

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 4

Tuesday, August 20 2002

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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1. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
3. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises
4. Hon John Fischer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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37. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
38. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
39. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
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43. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

With respect to farm forestry practices -

- (1) Which Agency or Department is responsible for Farm Forestry Training?
- (2) Is Farm Forestry Training part of that Agency or Department's core function?
- (3) What fee is charged for the training, if any?
- (4) Under existing sharefarming arrangements, do -
 - (a) landowners have the rights to assign their interest in the tree crop; and
 - (b) do landowners have the ability to buy out the Government's interest -
 - (i) if yes, how is the value of that interest calculated; and
 - (ii) if not, why not?
- (5) Is the use of 'profit a prendre' open to all sectors?
- (6) Is the Minister aware of research undertaken by Government Agencies or Departments in the period 1987-2002 on the growth of *Pinus radiata* on farmlands in the South West?
- (7) If yes, will the Minister table the research or provide a listing of publicly accessible documents covering this research?
- (8) Is the Minister aware of work done by the Government in the past on development of *Eucalyptus (corymbia) calophylla*?
- (9) If yes, will the Minister table the research or provide a listing of publicly accessible documents covering this research?
- (10) Is *Pinus radiata* currently imported into the local market from New Zealand?
- (11) If yes, what volume is involved in this import trade?
- (12) Is the Forest Products Commission involved in developing a variety of native endemic species for a variety of commercial uses?
- (13) If yes, can the Minister state -
 - (a) where;
 - (b) which species are involved;
 - (c) at what stage of development is the project; and
 - (d) what is the availability of the trial information?
- (14) Does the Government holds the monopoly on rights to the development of all native flora species in Western Australia, including Intellectual Property?
- (15) If yes, under which Act is this covered?

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- (16) If not, why not?
- (17) What is the Government's position on forestry practise and production on farmland and specify the relevant Act or Regulation?

44. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education

The Robson Report identified the four phases of schooling ie. early childhood, middle childhood, early adolescence and late adolescence. The structure of EDWA does not reflect the phases identified by the Minister in a letter to me dated June 19 2002 -

- (1) Why has EDWA decided to go against the Robson recommendation, and reform the central office structure into collaborative teams each headed by a Director, but with no Director of Early Childhood Education?
- (2) Under the Director Curriculum, Director Student Services, Director Aboriginal Education and District Directors, can the Minister inform the Parliament of the key personnel in each of the teams and describe their training and experience?

45. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- (1) What is the Government policy on the eradication or control of mesquite in the Pilbara?
- (2) If the policy is to eradicate the plant, how is it proposed to do so?
- (3) Has the Government considered allowing people to 'farm' the mesquite for use as woodchips, furniture, sawdust, mesquite meal and production of honey?
- (4) If so, what is the Government's view?

46. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With respect to the *Criminal Investigation (Identifying People) Act 2002* and Legislative Council Estimates Committee Supplementary Information No. 57 -

- (1) Is it correct that less than \$62 000 (less than 1 per cent of \$6.2 million) will be needed to sample 3 800 operational Police Service employees?
- (2) If yes, does that mean that samples cost around \$16 per person?
- (3) If yes to (2), does that mean that the total budget allocation of \$6.2 million for DNA testing will allow 380 000 people to be tested?
- (4) If yes to (3), is that a realistic target for the financial year ending June 30 2003?
- (5) If yes to (3), what progress has been made in relation to this goal?

47. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) What is the function of the computer aided telephone call system known as P.C. Cops?

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- (2) How does the system operate?
- (3) Is this system able to be adapted to be used outside the metropolitan area?
48. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Has DOLA invited the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley to develop land at Crossing Falls for lifestyle lots?
- (2) What is the area, zoning and native title status of this land?
- (3) What further action can DOLA take to assist in the release of this land?
49. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns being expressed by Kununurra residents and tourists on the delays being experienced in receiving *The West Australian* newspaper on the date it is printed?
- (2) What action can the Government take to ensure *The Western Australian* newspaper is available in Kununurra on the same day it is printed?
50. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) What future industrial land has been planned for Kununurra?
- (2) What current industrial land stock does DOLA hold at Kununurra?
- (3) Is DOLA holding industrial land in Cocos Way, Kununurra?
- (4) If so, what is the area of this land and why has it not been released to the market?
- (5) How many residential lots is DOLA holding at Lakeside, Kununurra and what is preventing this land being released to the market?
51. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) In respect of the Port of Wyndham -
- (a) who owns the plant and equipment;
- (b) who manages the plant and equipment;
- (c) who is responsible for the maintenance of the plant and equipment; and
- (d) who provides the necessary funds for such work?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a schedule indicating the maintenance carried out in each of the past seven years and the proposed maintenance expenditure for the next four years for the Port of Wyndham?

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- (3) How many cranes are presently located at Port Wyndham and what is their respective lifting capacity?
- (4) Would the provision of a 100 tonne capacity crane provide greater export opportunities for this Port?
- (5) What has been the increase in trade from this Port in each of the past five years?

52. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

I refer to the land formally known as Lot 1409 Huntingdale Road, Huntingdale, and ask -

- (1) When was the land zoned from rural to urban deferred under the Metropolitan Region Scheme?
- (2) When was this rezoning approved by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure?
- (3) When was this land zoned from rural to public open space by the Local Authority?
- (4) When did the City of Gosnells acquire this land and from whom was it acquired and for what consideration?
- (5) What was the zoning of the land when it was acquired by the Local Authority?
- (6) Has any of this land been rezoned from Public Open Space?
- (7) If so, when was it rezoned and what is the current zoning of the land?
- (8) When did the Local Authority dispose of any of Lot 1409 and to whom was it sold and what was the consideration and zoning at the time of the sale?

53. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Which Town Reserves exist within the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley?
- (2) Are these Town Reserves levied for Local Authority rating purposes?
- (3) If so, how much does each Reserve pay to the Local Authority?
- (4) If not, what section of the *Local Government Act* or other Act provides the necessary relief?
- (5) What is the Government's policy in respect to the normalisation of these Town Reserves?
- (6) Who will pay the costs involved in the normalisation process?
- (7) What compensation will be available to the Local Authority should it be required to expend funds in the normalisation process?
- (8) Once normalisation has occurred will the various created lots within the current Town Reserves be subject to Local Government rates?

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- (9) If not, why not?
- (10) What is the timetable for this normalisation process?

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