

# Legislative Council

Tuesday, 13 September 1994

**THE PRESIDENT** (Hon Clive Griffiths) took the Chair at 3.30 pm, and read prayers.

## BILLS (5) - ASSENT

Messages from the Governor received and read notifying assent to the following Bills -

1. Stamp Amendment Bill
2. Pay-roll Tax Amendment Bill
3. Pay-roll Tax Assessment Amendment Bill
4. Trustee Companies Amendment Bill
5. Real Estate and Business Agents Amendment Bill

## PETITION - SEWERAGE SYSTEM CONNECTION

A petition bearing the signatures of 28 persons was presented by Hon John Halden requesting that the Legislative Council ensure that connection to the sewerage system not be made compulsory and that an annual fee not be payable if one is not so connected.

[See paper No 297.]

## PETITION - LOGGING, NATIVE FORESTS

The following petition bearing the signatures of 693 persons was presented by Hon J.A. Scott -

We the undersigned respectfully sheweth that the remaining ancient and irreplaceable native forests in the South West of Western Australia are now in danger of extinction. Many plant and animal species in these forests are also in danger of extinction. We are also concerned at the lack of adequate management which has allowed logging for woodchipping and frequent prescribed burning to destroy the State's forests to this extent.

We call on the State Government to immediately

- (a) halt all logging and frequent prescribed burning in the Hawke, Sharpe, Rocky and Giblett blocks and all other High Conservation Value and Old Growth forests;
- (b) require CALM to produce a series of options for the future of the wood products industry in WA which do not require the logging of native forests, and
- (c) examine the employment opportunities that can be created by transferring the WA wood products industry onto tree crops, plantations and agroforestry.

[See paper No 298.]

## PETITION - FAMILY CENTRE, TEMPLETON PARK, MANDURAH

The following petition bearing the signatures of 312 persons was presented by Hon J.A. Cowdell -

We, the undersigned, wish to highlight the lack of services and facilities in Templeton Park, Mandurah and call on the Government to build a family centre in the area as a matter of priority. The area is growing rapidly and a family centre would be of great benefit to the many young families in the area and would provide a focal point for residents.

[See paper No 299.]

**PETITION - PORT KENNEDY LAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE, ACCOMMODATION**

The following petition bearing the signatures of eight persons was presented by Hon J.A. Scott -

We the undersigned respectfully sheweth: That on November, 24, 1992, commitments were given in the Legislative Council, indicating that the Port Kennedy Land Conservation District Committee would be able to use its existing premises until new premises were provided as part of the development.

Therefore we request the Legislative Council, reaffirm the assurances given at that time and that the LCDC be given interim and later permanent accommodation as stated in *Hansard* and that the equipment seized under the Port Kennedy Development Act be returned or compensation made.

[See paper No 300.]

**PETITION - PORT KENNEDY SCIENTIFIC PARK**

The following petition bearing the signatures of eight persons was presented by Hon J.A. Scott -

We the undersigned respectfully sheweth that the present Government prior to the Port Kennedy Legislation promised that a scientific park would be situated at Port Kennedy under its own Act of Parliament.

We therefore request the Legislative Council, do all in its power to establish the Scientific Park, as promised, under the Act.

[See paper No 301.]

**BILLS (4) - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

1. Mining Amendment Bill  
Bill introduced, on motion without notice by Hon George Cash (Minister for Mines), and read a first time.
2. Reserves (No 2) Bill
3. Reserves (No 1720) Bill  
Bills introduced, on motions without notice by Hon George Cash (Minister for Lands), and read a first time.
4. Taxi Bill  
Bill introduced, on motion without notice by Hon E.J. Charlton (Minister for Transport), and read a first time.

**VISITORS AND GUESTS - BLACKADDER, PAUL**

**THE PRESIDENT** (Hon Clive Griffiths): I take the opportunity to advise members that Mr Paul Blackadder, an attendant from the Parliament of the Northern Territory, is in the President's Gallery. He is visiting Perth and spending a couple of days gaining some experience of this Parliament. I welcome him.

**MOTION - URGENCY**

*League of Rights, Influence on Liberal Party*

**THE PRESIDENT** (Hon Clive Griffiths): I have received the following letter dated 13 September 1994 -

Dear Mr President

At today's sitting, it is my intention to move under SO 72 that the House, at its rising adjourn until 9.00 am on December 25 1994 for the purpose of discussing a growing concern in the community that the ultra-right wing organisation, the

League of Rights, is exerting an increasing influence on the Liberal Party of West Australia.

Yours sincerely  
John Halden MLC

The member will require the support of four members in order to move the motion.

[At least four members rose in their places.]

**HON JOHN HALDEN** (South Metropolitan - Leader of the Opposition) [3.46 pm]: I move -

That the House at its rising adjourn until 9.00 am on 25 December 1994.

It is appropriate, bearing in mind the stories we have read in the Press about the discussion on the federal scene involving the League of Rights and the Liberal Party, that I acquaint the House with some material I received last week about a similar event taking place in Western Australia. I received some information from a part of the Liberal Party called "Liberals against Anti-Semitism". Members will recall that last Thursday I held a press conference in which I detailed to the people of Western Australia an article written by Thomas Robertson titled "A near death experience with White Trash - An anecdote from the Helena By-Election Hustings". Although the article was particularly interesting, I found the comments contained in it appalling. The information contained on the cover sheet raised some further interest on my part. I will read it to the House so that members know exactly what I am referring to -

We wish to bring to your attention the following about Thomas Robertson:

Member State Executive Liberal Party

State President of Western Australian Union of Liberal Students

Current employment: Policy advisor to Senator Chris Ellison

Seconded all nominations for Mark Mansfield as a candidate for

- State Council of Western Australian Liberal Party,
- State Treasurer of WA Young Liberal Movement,
- Delegate to Federal Council of the Young Liberal Movement.

(Mr Mark Mansfield, as reported in Sunday Times last week, is a prominent member of the League of Rights.)

You may also care to read the enclosed article entitled

"A near death experience with White Trash - An anecdote from the Helena By-Election Hustings" in which Mr Robertson details his encounters with the people of Helena valley.

The reader is advised to contact Thomas Robertson for more details, and his home and work telephone numbers are given. It also states that further information can be obtained from NCB, and I thought that was a strange contact.

Hon N.F. Moore: You are very clever!

Hon JOHN HALDEN: It comes from the Minister for Education's party, not mine.

Hon Mark Nevill: From his faction too.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: NCB obviously wanted to remain anonymous but his work and home telephone numbers were given. Since I am a curious individual, I rang the number given - 325 4222 - and, lo and behold, I found that the number belonged to Senator Noel Crichton-Browne.

Hon Mark Nevill: That is the same group that was doorknocking in Roleystone.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: Wrong again. Boring, boring.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Old death and thunder over there is not a member of Noel Crichton-Browne's faction; that is why he is sitting on the back bench.

