

Mr Chris Tallentire; Mr Troy Buswell; Mr Mark McGowan; Mr Colin Barnett; Mr Christian Porter; Mr Bill Marmion; Mr Eric Ripper

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Minister for Transport; Housing — Answer Advice

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [2.56 pm]: Under standing order 80(2), I wish to bring the house's attention to the ongoing failure of the Minister for Transport; Housing to respond to questions on notice, and that I am entitled to an explanation on why those questions have not been responded to. Can the minister please provide that explanation? I am referring to questions on notice 4312 and 4306.

The SPEAKER: Indeed, member for Gosnells, standing order 80(2) does give you that entitlement.

MR T.R. BUSWELL (Vasse — Minister for Transport) [2.57 pm]: As we discussed yesterday, I am pretty sure I signed the answers to those questions this morning, but I will follow up and get back to the member this afternoon.

Mr C.J. Tallentire: That's not an explanation, minister.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: They are signed.

Premier — Answer Advice

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham) [2.58 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 80(2), I have a number of questions to the Premier that are unanswered—4387, 4370, 4369, 4368, 4367, 4366, 4365, 4114, 4111, 3930 and 3929.

The SPEAKER: Were they directed to the Premier?

Mr M. McGOWAN: They were directed to the Premier, and I have a number of others, Mr Speaker.

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [2.58 pm]: I will check, but I imagine the answers to those questions are on their way.

Minister for Housing — Answer Advice

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham) [2.59 pm]: Under standing order 80(2) I have unanswered questions to the Minister for Housing—4373, 4374, 4375, 4376, 4377, 4378, 4379, 4380, 4381, 4382 and 4383.

MR T.R. BUSWELL (Vasse — Minister for Housing) [2.59 pm]: I will certainly investigate those questions and make sure they are answered as promptly as possible.

Treasurer; Attorney General — Answer Advice

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham) [3.00 pm]: Under standing order 80(2) I have unanswered questions to the Treasurer and Attorney General numbered 4386 and 4372.

The SPEAKER: Were those questions directed to the Treasurer and Attorney General?

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes.

MR C.C. PORTER (Bateman — Treasurer) [3.00 pm]: Yes, I have inherited a few. I will check into those and make sure they are on their way.

Minister Assisting the Treasurer — Answer Advice

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham) [3.00 pm]: I have unanswered question 4371 to the new minister who is the minister assisting the Premier; that is, the member for Nedlands.

The SPEAKER: It has gone to the Treasurer; is that what I am informed, or has it gone to the Minister for Commerce?

Mr M. McGOWAN: It is to the minister assisting the Premier.

MR W.R. MARMION (Nedlands — Minister for Environment) [3.00 pm]: I will look into that. I am no longer in that position, but I will chase it up.

Premier — Answer Advice

MR E.S. RIPPER (Belmont — Leader of the Opposition) [3.01 pm]: Under the same standing order, I have a fairly large number of unanswered questions. I thought I might direct my question —

Several members interjected.

Mr Chris Tallentire; Mr Troy Buswell; Mr Mark McGowan; Mr Colin Barnett; Mr Christian Porter; Mr Bill Marmion; Mr Eric Ripper

The SPEAKER: Thank you, members! Members on both sides, many of you might want to ask a question along these lines in future. I give you the advice to look at standing order 80(2) to see what the members are entitled to do, no matter which side of this house they are on.

Mr E.S. RIPPER: I thought I might ask the Premier as the person responsible for accountability in the government why these questions have not yet been answered: question 4595 to the Attorney General; 4590 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport and Disability Services; 4585 to the Premier; 4579 to the Attorney General; 4574 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport; 4573 to the Minister for Education; 4569 to the Premier; 4494 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport; 4489 to the Premier; 4462 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport; 4457 to the Premier; 4453 to the Minister for Water and Mental Health—the former minister; I hope that has not gone into a black hole—4451 to the Attorney General; 4450 to the minister representing the Minister for Energy; 4446 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport, who seems to come up a lot in this; 4441 to the Premier; 4542 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport; 4537 to the Premier; 4430 to the minister representing the Minister for Transport; 4425 to the Premier; 4262 to the Premier; 4257 to the Minister for Housing; 4263 to the Minister for Housing; 4019 to the Premier; and 4017 to the Premier.

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [3.02 pm]: Clearly, a few questions have not been answered, but we have come back from a summer break. I think if anyone is interested —

Several members interjected.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: The questions will be answered.

Ms M.M. Quirk: Some of us haven't; some are still away.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: Very smart.

The questions will be answered, but for anyone who observes this process of questions I simply say look at the questions; look at the content and the quality of the questions. Most of the questions are absolutely trivial, they are absolute garbage, about pot plants—it is just absurd!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, members!

Mr C.J. BARNETT: As an opposition, members oppose abuse FOI and they abuse parliamentary questions; however, they will be answered.

Mr E.S. Ripper interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, Leader of the Opposition!