

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 23

Wednesday, November 6 2002

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- 192. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 193. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 194. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 196. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 198. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 200. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 201. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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- 203. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
- 205. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 206. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 213. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 214. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 216. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
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- 220. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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222. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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225. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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231. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
233. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises

Notice Given ***Tuesday, October 22 2002***

234. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
235. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
236. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
237. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

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238. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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239. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
240. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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241. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
242. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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243. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

With regard to the *Occupation Therapists' Registration Act (WA)*, I ask -

- (1) Does the Act prohibit Occupational Therapists from publicly displaying accreditation from their association?
- (2) Do you support this prohibition?
- (3) If yes to (2), why?
- (4) If no to (2), will you review the Act to allow this practice?

244. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works

Regarding the Homeswest properties at Buckland Hill, I ask -

- (1) Can you confirm whether tenants who moved into the properties in Buckland Hill in 1990 were given an undertaking from Homeswest that they could purchase their properties after ten years?
- (2) If not, what undertaking were they given?

245. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

Regarding complaints made against Homeswest concerning discrimination against tenants, I ask the Minister -

- (1) How many discrimination complaints against Homeswest have been settled by conciliation in the last five years?
- (2) How many of those settled have secrecy clauses written in to the settled agreement?

246. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

Regarding the services provided by the Community Midwifery Program and the current medical indemnity crisis, combined with the declining number of general practitioner and specialist obstetricians, I ask -

- (1) Do you acknowledge that there is sound evidence that this midwifery model of care reduces costs and improves maternal and neonatal outcomes?
- (2) Do you acknowledge that this program is cost effective and highly valued?
- (3) Why is this program restricted to 150 women per year when many more women want to utilise this service and cannot?
- (4) What are you doing to enable more women in Western Australian metropolitan and country areas to access this program?

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247. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works

In relation to Sunset Hospital Site, I ask -

- (1) If advice has been sought from the private sector for the Sunset Steering Committee, how were the providers selected?
- (2) If the Department of Housing and Works staff made the selection of private consultants, what rationale did they use?
- (3) If the selection of private consultants was made by the Department of Housing and Works staff, who made the selection of the private consultants?

248. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works

In relation to Sunset Hospital Site, I ask -

- (1) What is the budget for the Sunset Steering Committee?
- (2) What monies have been spent to date?
- (3) Would the Minister list the names of the Sunset Steering Committee members, indicating each person's areas of special expertise, generally and specifically, with regard to the objectives of the Committee?
- (4) Was each member of the Committee asked to declare any vested interests with regard to the Sunset site?

249. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works

In relation to Sunset Hospital Site, I ask -

- (1) What private consultants or architects have been hired for the project?
- (2) Are these private consultants or architects employed by the Department of Housing and Works?
- (3) Are these consultants giving advice regarding the Sunset site?
- (4) Are the private consultants or architects receiving remuneration for advice given to the Department of Housing and Works?
- (5) Are any members of the Sunset Steering Committee receiving remunerations for their time on the Committee?
- (6) If yes to (5), which members and how much?
- (7) Are any members of the Sunset Steering Committee receiving remuneration for advice given to the Department of Housing and Works?
- (8) If yes to (7), which ones and how much?

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250. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to the Report by the Water and Rivers Commission (2001), 'A review of stream and river logging buffers to ensure their adequacy in protecting our waterways from salinity, degradation and turbidity', whose recommendations the draft Forest Management Plan proposes should be implemented on a trial basis -

Will the Minister please table a list of all the references referred to in the Report as the published document does not include this essential component?

251. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In relation to mature marri trees, some of which the draft Forest Management Plan proposes to 'fell to waste' -

- (1) Does CALM still practice -
 - (a) clearfelling in two-tiered karri/marri forest; and
 - (b) gap-creation in jarrah/marri forest?
- (2) If yes, what does CALM do with the mature marri trees?
- (3) If no, will the mature marri trees be left as habitat trees?
- (4) If so, for how long?
- (5) What adaptive management practices has CALM adopted in recognition of the importance of mature marri trees as providers of the big hollows essential for the survival of the red-tailed black cockatoo?

252. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In relation to Cape Arid National Park -

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that there has been a recent significant fire in Cape Arid National Park?
- (2) If yes, -
 - (a) when did it start;
 - (b) how did it start;
 - (c) how long did it last;
 - (d) what efforts were made to control the fire;
 - (e) how many hectares were burnt;
 - (f) what proportion of the Park does this represent; and

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- (g) are any of the following threatened fauna found in the Park -
 - (i) Rufous Bristlebird;
 - (ii) Ground Parrot;
 - (iii) Western Bristlebird;
 - (iv) Western Whipbird;
 - (v) Noisy Scrub-bird;
 - (vi) Malleefowl;
 - (vii) Gilbert's Potoroo; and
 - (viii) others (please specify)?
- (3) Was any of their habitat burnt in the fire?
- (4) If yes, how many hectares and what percentage of each species' habitat in the Park does this represent?

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