Hon N.D. Griffiths: That is why Mr Foss is on the front bench.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: That was a thoroughly scintillating interjection.

Hon Doug Wenn: Have you still got your card, Ross?

Hon N.F. Moore: Are you proposing to say this outside, Mr Halden? Why didn't you bounce off a few names last week?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Mr Moore can make his speech whenever he is ready.

Hon N.F. Moore: If you have the guts, say it outside.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The League of Rights was founded by Eric Butler in Adelaide in 1947. Its involvement in conservative parties has in recent years been well documented. In fact, in the Senate in April 1988 National Party Senator Ron Boswell talked at great length about the infiltration of the National Party in Queensland by the League of Rights. In simple terms the League of Rights preaches hatred of a number of people.

Hon E.J. Charlton: What do you stand for?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: It preaches hatred of Asians, Aborigines and Jews. It is part of a neo-Nazi philosophy in this country today. The material that Mr Butler has written is well known for playing down the impact, the consequences and the dimensions of the holocaust.

Hon Mark Nevill: They supported the Nazi war effort for the duration of the war.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Members around me know more about this issue than I do based on their own electorate experiences. An article in the *Bulletin* dated 4 April 1989 stated -

The material includes "research" on Butler's pet subject, the Holocaust, which he says was "tremendously exaggerated. Myth takes on reality."

Like other extremist crusaders Butler is articulate and sounds plausible. That, say critics, is what makes him so dangerous.

Hon N.F. Moore: Why don't you say this outside?

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Hon Barry House): Order! Let us do without the interjections across the Chamber and have only one member addressing the Chamber.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: An article in the *Sunday Times* dated 4 September mentioned that a Young Liberal named Mark Mansfield was a member of the League of Rights. Mr Mansfield admitted attending meetings of the league, but said he had never been a member. However, an article written by a Young Liberal, Allan Dungey, says that he attended a meeting of the League of Rights and Mr Mansfield - assuming this is the same person - looked as if he had been to many meetings and was well versed with what the League of Rights stood for and was well known to all the members who had congregated at that time at the Rose and Crown Hotel in Guildford.

Hon Peter Foss: That is very close to Mr Griffiths' electorate; that is guilt by association.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: They are infiltrating everywhere. There appears to be a clear link between Mr Mansfield and Thomas Robertson. Last Thursday we saw the very quick action of Mr Honey, President of the Liberal Party, in regard to the positions held by and the employment of that Mr Robertson in the Liberal Party. When he read the article entitled "White-Trash" he ended Mr Robertson's associations with the Liberal Party.

Hon Mark Nevill: We should look at Mr Honey's employment too.

Hon N.F. Moore: What is wrong with that?

Hon Mark Nevill: He left the Chemistry Centre. Just before he became the President of the Liberal Party he was paid by Western Mining Corporation.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Based on the same information, on the strength of the same document that led Mr Robertson to be dismissed from the employment of Senator Ellison and from positions within the Liberal Party, and on the fact that his federal leader has said there will be an investigation within the Liberal Party of how far the League of

Rights has infiltrated that organisation, I challenge Mr Honey to investigate the second person mentioned in this brochure.

Hon George Cash: Who is the second person?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: It is "NCB at 325 4222". That is Senator Noel Crichton-Browne.

Hon N.F. Moore: Why didn't you make this speech on Friday outside the House? You have no guts.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: We want to see the Government's credentials.

Hon N.F. Moore: You are a scurrilous scaremonger.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The reality is that those actions were taken in the name of a by-election. Let us get down to the nitty gritty and see whether this Liberal Party will distance itself from the League of Rights in a real way. Will it go to its number cruncher, the most powerful man in the Liberal Party and a person who seemingly is associated with the League of Rights according to information obtained from the Liberal Party?

Hon N.F. Moore: Absolute tripe. This is as bad as your last performance when you were on this side of the House.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: You are the Norm Marlborough of this House.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: We want to see the Government's credentials on this matter.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! When I call for order, members must come to order - the member on his feet and members interjecting.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: You make Norm Marlborough look like Pope John Paul.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Thank you, my son; may God be with you.

If this party, which says it is concerned about infiltration by the League of Rights, is prepared to dismiss somebody from all of the positions that he held based on this piece of information, I challenge it to act upon the information that is presented in this document on the role of Senator Noel Crichton-Browne and of the League of Rights in the Western Australian Liberal Party.

Hon N.F. Moore: This is outrageous. Why didn't you say this outside so that someone could sue you for defamation? Why didn't you say this on Friday when Parliament wasn't sitting?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: This has never been challenged by the people concerned within the Liberal Party. They clearly wanted me and the broader community to know these facts.

Hon Peter Foss: What are the facts? There are no facts in that.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: I want to see what members opposite will do. There may be no facts.

Hon N.F. Moore: There are no facts; that is the sum total of your credibility.

Hon George Cash: What is the substance of the document? Is there a name on it?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The substance is that Mr Robertson was dismissed within minutes of Mr Honey reading it.

Hon George Cash: Is it an anonymous document?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: It is indeed. It created havoc in Liberal ranks.

Hon E.J. Charlton: I suppose you will bring in a petition on it?

Hon N.F. Moore: Why didn't you do that this time?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: What would be the purpose of that? Come on, make a statement.

Hon E.J. Charlton: You know all about petitions.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Members opposite are gutless.

Hon N.F. Moore: If you say this outside, that will determine whether you have any guts.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! If the member on his feet addresses the Chair, I am sure we will make a little more progress in the debate. If members around the Chamber stop interjecting, we will make even more progress.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: I refer to the article on "white-trash" which states that people in Western Australia should not have the right to vote if they do not own land, if they are not educated, if they are entitled to have assistance in voting or if they are entitled to a postal vote or an absentee vote. This is not a strange opinion by this party. After a little search I found that the Government Whip wrote a similar article for the people of Albany in which she said that the most productive people should get the vote and presumably those who are not, should not. That is the sort of consistency in the Liberal Party. We are not all equal before the law. Our most privileged right under the democratic system is the right to vote. In this article and in the article by the Government Whip, that is being challenged. Government members may not like hearing this, but they will have to listen to it for another 36 seconds. That is the sort of tactic, the line; and there is some consistency with the League of Rights. Those in the Liberal Party want to devalue people whom they do not perceive as being worthy or contributing to the wealth of this state. The League of Rights is about diminishing individual freedoms, not about what the Liberal Party has traditionally stood for: Upholding individual liberties.

HON GEORGE CASH (North Metropolitan - Leader of the House) [4.01 pm]: What an outrageous contribution from the Leader of the Opposition! It had no substance whatsoever; he was not even prepared to say that the document he has does not have any names on it all.

Hon John Halden: I said that.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Does the Leader of the Opposition admit that it is an anonymous document?

Hon John Halden: That is what I said.

