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QUESTIONS

No. 2

Wednesday, August 14 2002

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14. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the Minister been made aware of the causes of the regulatory failures documented in 'The Environmental Audit and Review of Cockburn Cement Ltd', and in 'Volume Two of the Inquiry Report into the Waste Control Fire in Bellevue?
 - (2) What steps will the Minister take to address these failures and to protect communities and the environment from harmful industrial emission sources?
 - (3) Will the Minister establish an independent review of the DEWCP's -
 - (a) licensing procedures;
 - (b) audit and monitoring procedures including industry self assessments;
 - (c) the level and scope of technical competency of staff;
 - (d) adequacy of resources to fulfil DEWCP's regulatory duties; and
 - (e) staff morale?
 - (4) If not, what action will the Minister take to improve the performance of DEWCP?
15. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) What is the status of the DEP review of the Brickwork Industry in Western Australia? Please detail.
 - (2) Is it true that the Western Australian Brickwork Industry have devised their own monitoring method, the U-tube method, to measure stack emissions from their plants?
 - (3) Is it true that Western Australia is the only State in Australia to allow Brickworks to use this method?
 - (4) Is it true that the U-tube method can underestimate brickwork stack emissions by up to 50 per cent?
 - (5) Given the degree of discrepancy in Western Australian Brickwork monitoring, can the Minister ensure that stack emissions from the Brickwork Industry are at acceptable levels for the protection of the environment and public health?
16. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- (1) How many police are on duty during the night in the metropolitan area?
 - (2) How many police located in metropolitan area?

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- (3) How many police in total?
- (4) How many metropolitan police have been given approval to undertake other employment, ie. approval to moonlight?
- (5) Are any police officers with other employment working for security firms?

17. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the Minister's press release of the May 11 regarding funding for a new emergency helicopter service, and ask -

- (1) Does the statement that the Government will provide funding of 'up to \$3.5 million' mean that the Government will only provide a one-off contribution towards the cost of the service?
- (2) Does the Government intend to support the service with recurrent funding support on an on-going basis?
- (3) If not, how is the service going to be funded?

18. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

How many people have been arrested on the Perth urban rail system between March 1 2002 and May 31 2002?

19. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of all projects funded through the Regional Investment Fund programs during 2001-02?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of all unsuccessful applications for regional funding assistance made during 2001-02?

20. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

I refer the Treasurer to his answer to question on notice No. 639, and ask -

- (1) Is the Treasurer aware that former Government Ministers were given Budget and forward estimates for their portfolio, including estimates for 2004-05 prior to the last election as part of the 2001-02 Budget preparation process?
- (2) Since the information for 2004-05 was available to the Ministers prior to the last election, why does Treasury insist that there were no Budget estimates for that year available at the time of the election?

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21. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer the Minister to AMEC's reports in response to the Review of the Project Development Approvals Systems, and ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of AMEC's submissions expressing concern over proposals that all current and future title applications will need to enter into a heritage agreement?
- (2) Does the Minister agree that not all exploration and mining title applications involve land that would require heritage surveys and agreements?
- (3) Does the Minister agree with AMEC's claim that forcing such applications into a heritage agreement process is unnecessary?
- (4) Is AMEC right in suggesting that the effect of requiring heritage protection agreements for all title applications would closely parallel the 'right to negotiate' power of the *Native Title Act*, a power that has been misused in stalling projects in pursuit of compensation?
- (5) Has the Minister or his Department taken any action to encourage the creation of a central Aboriginal Heritage database that would greatly assist the processing of mining title applications?
- (6) If not, why not?

22. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

I refer to the draft white paper 'Streamline Western Australia's Tax System', and ask -

- (1) How many firms paying payroll tax in 2001-02 were in the top tax bracket and how much did they pay last year?
- (2) How many firms paying payroll tax in 2001-02 had a taxable payroll value between \$1.1 million and \$4.8 million and how much tax did they pay last year?
- (3) How many firms paying payroll tax in 2001-02 were in the payroll range of \$750 000 to \$1.1 million and how much tax did they pay in 2001-02?
- (4) What is the estimated total revenue lost from companies falling in the \$750 000 to \$1.1 million range as a result of the proposed changes?
- (5) How many firms paying payroll tax in 2001-02 were in the payroll range of \$675 000 to \$750 000 and how much tax did they pay in 2001-02?
- (6) What is the estimated extra revenue that will be gained from the firms that will be paying higher payroll tax under the proposed tax changes?

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23. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the proposed new Fire Emergency levy system, and ask -

- (1) What is the estimated revenue under the proposed property levy system from -
 - (a) metropolitan households;
 - (b) non-metropolitan households;
 - (c) metropolitan businesses; and
 - (d) non-metropolitan businesses?
- (2) Will the Government be extending the levy to motor vehicle licenses?

24. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the proposed new Fire Emergency levy system, and ask -

How many households are expected to pay levy amounts in the following brackets -

- (a) \$170 maximum;
- (b) \$100 to \$169;
- (c) \$60 to \$99;
- (d) \$31 to \$59; and
- (e) the minimum amount?

25. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the proposed new Fire Emergency levy system, and ask -

- (1) How much is currently raised from metropolitan households?
- (2) How much will be raised under new system from metropolitan households?
- (3) How much is currently raised from metropolitan businesses?
- (4) How much will be raised under new system from metropolitan businesses?
- (5) How much is currently raised from rural households in areas covered by volunteer Bush Fire Brigades?
- (6) How much will be raised from rural households in areas covered by volunteer Bush Fire Brigades?

