

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## QUESTIONS

No. 2

**Tuesday, 16 May 2017**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.  
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### POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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*Notice Given*

*Thursday, 11 May 2017*

1. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
2. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
3. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
4. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
5. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health



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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 16 May 2017***6. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to the Minister's media statement, dated 15 May 2017, where the Minister claims to have facilitated the relocation and expansion of Ingham's to Muchea, and I ask:

- (a) on how many occasions has the Minister communicated with Ingham's in relation to their relocation and expansion;
- (b) on what dates did the communications occur; and
- (c) what specific actions has the Minister taken to facilitate Ingham's relocation and expansion?

**7. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the *Mark McGowan - Fresh Ideas for WA* publication and in reference to "136. Extend the hours of operation at key police stations.", and I ask:

- (a) which police stations in regional Western Australia can expect to receive extended hours of operation;
- (b) will this apply to hours of operation of the station, hours of operation for public access to the station, or both;
- (c) will extending hours of operation at police stations reduce front line delivery by police officers;
- (d) will additional police officers be employed to provide extended police station operating hours; and
- (e) if yes to (d), how will these police officers be funded?

**8. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the *Mark McGowan - Fresh Ideas for WA* publication and in reference to "153. Establish a Regional Enforcement Unit of WA Police to help reduce the road toll", I ask:

- (a) when will the unit be established;
- (b) where will the unit be established;
- (c) will the unit be resourced by existing or new officers;
- (d) what will be the total full-time equivalent of the unit;
- (e) what will be the total cost of the unit;
- (f) how will the unit be funded; and
- (g) who will task the unit?



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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 16 May 2017***9. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to the government announcement on 15 May 2017 that a commission of inquiry is established to examine 26 projects of the former Government, and ask:

- (a) what is the total projected cost of the inquiry;
- (b) when will the inquiry report;
- (c) what are the terms of reference;
- (d) what is the expected cost directly related to the inquirer Mr John Langoulant AO; and
- (e) how many staff will be engaged by the inquiry?

**10. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

In relation to ministerial staff, will the Minister please provide the following in tabular format with respect to each Minister:

- (a) position title;
- (b) name of employee;
- (c) full-time equivalent;
- (d) salary class;
- (e) the make and model of a departmental provided motor vehicle; and
- (f) whether a car bay, corporate credit card or mobile phone is provided?

**11. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

Will the Minister please provide in tabular format a complete list of election commitments by the Government including:

- (a) name and description;
- (b) location;
- (c) projected cost; and
- (d) delivery timeframe?

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

I refer to the *Surrogacy Act 2008*, and I ask in each calendar year since enactment how many child protection order checks have been carried out on:

- (a) arranging parents; and
- (b) any other party to a surrogacy arrangement?



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**13. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to previously granted exploration Licence E28/1634, which I understand has been surrendered, and ask:

- (a) is it correct that exploration Licence E28/1634, prior to the surrender, had a mortgage on this tenement for up to \$2 million dollars based on a discovery deed executed by the parties;
- (b) if yes to (a), on what specific date was this mortgage lodged;
- (c) if no to (a), what is specifically correct with respect to the amount of monies that was registered as a mortgage on E28/1634;
- (d) did the mortgagor or the party lodging the surrender provide written consent to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) for the surrender to be registered on E28/1634 with a written letter on 27 September 2016 at least 15 days prior to 12 October 2016;
- (e) if no to (d), what is the specific date that the mortgagor notified the DMP with a written letter addressed to the DMP notifying, agreeing, and consenting to the registration of a surrender;
- (f) is it correct that a surrender was lodged for E28/1634 on 12 October 2016 at 14.40pm in Perth;
- (g) if no to (f), what is specifically correct in terms of the time and date;
- (h) did the DMP initially identify any potential defects with the surrender which was lodged for E28/1634, resulting in provisional lodgement;
- (i) if yes to (h), what were those specific defects identified by the DMP; and
- (j) on what specific date and time were any potential defects rectified by the holders of E28/1634 for the surrender which was lodged?

**14. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the Mining Wardens Court decision titled, *Lake Hillman Mining P/L v HB Brady CO P/L and ANOR*, delivered on 31 August 2012 concerning Mining Lease 77/39, and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister agree and support the position outlined in paragraph 62 of the above referred to decision;
- (b) if yes to (a), why;
- (c) if no to (a), which specific parts from paragraph 62 does the Minister not agree and support;
- (d) does the Minister strongly support the 'use it or lose it' principle on all mining tenure under the *Mining Act 1978*;
- (e) if no to (d), why not; and
- (f) if yes to (d), can the Minister explain how the public of Western Australia benefits from having a strong 'use it or lose' position in terms of utilisation of resources owned by the State of Western Australia towards all mining tenure under the *Mining Act 1978*?



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**15. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to all mining tenure within Western Australia and the Mining Wardens Court decision titled, *Carnegie Gold Pty Ltd v Gerard Victor Brewer*, delivered on 24 March 2017, concerning applications for exemption appertaining to Mining Leases 16/470 and 30/102, and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister support the position within the industry of allowing a practice of completing form 5 expenditure reports certifying on the one hand that expenditure conditions have been met, whilst also allowing simultaneous applications for exemption from expenditure requirements;
- (b) if no to (a), why;
- (c) if yes to (a), why;
- (d) does the Minister support the position of allowing tenement holders to have an each way bet, for example, saying on the one hand 'I have met my obligation' whilst on the other saying 'I haven't met my obligation and seek an exemption';
- (e) if yes to (d), why;
- (f) if no to (d), why not;
- (g) within the last six months, for all mining tenure, can the Minister identify by stating each respective tenement number and the financial amount of money sought by exemption application in which the holder has completed Form 5 expenditure reports certifying on the one hand that expenditure requirements have been met, whilst also allowing the simultaneous applications for exemption from expenditure requirements;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) will the Minister or the Department of Mines and Petroleum immediately refuse all applications for exemptions within the last six months on the basis of a greater public interest so the practice outlined in *Carnegie Gold Pty Ltd v Gerard Victor Brewer* is not allowed to persist;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) if yes to (i), how will this be carried out;
- (l) does the Minister consider the practice outlined in *Carnegie Gold Pty Ltd v Gerard Victor Brewer* in relation to all other mining tenure within Western Australia as being frivolous;
- (m) if no to (l), why not; and
- (n) if yes to (l), why?

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