Hon GEORGE CASH: I put to the Leader of the Opposition the following: What is to stop one of the opposition members writing that document, putting that face sheet on it and sending it to him? What sort of credibility does he attach to an anonymous document?

Hon John Halden: Why did you sack Robertson?

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Hon Barry House): Order!

Hon GEORGE CASH: I would have thought it would be none at all.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: No-one on this side of the House has been responsible for killing an innocent woman.

Hon John Halden: You come over here and say that and I will have you.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon John Halden: You are a disgraceful -

Hon Mark Nevill: What a mongrel!

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! Order! The member must resume his seat when I call order.

Hon John Halden: No, I will not. You know the rules.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! When I call order all members must resume their seats.

#### *Point of Order*

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Hon Ross Lightfoot just referred to my killing someone. I want that remark withdrawn immediately.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: I did not.

Hon Mark Nevill: You did so, you running dog.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Hon Ross Lightfoot did say that. He should not now lie and make the matter worse.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! In the confusion of the Chamber there were so many interjections that I could not hear any remarks, let alone any specific remark. The convention of this House is that if the member did make the remark - he alone will know that - it is up to him to take action. At this stage there is no point of order because I could not hear the remark.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: I heard it clearly.

Hon Mark Nevill: What selective hearing!

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! I ask Hon Ross Lightfoot whether he made the remark. If he did, he must withdraw it.

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: I did not make the remark. I said that no-one on this side of the House has been responsible for killing an innocent woman. That is precisely and exactly what I said.

*Debate Resumed*

Hon GEORGE CASH: To continue my comments, there was no substance whatsoever in what the Leader of the Opposition said. He attributed the anonymous document to meaning that those named in it for some reason, which he did not explain to the House, were somehow associated with the League of Rights. He raised three names: Firstly, Mark Mansfield who the Leader of the Opposition acknowledged was not a member of the League of Rights.

Hon John Halden: That is what Mr Mansfield said.

Hon GEORGE CASH: I am saying that the Leader of the Opposition acknowledged that Mark Mansfield was not a member of the League of Rights.

Hon John Halden: That is not what I said.

Hon GEORGE CASH: The Leader of the Opposition referred to an article in the *Sunday Times* of 4 September, a copy of which I have, which indicates that Mansfield says that he is not a member of the League of Rights. There is no dispute.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon GEORGE CASH: The Leader of the Opposition also sought to malign Senator Noel Crichton-Browne. By association, I assume, or by drawing an awfully long bow, the Leader of the Opposition seems to want to malign Senator Noel Crichton-Browne for reasons that he did not explain. The best he could say about the Senator was that he was a powerbroker within the Liberal Party. I read that in the newspaper all the time. I have to tell members that I do not necessarily believe everything I read in the newspaper. The good senator can no doubt himself address whether he is a powerbroker.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! Would the Minister for Education and Hon Sam Piantadosi come to order.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Another person to whom the Leader of the Opposition referred was one, Thomas Robertson. Only last week he was a member of the Young Liberals Movement in Western Australia. Following the publication of an article, which he is said to have authored, he was dismissed from his position within the Liberal Party. That action was taken by the President of the Liberal Party, Dr David Honey. I spoke to Dr Honey on Friday about this matter. He said that as far as he was concerned there was no other option at all and that he stood firm on his decision - and quite rightly so. Equally the new member for Helena, Rhonda Parker - if members do not recall, she did win the by-election on Saturday - also dismissed out of hand comments made by Thomas Robertson. More than that, a statement by Thomas Robertson on 8 September states -

The article I wrote was intended as an attempt at student humour and to be a comment about voluntary voting - to be circulated to the young members that I represent at University.

It was in no way intended to offend anybody and it does not reflect my values and beliefs.

I apologise to the people in the Helena electorate and fellow members of the Liberal party if any offence by my article has been taken.

As a sign of my embarrassment, I have offered my resignation from all positions in the Liberal Party to the State President and have given notice to my employer.

That statement speaks for itself. Thomas Robertson is not now an office-bearer in the Liberal Party. That has been confirmed by the state president.

Why should we be talking about the Australian League of Rights today? Why does the Leader of the Opposition take some abiding and deep interest in the management and maintenance of the Liberal Party of Western Australia?

Hon John Halden: I am concerned.

Hon GEORGE CASH: I really do not know.

Hon Mark Nevill: We want to know who is really running the state.

Hon GEORGE CASH: It seems to me that, following the by-election last Saturday, which the Labor Party lost dismally, the Leader of the Opposition might look at the management and the maintenance of the Australian Labor Party. That seems to be the political organisation in this state that is losing the confidence and the support of the people of Western Australia. Perhaps the motion was brought forward today to try to gloss over - I was nearly going to say "smear over"; this is nothing more than smear tactics; it is rumour and innuendo, from an anonymous source that the Leader of the Opposition wants to use against people - the facts. I thought more of the Leader of the Opposition. I did not think he would come in here with an anonymous document -

Hon John Halden: I have come in here with lots of them.

Hon GEORGE CASH: - which he now says should be attributable to the Liberal Party. Who are the Liberals against anti-Semitism?

Hon John Halden: You tell me. You are a member of the Liberal Party.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Does the Leader of the Opposition believe any person on this side of the House is anti-Semitic? He should answer yes or no.

Hon John Halden: I would not know.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Even the Prime Minister was prepared to say in the Parliament in Canberra that he did not believe Mr Downer was anti-Semitic. I happened to represent the majority of Jewish people in the Legislative Assembly some years ago. I have some understanding of this feeling about the League of Rights. I still represent them but in a wider capacity in this House. I have some understanding of their feeling about the holocaust. I attended the Jewish Centre of WA on numerous occasions as a parliamentary representative.

Hon John Halden: I was not suggesting you were anti-Semitic.

Hon GEORGE CASH: I hope not, my friend, because that would be a grossly ill-informed statement, given my work with that community. The good news about the Liberal Party in Western Australia is that we have a creed; a declaration of Liberal Party beliefs. For the interest of members of the Labor Party, who I doubt have such a creed -

Hon Mark Nevill: Greed.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Hon Mark Nevill is dead right. The Opposition's creed is greed. It has demonstrated that for 10 years. Some of the creed states -

We believe



- in Australia, its people and its future.
- in the innate worth of the individual and the need to encourage initiative and personal responsibility.
- that Parliamentary democracy is the best system to allow the expression of the hopes and aspirations of free people.
- in the basic freedoms of thought, of worship, of speech, of association, of choice and the right to be independent and to achieve.
- in a just and humane society and the value of voluntary effort in community achievement.
- in equal opportunity and social justice for all Australians in a tolerant national community.

That would not be a bad creed to be picked up by some members of the Labor Party. At least the Liberal Party is prepared to acknowledge that we have those principles. I hope that we at least try to stand by them.

Hon John Halden: How did you treat Liz Constable and Phil Pandal?

