number of patrons was rejected based on Department of Water advice, that to avoid risk of groundwater contamination a maximum of 80 patrons would be appropriate. What circumstances have changed that led the Minister to provide the exemption given the risks noted previously by the Department of Water?

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- (3) Is the Minister aware that Chalet Rigi is located in the Middle Helena Catchment Area P2, which is protected for drinking water?
- (4) In making this decision, did the Minister consider the affect the wastewater system would have on the dams in the area that provide drinking water for 5 households?
- (5) If yes to (4), what conclusions did the Minister draw about the effect of the wastewater on the quality of the drinking water in the area?

2568. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning:

I refer to the rezoning of the Henley Brook Urban Precinct from Rural to Urban in October 2018, and I ask:

- (a) in approving the re-zoning, what consideration did the Minister give to the potential for urban residential development to detrimentally impact the St Leonards Brook Catchment area, which is home to and provides a valuable feeding area for Carnaby's Cockatoos and Red Tailed Cockatoos; and
- (b) given that the precinct is a Priority 2 area of the Gnangara Underground Water Pollution Control Area under State Planning Policy 2.2, what measures will be undertaken to ensure that any future development of the Precinct does not risk pollution to the water source?

2569. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) Why was a solar power company required to disconnect its solar power system from the grid in Menzies, Western Australia?
- (2) What proportion of Menzies electricity was provided by renewable sources prior to this occurring?
- (3) What proportion of Menzies electricity is currently provided by renewable sources?
- (4) What sources provide the remainder of Menzies current electricity needs?
- (5) Will the company be permitted to reconnect its solar power system and, if so, when?

2570. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the 2019 Annual Report of Synergy tabled in Parliament on 26 September 2019, and I ask:

- (a) what exactly is represented by the so called "impairment" of \$428.9 million referred to by the Chairman and the CEO;
- (b) what exactly is the \$152.4 million "onerous contract" referred to by the Chairman and the CEO; and
- (c) will the Minister please provide details of both write downs?

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2571. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Does the Government or Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions have a management plan to control Ibis (*Threskiornis* spp.) in Perth and the South West land division of Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister please table that plan?
- (3) If no to (1):
 - (a) how does the Government plan to manage the impact of Ibis in Western Australia; and
 - (b) will the Government develop a plan to manage the impact of Ibis in Western Australia?

2572. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to question without notice 1093 regarding the Operational Fleet Project, and I ask:

- (a) who are the members of the Project Board:
 - (i) what emergency service organisations do they represent; and
 - (ii) where are they based;
- (b) how was the membership of the Project Board determined;
- (c) will the Minister please table the terms of reference for the Project Board; and
- (d) how many meetings have been held by the Project Board, and will the Minister please table the minutes of those meetings?

2573. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing:

Can the Minister please advise how many unoccupied houses located within the South West region are:

- (a) uninhabitable due to not meeting minimum health and safety standards;
- (b) undergoing non-standard maintenance work; and
- (c) undergoing maintenance for reletting?

2574. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:

Will the Minister table the following reports:

- (a) pluto-Ambient air monitoring at the three identified sites (Burrup Road, Dampier and Karratha Scout Hall), from 2008 until latest report;
- (b) nitrogen deposition at the six sites identified in the Woodside Pluto Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project Air Quality Management Plan, as referred to in Ministerial Statement 757;
- (c) any reports on air pollution delivered to or conducted by the Environmental Protection Authority regarding North West Shelf (NWS) and LNG facilities;
- (d) any reports on air pollution delivered to or conducted by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation regarding NWS and LNG facilities; and
- (e) if no to either (a) to (d), why not?

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I refer to question without notice 1093 asked on 25 September 2019, regarding the Operational Fleet Project, and I ask:

- (a) who are the members of the Project Board;
- (b) what emergency service organisations do they represent and where are they based;
- (c) how was the membership of the Project Board determined;
- (d) will the Minister please table the terms of reference for the Project Board;
- (e) how many meetings have been held by the Project Board; and
- (f) will the Minister table the minutes of these meetings?

2576. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to question without notice 1093 asked on 25 September 2019, regarding the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Operational Fleet project, and I ask:

- (a) how many project advisory teams are there;
- (b) what is the name and position of each team member;
- (c) what emergency service organisations do they represent;
- (d) where is each member based;
- (e) when and where has each project team met;
- (f) will the Minister table the minutes or notes of each meeting;
- (g) how was the membership of these teams determined; and
- (h) will the Minister table the terms of reference for each advisory team?

2577. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

In response to the Minister's reply to question on notice 2208, I ask:

- (a) now that the highly significant and long-term South West Wetlands Monitoring Program, which has continued for over 40 years through successive State Governments and collected and analysed data from 105 wetlands and is used in climate change adaptation planning and restoration of hydrological regimes and biodiversity, has been largely terminated by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) under this Government, how does the Minister plan to provide ongoing scientific-based information and data for conservation of wetlands and landscapes in the south-west, outside of Ramsar sites and the few wetlands that will be covered in the new monitoring program;
- (b) has DBCA informed natural resource managers, including regional groups, catchment organisations and other Government agencies of the changes to the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program:
 - (i) if yes to (b), which stakeholders have been informed of these changes and when were they informed; and
 - (ii) if no to (b), why not;