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26. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- (1) Can the Minister provide the names of all individuals currently holding positions of Director-General and indicate for each individual -
- (a) current cash salary;
 - (b) total value of their salary package;
 - (c) position held as at February 9 2001; and
 - (d) cash salary at that time?
- (2) Can the Minister explain the reason for the pay rise granted to David Hatt since moving into the Minister's portfolio?
27. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
With respect to the Ministerial Committee inquiring into future usages for the East Perth Power Station -
- (1) Has the behaviour or actions of the East Perth Redevelopment Authority or any of its employees been questioned or brought before the Public Sector Standards Commissioner?
 - (2) If yes, what were the substantive complaints or allegations identified?
 - (3) If yes, what has been the outcome of any investigation, if any has occurred, into any complaints or allegations?
 - (4) If yes, what action or actions will be taken with respect to any matter raised?
28. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
Given that Division 59 Education of the 2002-03 State Budget, page 1019, lists an Appropriation in the previous 2001-02 Budget of \$1 971 525 000 and of \$2 076 973 in 2002-03 -
- (1) What was the expenditure on Government schools in 2001-02 by -
 - (a) school; and
 - (b) per capita funding per school year?
 - (2) What was the expenditure on Government schools in the 2002-03 Budget by -
 - (a) school; and
 - (b) per capita funding per school year?
29. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
With reference to the announcement by the Minister for Health on May 26 2002, regarding proposals to strengthen cannabis controls -
- (1) How will the announced changes differ from the existing diversion program?

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- (2) What is the past median level of fines for possession of less than 25 grams of cannabis?
- (3) What is the number of fines applied to the possession of 100g or less of hash or hash oil -
 - (a) as a percentage of total fines for cannabis possession; and
 - (b) in total?
- (4) Will the infringement system apply, and if so, how, to -
 - (a) being present where drugs are being smoked; and
 - (b) owning premises where drugs are being smoked?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) If not, are there plans for future legislative changes concerning these offences?
- (7) If so, what will those changes be?

30. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Training

With respect to the Western Australian Department of Training Performance Delivery Agreements -

- (1) Will the Minister table the Western Australian Department of Training Performance Delivery Agreements for each College for each of the years 1995-2002 inclusive?
- (2) If not, why not?

31. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Training

What, according to the Department of Training Delivery and Performance Agreements, were the student to teacher ratios for each of the years 1995 to 2002 -

- (a) for each TAFE College in Western Australia; and
- (b) for each TAFE College in Western Australia by course grouping?

32. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

- (1) Is it correct that the Department of Community Development has reduced its level of service to Marble Bar?
- (2) If so, what services have been reduced and for what reason?
- (3) If not, what services are currently being provided to Marble Bar?

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33. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Regarding proposals to develop or redevelop the East Perth Power Station -

- (1) Is it the Minister's intention to proceed with the stated move of Scitech to the East Perth Power Station site?
- (2) If not, what other proposals is the Minister considering?
- (3) If yes to (1), when?
- (4) If yes to (1), who will be the project manager for works on the building structure?
- (5) If yes to (1), but no decision has been made as to project managers, what process will be used to appoint a project manager?
- (6) Further to (5), what criteria will be used in assessing a potential project manager?
- (7) Further to (5), what weighting will be given to individual criteria?
- (8) Further to (5), will these criteria include previous experience in heritage restoration?
- (9) If not to (8), why not?
- (10) How will the Minister ensure that the project management of the heritage values is carried out competently?
- (11) Is the Minister aware of any surveys to determine Aboriginal Heritage values of this site?
- (12) How will these Aboriginal Heritage values be retained within any proposed usage of the site?
- (13) What processes of consultation, if any, have taken place with the local community on the possible future uses of the site?

34. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding proposals to develop or redevelop the East Perth Power Station -

- (1) How will the Minister ensure that the heritage values of the East Perth Power Station are retained if Scitech is moved to the site?
- (2) Will this include retention of all mechanical or power generation facilities or equipment that are still in place or on site?
- (3) If not, what will be removed and why?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any surveys to determine Aboriginal Heritage values of this site?
- (5) How will these Aboriginal Heritage values be retained within any proposed usage of the site?
- (6) What processes of consultation, if any, have taken place with the local community on the possible future uses of the site?

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(7) Given the statements from Scitech, as reported in the Voice Newspaper (May 25 - June 1 2002, page 11), is the Minister confident that Scitech could project manage such a project and maintain the heritage values of the site?

(8) How will the Minister ensure that the project management of the heritage values is carried out competently?

35. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding proposals to review or amend the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* -

(1) Is the Minister intending to review the current *Heritage of Western Australia Act*?

(2) If not, why not?

(3) When will the Minister be initiating the review referred to in (1)?

(4) If the answer to (3) is not a specific date, can the Minister confirm that the review will begin before the end of the 2002 calendar year?

(5) If not, why not?

(6) What bodies, departments, councils or organisations, both Government and non-Government, will be involved in the review referred to in (1)?

(7) Is the Minister aware of concerns with the current Act?

(8) What are the concerns referred to in (7)?

(9) How will the concerns referred to in (7) be addressed?

(10) If yes to (1), when will amendments, or a new Act, be introduced into Parliament?

(11) Will any amendments or new Act address issues of describing, defining or otherwise including 'natural heritage' values?

(12) If yes to (11), how will this be addressed, and will this include protection of these values?

(13) If no to (11), why not?

(14) If no to (11), will this be addressed at a later date?

(15) If so, when?

36. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

(1) What new heritage projects were undertaken in the year 2001-2002, and which of those are proposed to continue in the year 2002-03?

(2) What is the total proposed and completed financial outlay by Government for each of the projects in (1)?

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- (3) What new, as opposed to continuing, heritage projects are proposed for commencement in the year 2002-03?
- (4) What is the total proposed financial outlay by Government for each of the projects in (3)?

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