Hon GEORGE CASH: The assertions made in this motion are totally refuted not only by the Government, but also by the Liberal Party in Western Australia. Before coming into the Chamber today I tried to contact the President of the Liberal Party, Dr David Honey. That was not possible; however, someone from my office did make contact with him and he said that I was authorised to come into this place this afternoon and refute on his behalf the scurrilous accusations and assertions that are made within the motion that is presented to the House. It is a disgrace. It does not deserve the support of this House. The Leader of the Opposition has reduced himself in my estimation today. That is not something I am pleased to have to say.

HON BOB THOMAS (South West) [4.12 pm]: A minute ago the Leader of the House used three arguments to suggest that there was no League of Rights influence within the Liberal Party.

Hon George Cash: Ian Taylor met with the League of Rights two weeks ago on behalf of the Labor Party.

Hon T.G. Butler: You're getting very agitated about this, Mr Cash.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Hon Barry House): Order!

Hon BOB THOMAS: The Leader of the House said that the document was anonymous.

Hon George Cash: You do admit to that, don't you?

Hon BOB THOMAS: That is correct.

The Leader of the House has double standards on this issue. Unless a document is put under his door by a policeman he does not think it has any credibility. I can also remember dozens of times when the now Leader of the House as Leader of the Opposition in this place used anonymous documents in his trumped up charges against the then Leader of the House, Hon Joe Berinson. It was all right then for him to use documents to which he would not ascribe any authorship; however, now that the Liberal Party has been attacked, quite rightly, for having links with the League of Rights, the Leader of the House says that we should have a different set of standards.

Hon George Cash: You are wrong in what you say because the document originally referred to was a police record.

Hon BOB THOMAS: I do not have time for interjections. The Leader of the House also said categorically that there was no worry about the League of Rights having infiltrated the Liberal Party. That comment will rebound on the Leader of the House time and time again over the years to come.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon BOB THOMAS: The League of Rights is an insidious, bigoted, racist organisation, which is well entrenched within the Australian community. Everybody in this House should have grave concerns about that organisation. Today I will talk about how the League of Rights operates in Western Australia, and then show that members of the Liberal Party in this place have links with the League of Rights.

Hon George Cash: Are you going to name those people?

Hon BOB THOMAS: The League of Rights was set up by Eric Butler in the 1950s. It is a conservative organisation which was principally established to protect the interests of the individual.

Hon George Cash: Even Graeme Campbell knows that. He has addressed the League of Rights.

Hon BOB THOMAS: The organisation's principal role is to protect the rights of the individual against the encroachment of government. It has done that by defending the Australian way of life. In the 1950s and 1960s it spoke about defending the flag, the monarchy, the family and Australian sovereignty. Those sorts of warm and fuzzy ideas may have had some credibility in the 1950s and 1960s; however, underneath those warm and fuzzy issues, the League of Rights hangs its very nasty messages and agendas. Those agendas are the anti-Semitic principles which the league promotes. Eric Butler has written much about the holocaust never happening. The League of Rights is racist towards non-Europeans. One need only read its writings on Asian immigration to see that. The organisation peddles a range of conspiracy theories on banking and how the International Monetary Fund undermines Australia's sovereignty. It talks about the Fabians trying to undermine Australian governments. It also has a fanciful theory that the international conventions signed by Australia are a plot aimed at one-world government.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: You know a lot about the league. Have you been to some of its meetings?

Hon BOB THOMAS: The organisation also has a bigoted attitude towards anybody who is different or holds a different point of view. It is an insidious organisation.

At times the League of Rights appears quite reasonable; however, it is peddling a gospel of hatred and racism. Its mode of operation is to find a problem in the community, approach those who are affected by that problem, and then fabricate some sort of conspiracy theory which blames the problem on somebody else to gain the confidence of those people. From there the organisation is free to use myriad front organisations - such as the Australian Heritage Society, the Logos Foundation and the Conservative Speakers' Club - which peddle those nasty issues of Fabianism, and one-world government, bigotry and racism.

From my experience the Australian League of Rights is well organised. It has a secret membership and everybody has his own number. It has its own printing and mailing organisation, the Veritas printing company, which is owned by Murray Pope - remember that name - in Cranbrook. The League of Rights has key operatives in most of the major towns and in the suburbs to disseminate information and recruit people. It has a large number of front organisations which are prepared to send speakers to public meetings and organisations to peddle the racist, bigoted attitudes and ideas of the League of Rights.

The League of Rights is not only organised but very effective. One need only listen to the ABC regional radio talkback show at 8.30 on Friday mornings to hear the issues raised by the callers to realise that the League of Rights uses the media effectively. The sorts of issues covered in that forum are Fabianism, the one-world government, undermining family values, states' rights, and other League of Rights' issues. The organisation also uses the letters to the editor columns in country newspapers very well.

I am running out of time, but this organisation has its tentacles into many organisations, one of which is the Liberal Party. I will read from an article put out in Hon Muriel

Patterson's newsletter headed "Fabian 'White Ant Tactics ..'". This article talks about the electoral reform of local government wards, when David Smith was requiring local government to have equal sized wards. Mrs Patterson said -

I have taken a very strong stand on this particular issue, being convinced that such a realignment of internal boundaries - by Perth's social engineers - is part of a far reaching and sinister agenda.

She later says -

Unless we face this fact - now - and give total support to every council which fights the ALP's "Fabian white-anting", we shall see even lower priorities given to the country's ends in the years ahead.

Her colleague in the Federal Parliament, Geoff Prosser, the member for Forrest, holds similar views. Members will remember that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child was signed by the Federal Government in 1990. The League of Rights had a major campaign against it. The declaration said that the family was the most appropriate environment for children to grow up in and parents had a responsibility to provide guidance and protection for their children. It also said it was opposed to slavery, incest and those sorts of things. However, the League of Rights was opposed to it. This is what the federal member for Forrest had to say -

The care and well-being of Australian children could be determined overseas, if the Federal Government has its way . . .

The Government has indicated its intention to sign an international agreement restricting the way Australian parents are allowed to raise their children.

It goes on to speak of the Australian way of life. This is the language of the League of Rights. Mr Prosser's secretary at the time was the wife of Mr Pope, the owner of Veritas Publishing. There are clear links between the League of Rights and sitting Liberal members of Parliament.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon BOB THOMAS: Mr Deputy President, those links with the League of Rights also go clear into the National Party. I can show two articles, one by Hon Murray Montgomery and one by Mr Monty House, which also refer to the United Nations convention on the rights of the child.

HON P.R. LIGHTFOOT (North Metropolitan) [4.23 pm]: I would like to canvass the document Hon John Halden introduced, with no signatures, no letterhead, and no contact.

Hon N.F. Moore: Will he table it?

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: The Minister's suggestion is a very good idea. Hon John Halden should table the document so that we may see it. I ask Hon John Halden whether he will concur with that request. He indicates that he will, and I thank him very much for that.