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- (c) given that the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program was funded from consolidated revenue as part of the Government's commitment to the State Salinity Strategy, how does the Minister justify the loss of this funding from salinity management, especially when he has confirmed that some of the funds will be used in other areas of the State where salinity or water-logging is not an issue;
- (d) what are the locations and names of the 35 wetlands where monitoring was undertaken in 2018-19 through complementary programs using permanent gauges established through the south-west monitoring program:
 - (i) who undertook the monitoring referred to in (d);
 - (ii) was any biological data collected in the monitoring referred to in (d);
 - (iii) where does the data currently reside for the monitoring referred to in (d);
 - (iv) is the data collected in the monitoring referred to in (d) publicly available; and
 - (v) if no to (d), why not;
- (e) the Minister has advised that DBCA is "re-focussing wetland monitoring towards Ramsar and other high conservation value wetlands across the State", and that no fieldwork was undertaken in 2018-19, and I ask:
 - (i) how many wetlands will be monitored under the new wetlands monitoring program;
 - (ii) what are the locations and names of the wetlands to be monitored; and
 - (iii) if details are not available for (e)(i) and (e)(ii), why not, given that changes to the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program were brought into effect by the Director of Science and Conservation at the DBCA in 2018-19 over 12 months ago and fieldwork by DBCA has effectively ceased;
- (f) will the Minister please outline the total amount of funding provided to the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program for the following financial years:
 - (i) 2004-2005;
 - (ii) 2005-2006;
 - (iii) 2006-2007;
 - (iv) 2007-2008;
 - (v) 2008-2009;
 - (vi) 2009-2010;
 - (vii) 2010-2011;
 - (viii) 2011-2012;
 - (ix) 2012-2013;
 - (x) 2013-2014;
 - (xi) 2014-2015;
 - (xii) 2015-2016;
 - (xiii) 2016-2017;
 - (xiv) 2017-2018;

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- (xv) 2018-2019; and
- (xvi) 2019-2020; and
- (g) will the Minister please outline the total amount of expenditure to the South West Wetlands Monitoring Program for the following financial years:
 - (i) 2004-2005;
 - (ii) 2005-2006;
 - (iii) 2006-2007;
 - (iv) 2007-2008;
 - (v) 2008-2009;
 - (vi) 2009-2010;
 - (vii) 2010-2011;
 - (viii) 2011-2012;
 - (ix) 2012-2013;
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 - (xi) 2014-2015;
 - (xii) 2015-2016;
 - (xiii) 2016-2017;
 - (xiv) 2017-2018;
 - (xv) 2018-2019; and
 - (xvi) 2019-2020?

2578. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism:

- (1) Can the Minister advise the House why, notwithstanding section 6(2)(a) of the *Rottnest Island Authority Act 1987*, which specifies that at least one member of the Authority Board “has practical knowledge of and experience in the conservation of the environment”, none of the current six member board has environmental knowledge and experience?
- (2) Can the Minister assure the House that in accordance with section 14(1)(a) of the Act, he will not permit the provision of, or allow sanction through the management or development plan, any living accommodation on the island except within the designated settlement area?
- (3) Can the Minister assure the House that any development foreshadowed in the Rottnest Island Management Plan (2020-24) and Rottnest Island Master Plan, will fully take account of the fragility of the frontal dunes and the vulnerability of coastal development to coastal erosion due to storm events and sea level rise?
- (4) Will the Minister ensure that the Rottnest Island Management Plan (2020-24) and associated Master Plan, when finalized, will address the requirements under the Act [section 11(2)(b) and (c)] to protect the flora and fauna of the Island and to maintain and protect the natural environment and repair its natural environment?

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- (5) Can the Minister advise the House whether he agrees with the environmental and conservation provisions within the *Rottnest Island Authority Act 1987* and, if not, whether he is intent upon initiating amendments to the act to render it more in keeping with his vision for the development of Rottnest?

2579. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing:

As at 30 June 2019, how many clients that had been identified as having “children at risk”, under the Priority Housing Needs Policy and Priority Assessment Framework, were on a waitlist for housing?

2580. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Minister’s answer to my question without notice 910 on 22 August 2019, referring to the members of the steering group overseeing the Home Stretch Trial, and I ask:

- (a) for the steering group members who are representatives from the Department of Communities, Anglicare WA and CREATE WA, what position or job title do they hold within their organisation; and
- (b) for the steering group members who are from “relevant community services and research sectors”, which organisations or bodies do they represent, and what position or job title do they hold within them?

2581. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the recent findings of the “Exploring outcomes for young people who have experienced out-of-home care” by the Telethon Kids Institute, which found that most people in care do not complete high school, and I ask:

- (a) how many young people in the care of the CEO commenced year 12 in 2018; and
- (b) how many young people in the care of the CEO graduated from year 12 in 2018?

2582. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to recent calls for more support services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) diagnosis, and I ask:

- (a) can a FASD diagnosis be accessed without cost;
- (b) if yes to (a), what access pathways are currently available without cost;
- (c) which of (b), are available in the regions (please indicate which regions they are available in);
- (d) what support services are available for those diagnosed with FASD:
 - (i) in relation to (d), which of these services:
 - (A) can be accessed without cost; and
 - (B) are currently available in the regions (please indicate which regions they are available in); and

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- (e) what support services are available for those caring for a person or a child diagnosed with FASD:
 - (i) in relation to (e), which of these services:
 - (A) can be accessed without cost; and
 - (B) are currently available in the regions (please indicate which regions they are available in)?

2583. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

Noting that the Western Australian Legislation website publishes ratified State agreements in the form of Schedules to the principal Act whereby Schedule 1 shows the original agreement and subsequent schedules show each supplementary agreement in the order it was ratified (rather than publishing the State agreement in its complete, consolidated, current form), I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please instruct Parliamentary Counsel's Office to also provide a link to a complete, consolidated, current version of each State agreement;
- (b) if no to (a), why not; and
- (c) if yes to (a), when?

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