It would appear that for some reason we are seeing today the clearest manifestation of political sour grapes I have ever witnessed, which happens to be a sign that we won the by-election. Only twice since the Second World War has an incumbent Government contested and won a by-election. That leaves a bad taste for those on the other side of the House, who for 10 years brought politicians and this place into disrepute, because they always had their hands in the till.

Several members interjected.

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: This is a clear manifestation of their sour grapes. That was their seat and they had to win it. They did not - they lost it. They have come into this Chamber with their fatuous statements, letters with no headings, no telephone numbers and no signatures, and which were almost certainly written by someone on their backbench.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: They have not only denigrated many people with the protection of this House but also they have in effect given the lie to some of their leaders. They have implied that they are the people who are multiculturalists, standing behind the Jewish people of this nation, and who are clean and healthy. However, in the past few months we have seen a retinue of Labor leaders going through the courts and bringing disgrace, not just to what was once a great political party, as the ALP was - there is no doubt about that - but to other members here. Opposition members have also denigrated Tom Robertson. I have spoken to him about the letter he wrote, and I make no excuse for that. It was unequivocally abysmal. Having said that, and I am not apologising for Tom Robertson at all -

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Hon Barry House): Order! The same rules apply, whoever is on his feet. The member addresses the Chamber through the Chair and nobody interjects.

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: I do not want the inference made that no-one is prepared to speak of some of the good points of Tom Robertson after what has happened on this side. Tom Robertson in all other respects, except for his misjudgment - and I repeat I find it appalling - is a fine young man, who is well dressed, well spoken, well educated and comes from a fine family, as indeed does Mark Mansfield.

Hon Mark Nevill: What about Noel Crichton-Browne?

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: I will come to Noel Crichton-Browne in a moment. I have spoken to both of them and neither has indicated he ever belonged to the League of Rights. Some people on the other side of the House have been invited and have accepted invitations to speak to the League of Rights. I do not know a terrible lot about the League of Rights. I have never spoken at their meetings and never joined them.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: Graeme Campbell, a federal member of the ALP and member for the federal seat of Kalgoorlie, has been known to me for some time. For some 20 years I have been quite friendly with him. He addressed the League of Rights, but that has not come up today. Why should not he, I or you, Mr Deputy President, address the League of Rights?

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: The Leader of the Opposition in the other place invited the Australian Heritage Society to morning tea with the shadow Cabinet. That society is affiliated to the League of Rights.

Hon Mark Nevill: We had the Returned Servicemen's League there too.

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: I do not know why there is this sudden fuss about the League of Rights. Let me refer members to the policies of the League of Rights, which include adopting an immigration policy that prevents social fragmentation and friction, imposing a limit on European immigrants to a rate at which they can be assimilated, and holding a referendum on immigration policy. Many Australians from all sides would agree with that policy.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: I will quote from one of the great icons of the Labor Party, the late, great Jack Lang who said -

Hon John Halden: We are going back to the 1920s and the 1930s!

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT: Jack Lang said that anybody who is against the White Australia Policy is against the Australian nation. How racist is that comment? That is from one of the great icons of the ALP. More contemporaneously, Arthur "Cocky" Calwell - who was not the most handsome man in the world, God rest his soul - said that he was proud of his white skin just as a Chinese is proud of his yellow skin, and that anybody who is not proud of his race is not a man at all. He rejected in conscience the idea that Australia is or should ever become a multicultural society and survive. Therefore, another great Australian Labor Party icon is a racist! Which is the racist party? It is the party on the opposite side of the House. This is indicated in the appalling comments the icons and leaders of the ALP have made about non-European people.

I conclude by referring to Senator Noel Crichton-Browne. I have already told members that nothing suggests that Tom Robertson or Mark Mansfield are associated with the League of Rights; however, if they were, they should not be condemned in any way by the duplicitous wretches on your left, Mr Deputy President!

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT (Hon Barry House): Order!

[Motion lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No 72.]

Hon John Halden: You're running away; you're a coward! You do not want to drop Noel in it.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

*Point of Order*

Hon N.F. MOORE: The Leader of the Opposition said that he would table a paper at the end of debate.

Hon Mark Nevill: He did not say that.

Hon N.F. MOORE: I ask that he now do so.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: I am happy to seek leave to table the paper involved in the earlier discussion.

Leave granted. [See paper No 303.]

**APPROPRIATION (CONSOLIDATED FUND) BILL (No 3)**

*Receipt and First Reading*

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by Hon Max Evans (Minister for Finance), read a first time.

*Second Reading*

HON MAX EVANS (North Metropolitan - Minister for Finance) [4.32 pm]: I move -  
That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill seeks to appropriate out of the consolidated fund the sum of \$66 067 906.46 for recurrent payments made during the year ended 30 June 1994, the purposes and services of which are detailed in Schedule 1 of the Bill. These payments, which were of an extraordinary and unforeseen nature, were made under the authority of the Treasurer's Advance Authorization Act and charged to the consolidated fund under the authority of Section 28 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act. In previous years Parliament's authorisation of these payments was sought as an integral part of the Appropriation (Consolidated Fund) Bill (No 1). However, as that Bill was introduced prior to the end of the 1993-94 financial year it is necessary for a separate Bill to be submitted for appropriation.

As members will be aware, the 1993-94 financial year ended with a consolidated fund deficit of \$85.3m, an improvement of \$141.4m when compared with the estimated cash financing requirement or budget deficit of \$226.7m. The deficit of \$85.3m resulted after transferring \$19.1m from the revenue equalisation account and was financed by drawing on cash balances of \$30.3m and borrowings of \$55m. These borrowings represent a decrease of \$141.4m when compared with planned 1993-94 borrowings of \$196.4m. In the event, total recurrent and capital expenditure transactions during the year amounted to \$6 113.2m, a net increase of \$24.5m when compared with the estimate of \$6 088.7m. The net increase in expenditure reflects in large part the financial impact of the accelerated repayment of \$98.9m in relation to the Petrochemical Industries Co Ltd debt.

On the recurrent side of the 1993-94 Budget, actual expenditure transactions amounted to \$5 566.2m, a net decrease of \$7.3m when compared with the Budget estimate of \$5 573.5m. The unforeseen expenditure of \$66.1m sought in this Bill, and the additional expenditure of \$26.7m authorised by other Statutes, was offset by underspendings of \$100.1m against other votes resulting in the net decrease of \$7.3m. As members are aware, parliamentary authorisation is required where votes are exceeded as savings against other votes cannot be netted against excesses or new items approved under the Treasurer's Advance Authorization Act. I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Mark Nevill.

### **APPROPRIATION (CONSOLIDATED FUND) BILL (No 4)**

#### *Receipt and First Reading*

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by Hon Max Evans (Minister for Finance), read a first time.

#### *Second Reading*

**HON MAX EVANS** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Finance) [4.35 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill seeks to appropriate out of the consolidated fund the sum of \$102 439 718 for capital payments made during the year ended 30 June 1994, the purposes and services of which are detailed in schedule 1 of the Bill. These payments, which were of an extraordinary and unforeseen nature were made under the authority of the Treasurer's Advance Authorization Act and charged to the consolidated fund under the authority of section 28 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act. In previous years Parliament's authorisation of these payments was sought as an integral part of Appropriation (Consolidated Fund) Bill (No 2). However, as that Bill was introduced prior to the end of the 1993-94 financial year it is necessary for a separate Bill to be submitted for appropriation.

Capital expenditure transactions during the 1993-94 financial year amounted to \$547.1m, a net increase of \$31.8m when compared with the estimate of \$515.3m. The net increase reflects in large part the financial impact of the accelerated repayment of \$98.9m in relation to the Petrochemical Industries Co Ltd debt. The capital budget assumed repayment of \$25m of the state's PICL debt. The upturn in revenue collections coupled with lower capital spending enabled the repayment of the total outstanding debt of \$125m at a discount of about \$1.1m. As underspendings against other votes cannot be netted against excesses or new items which have been approved during the financial year under the authority of the Treasurer's Advance Authorization Act, parliamentary authorisation is required for each vote which actually goes into excess. I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Mark Nevill.

### **BILLS (2) - RETURNED**

1. Trustee Companies Amendment Bill

2. Real Estate and Business Agents Amendment Bill  
Bills returned from the Assembly without amendment.

## **COMPANIES (CO-OPERATIVE) AMENDMENT BILL**

### *Receipt and First Reading*

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by Hon Peter Foss (Minister for Health), read a first time.

### *Second Reading*

**HON PETER FOSS** (East Metropolitan - Minister for Health) [4.38 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This amendment Bill proposes to permit cooperative companies to transfer their incorporation to other Statutes such as the Corporations Law of Western Australia. In addition, bodies corporate which have been incorporated under other Statutes will be able to transfer to the Companies (Co-operative) Act 1943.

A number of Western Australian laws dealing with bodies corporate allow for transfer of incorporation. For example, terminating building societies, which are still regulated under the Building Societies Act, can convert to companies pursuant to section 96 of that Act. However, there is no provision allowing for transfer of incorporation to, or from, the Companies (Co-operative) Act.

It is not unexpected that a cooperative company may wish to transfer its incorporation to the Corporations Law. One cooperative transferred its registration to the Corporations Law in 1992. The Australian Securities Commission, which administers the Corporations Law, may have issued a certificate of registration as a corporation in error. However, the issue of a certificate is conclusive evidence under the Corporations Law that all the requirements of the law have been met. More recently, Rural Traders Co-operative Limited sought to transfer its incorporation to the Corporations Law. This cooperative, one of the largest in Western Australia, wishes to transfer its incorporation so that it can issue a prospectus, raise money from the public and, eventually, list its shares on the Australian Stock Exchange as quoted securities. The Australian Securities Commission refused to allow the body corporate to register under the Corporations Law because section 135(a)(1) of the Corporations Law provides that a non-company is not entitled to be registered unless, under the law of its place of origin, transfer to its incorporation is authorised. There is no provision in the current Companies (Co-operative) Act 1943 allowing such transfer of incorporation. Accordingly, development of cooperatives in Western Australia into corporations, if they so desire, is impeded. This Bill will allow such transfers.

Members will be pleased to see that the Bill also allows bodies incorporated under other Statutes to transfer their incorporation to the Companies (Co-operative) Act 1943. Although a number of other alternatives may be available to cooperatives, they may not always be appropriate. A challenge to the ruling of the Australian Securities Commission forbidding transfers of Western Australian incorporated cooperatives to the Corporations Law may result in litigation, including High Court proceedings, and therefore cause delay and frustration to a cooperative. As a result of amendments proposed by this Bill, cooperatives will be able to transfer their incorporation into the Corporations Law or other Statutes specified in the Bill. In practice, it is most unlikely that a cooperative will transfer to any Statute other than the Corporations Law of Western Australia.

The Bill provides also for the determination of the name of the new body and that the name should not contain the word "co-operative" or any other similar word. The Bill provides also that when a cooperative company becomes registered under the new Statute, it ceases to be a cooperative company and the registrar is to remove its name from the register. Further, the Bill provides that the members of the new body shall not face any greater obligations or be deprived of any rights which they had when the body was a cooperative. Members of the cooperative body will remain members of the new

body and will also hold shares in equal number and nominal value to those which they held in the cooperative company. The Bill provides that the issue of the certificate to the body created is conclusive evidence that all requirements for transfer have been complied with and also deems the new body corporate to be a continuation of the cooperative company, and, therefore, preserves it against any risk caused by the transfer.

The Bill proposes to insert specified provisions into the Companies (Co-operative) Act 1943 to deal with the transfer of a body corporate from another Statute into the Companies (Co-operative) Act 1943. There are provisions to ensure that a body which is in liquidation, under administration, or the like, or subject to a winding up or other application to a court which has not been dealt with, cannot attempt to evade liability by transferring to the Companies (Co-operative) Act 1943. The Bill lists the prerequisites of registration under the Act, including the requirement that 75 per cent of members who are entitled to vote have done so at a meeting of which at least 21 days' notice has been given. The Bill contains details required in an application for registration under the Act, and provides that on granting an application, the registrar is to register the applicant as a cooperative company.

The amending Bill will commence on Royal Assent. The Bill will provide a reliable avenue for cooperatives wishing to transfer their incorporation to another Statute or transferring from another Statute and becoming cooperatives. As such, the Bill will be to the advantage of business. This is, therefore, as all members will appreciate, one of the many examples of the State Government's positive actions to bolster the state's economy and contribute to the welfare of its citizens. The draft corporations agreement provides that parties must notify the Ministerial Council for Corporations where proposed laws affect the national scheme laws for corporations. So far, the Commonwealth, New South Wales and the Northern Territory have advised that they have no objection to the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Tom Helm.

## **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT**

### *Assembly's Message, Election of Members*

Message from the Assembly received and read acquainting the Council that it had elected the following Assembly members to the Joint Standing Committee on the Commission on Government: Hon J.G. Clarko, Dr Gallop, Mr Graham, Mr Osborne and Mr Trenorden.

## **LIQUOR LICENSING ACT 1988 - REVIEW, REPORT TABLING**

Hon Max Evans (Minister for Racing and Gaming) tabled the report of the Review of the Liquor Licensing Act 1988.

[Resolved, that the report do lie upon the Table and be printed.]

[See paper No 302.]

## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING**

### *Liquor Licensing Act 1988, Review*

**HON MAX EVANS** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Racing and Gaming) [4.44 pm] - by leave: In September 1993, Cabinet approved the terms of reference for a review of the Liquor Licensing Act 1988 and the appointment of a review committee. The review committee was chaired by Mr K.V. Mattingley, former Managing Director, West Australian Newspapers Ltd. Other members were Mrs P.M. Morris, Councillor and former Mayor of the City of Gosnells, and former President, Women's Justices Association of Western Australia; and Mr J.E. Karasek, former Manager, Western Australia for Ansett Australia, and Fellow and former National President, Australian Market Institute. I place on record the Government's appreciation for the work of the



committee and its support staff. The committee is to be commended for the professional and thorough manner in which it conducted the review.

The committee advertised the terms of reference and called for submissions in *The West Australian* and *Sunday Times* newspapers. It arranged for copies of the Minister's announcement and terms of reference to be delivered to all members of Parliament. It also wrote to many of the major industry participants to bring the review to their notice. Altogether 133 formal submissions were received from a wide cross-section of commercial and community interests throughout the State. Submissions received after the closing date were not formally accepted, but the committee noted their contents. Pending receipt of submissions, the committee invited concerned organisations and people to take part in formal discussions so that members of the committee would understand the issues better.

Informal discussions were held with 105 representatives from 30 interested parties, which included local government, health professionals, Aboriginal people, hotel brokers, students, judicial officers, lawyers, taxi drivers, police, crowd controllers - bouncers - and major industry groups, including, hotels, cabarets, restaurants, stores, wine producers and the Swan Brewery. Committee members made regional visits to the eastern goldfields, Northam, Geraldton, Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River, Albany and Mt Barker. The full committee also visited New Zealand, Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. It had discussions with a total of 33 senior executives from other licensing authorities, police, health organisations and other interested groups. The chairman also discussed liquor licensing with a wide range of interested groups in Brisbane.

The review committee prepared a report containing 82 recommendations. I have considered the committee's report and made comments to Cabinet on the recommendations. The committee's comprehensive report will be used as the basis for the preparation of a report to Parliament as required under section 178(2) of the Liquor Licensing Act 1988. Members would appreciate that implementation of the committee's recommendations would impact greatly on a number of agencies, the responsibility for which falls within portfolios under the control of other Ministers, including Police, Health, Training, Fair Trading and Trade and Commerce. Accordingly, the Office of Racing and Gaming is discussing the recommendations with agencies affected, with a view to ensuring that any action implemented is coordinated on a whole of government basis. Once the outcomes of those discussions have been referred to me, I will prepare a report for presentation to both Houses of Parliament, in accordance with the provisions of section 178(2) of the Act.

**HON JOHN HALDEN** (South Metropolitan - Leader of the Opposition) [4.48 pm] - by leave: I thank the House for leave. I understand that the Liquor Licensing Act requires a report after five years. Is this the report that complies with the Act; and, if not, does that mean there will be another report? Why did the Minister seek that this report be printed, because printing would give it absolute privilege, whereas tabling would give it only qualified privilege, the only difference between the two privileges being that one is a matter of malice? Are there passages within this report that do require that privilege; and, if so, can the Minister point them out?

**HON MAX EVANS** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Racing and Gaming) [4.49 pm]: This is to comply with the requirement of the Act to have a review about aspects of the liquor industry. It was recommended to me that because of the nature of the report, it was better that it be tabled in this manner. I can see nothing malicious in there. I gather that State Print would not print the report until that motion was passed.

**HON SAM PIANTADOSI** (North Metropolitan) [4.50 pm] - by leave: Some time ago, I met with the Minister for Finance and the solicitors representing food hall proprietors. I am concerned that neither the meeting nor the people attending it are mentioned in the second reading speech of the legislation. They are not listed as interested parties. The Minister told me earlier that a case is pending, but surely the opportune time to resolve the matter would have been immediately in this place. That process would have overcome the problem, and that should have been the case.

**MEDICAL AMENDMENT BILL***Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by Hon Peter Foss (Minister for Health), and read a first time.

*Second Reading*

**HON PETER FOSS** (East Metropolitan - Minister for Health) [4.52 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

The purpose of this Bill is to ensure that a uniform standard of admission to medical practice exists across the Australian States and Territories.

In March 1991, the Australian Health Ministers' Conference accepted recommendations by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council - AHMAC - for the introduction of a national standard of qualification for doctors. This was in part motivated by the belief that a national system of mutual recognition of all professional and occupational qualifications was about to be introduced. In February 1993, the Commonwealth Mutual Recognition Act was proclaimed. Western Australia has not introduced any complementary state legislation and the Government and a committee of this Parliament are currently reviewing the matter. However, in common with the attitude of this State with regard to the legal profession, this Bill proposes a unilateral recognition of unconditional qualifications recognised by other States. Western Australia has historically led Australia in this broad-minded attitude. We have not been afraid to give full faith and credit to the actions of other States, nor have the local professions been afraid to face competition from other jurisdictions. So, although these changes were proposed in contemplation of mutual recognition, they are taking place as an independent exercise of state powers.

Western Australia currently has the least strict medical practice admission standards of any State or Territory. Should there ultimately be mutual recognition legislation, if the Medical Act 1894 is not amended, a person who is not eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in other States and Territories will be able to register in this State and automatically transfer registration to other States and Territories. This would occur irrespective of the standards agreed by the AHMAC and irrespective of admission requirements in another State or Territory. As it happens, a large number of the people who have registered here since the AHMAC decision and who do not meet the AHMAC standard have never taken up residence here or practised here. It can probably be assumed that theirs are precautionary registrations in the hope that we will eventually enact mutual recognition legislation.

The essence of the amendments is the removal of the automatic entitlement of medical graduates from Ireland and the United Kingdom to registration in this State. The amendments also reorganise and streamline the current registration provisions into two broad categories of registration - conditional and unconditional registration. This will assist classification and communication between state and territory Medical Boards with respect to transfers of registration. To be entitled to unconditional registration as a medical practitioner, an applicant must have qualifications from an Australian or New Zealand medical school recognised by the Australian Medical Council, or successfully pass the Australian Medical Council examination or be already unconditionally registered in another Australian jurisdiction.

Where a person is not eligible for unconditional registration he or she may be eligible for other categories of registration as the Medical Board will have the discretion to register an applicant, for the purposes of internship, supervised clinical practice, postgraduate training, research, teaching, areas of need, public interest and speciality practice. This category of registration will be subject to such conditions as the Medical Board thinks appropriate. It will not confer an automatic right of recognition in other jurisdictions should mutual recognition proceed.

The Bill revises the other criteria for registration, and an applicant will be required to have sufficient physical and mental capacity and sufficient communication skills to

practise medicine. These requirements are additional to the current requirement that the applicant be of good character. Some special exemptions that currently exist have been preserved, such as for military forces. The Medical Board also determines specialist registrations which when coupled with the new conditional registration categories should assist especially in meeting needs in specialist areas that are experiencing shortages either generally or in particular parts of the State. We see this of particular benefit in country areas and in areas of specialty such as psychiatry in the public institutions. This is also assisted by the areas of unmet need conditional registration.

The more complex provisions in the Bill are the transitional and savings provisions in the schedule. The history of these provisions relates to the original AHMAC recommendation which provided that the cut-off date for automatic registration of overseas practitioners was 31 January 1992. Persons with United Kingdom and Ireland registrations who applied for registration after 31 January 1992 have been informed that this legislation is pending and that on its passage they will be deprived of their unconditional registration. If this proposal were retained, it would mean that approximately 200 medical practitioners from the United Kingdom and Ireland who have registered in Western Australia since that date would be deregistered. These practitioners would then have to reapply for registration which they would be able to obtain only in accordance with the new provisions of the Act.

Originally, the Government considered that the retrospectivity proposal should be ignored. However, on investigation there appeared to be problems also with this. A large number of practitioners who obtained registration as a precautionary measure have remained overseas. Only about 100 actually practise and reside here. Also, concerns have been expressed by the profession and the Health Department that if mutual recognition is introduced, and if the proposed legislation is not made retrospective, many practitioners who currently cannot transfer to other States because they do not meet the registration standards will be able to do so. This would pose two problems. From those who have no intention to practise here, there would be the potential for Western Australia to be the source of a flood of transfers to other States by people who would not otherwise have been eligible to obtain admission in those States. This would be inconsistent with the comity between Western Australia and those States, and may pose an obstacle to recognition of Western Australian practitioners. From those who have settled in WA there was also the possibility of loss to other States especially of rural and remote area practitioners. Western Australia has fared better than all other States in the placement of rural practitioners. This is particularly due to the efforts of the Western Australian Centre for Rural and Remote Medicine, the Country Medical Foundation, the Rural Doctors' Association and the rural health policy unit of the Health Department of Western Australia. However, we are still well below an ideal situation. It therefore seemed appropriate to distinguish among those practitioners who registered after 31 January 1992 between -

- (a) those who have registered, but showed no serious attempt to reside or practise here;
- (b) those who at the time the Act comes into force have shown such a serious attempt; and
- (c) those who at any time reside and practise for a significant time - set at two years.

The serious attempt is characterised as six months' continuous residence and practise. Those practitioners are entitled to apply for continuing special conditional registration for as long as they wish. They will be able to practise here, but could not transfer elsewhere. Those who do not meet this test will be able to obtain a 12 month conditional registration during which they could seek to obtain some other form of registration under the ordinary provisions of the Act. A person who obtains continuing special conditional registration will be eligible after two years' practise and residence to transfer to unconditional registration. These measures appear to deal fairly with each category. Of course, those practitioners registered before 31 January 1992 will be unaffected and will remain unconditionally registered.

These transitional provisions which especially benefit those practitioners who have taken up residence here and are genuinely practising have been agreed with the Australian Medical Association. It is hoped that eventually all medical practitioners who practise and reside in Western Australia will be able to obtain full registration. The Bill also makes some minor changes such as increasing the number of members of the Medical Board from 10 to 12; the additional members will be medical practitioners. There is a requirement for medical practitioners to supply particulars to the board; and also the changing of the date for the annual fees so as to bring this State into line with other States. The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council, the Medical Boards of Western Australia and New South Wales, and the Western Australian Branch of the Australian Medical Association have been fully consulted in the drafting process of this Bill. I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Tom Helm.

[Questions without notice taken.]

**MOTION - AYTON, LESLIE DONALD, EVIDENCE TO SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON TELEPHONE TAPPING, DOCUMENT TABLING**

**HON REG DAVIES** (North Metropolitan) [5.38 pm]: I move -

That the Clerk be and is hereby required to table on the sitting following the date on which this Order is made -

Page 48 of the transcript of evidence of Mr Leslie Donald Ayton given as part of his evidence on 2 November 1992 to the Select Committee of Privilege on Hon Reg Davies' telephone tapping concerns.

It goes without saying that parliamentary questions are a very important part of the democratic process. If they are used correctly, they are a very important weapon in a member of Parliament's armoury. Of course, the answer to the question must be sincere, correct and properly researched. The reason Ministers have big departments and lots of staff is to make sure they get the answer right. We all appreciate that it is the quality of the answer which determines its effectiveness. We have just witnessed a perfect demonstration that question time can be used for many and varied purposes. I like to use question time to solicit information on behalf of my constituents and to assist me in carrying out my duties. In addition, I like to use question time to ensure that the government of the day remains accountable. On occasions I use question time to alert Ministers to problems within their departments. Governments, as the House has just witnessed, use question time for their own purposes. The so-called Dorothy Dix questions give Ministers the opportunity to make comments on important issues. On occasions oppositions use question time to embarrass the government of the day or a Minister.

Of course, there is the old adage that one should never ask a question to which one does not know the answer. The major purpose of questions and question time is to ensure accountability. When misleading answers are given, drastic steps should be taken to ensure the Parliament is not further deceived. The point I make is that this Parliament has been misled, although I cannot determine whether it was accidentally or by orchestrated means. However, clear evidence exists to support my proposition that answers I received to questions in this Parliament are incorrect. I refer to question 316 of 9 August 1994 in which I asked the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police questions relating to police telephone monitoring. I asked in part -

- (1) Has the Western Australia Police Force ever received or purchased equipment which could be used for telephone monitoring, interception or surveillance purposes?
- (2) If yes -
  - (a) when and where was the equipment purchased or received; and
  - (b) for what purpose was it used?

This question relates to a very contentious issue in the community. It was asked at a time when telephone interception and indiscriminate bugging of homes and offices was the topic of the day. It was a very serious question, insofar as the Western Australia Police Force does not have the legislative mechanism to conduct telephone tapping. If it does monitor any telephones, it knows that it does so illegally. The issue of telephone tapping is currently the subject of much debate in the community. There are those in the community who think that the police should be given telephone interception powers to help them cut down the escalating serious crime rate. On the other side of the argument are those with a stance oriented towards civil liberties, who think that if the police were given those powers it would give them absolute power, and would further the cause of official corruption within our society.

I could believe in telephone tapping if there were any real merit in it; if it could be proved that any good came from it; if it cut down the serious crime rate in our community; if it could be shown that the Mr Bigs in the criminal world would finish up behind bars or would be brought to justice; or, if it could be shown that the number of major crimes had diminished because the police had the power to intercept telephone conversations. However, that is not the case. In other states with these powers, the powerless and little people who are at the end product of crime, finish up behind bars. It is never the big time criminals or the Mr Bigs of our criminal society. Therefore, in my view there is not a great deal of merit in giving the Western Australia Police Force those powers. Of course, this is not a speech about the merits of telephone tapping or allowing the police to have those powers; that is a debate for another day. I understand the new Commissioner of Police and the Minister for Police are moving to introduce legislation along those lines. Therefore, we can debate the issue on its merits at that time. The reply to my question 316, to which I referred earlier, was -

I refer the member to my reply to his previous question, No 1219 of 3 November 1993, in which this matter was addressed at length.

My question 1219 of 3 November 1993 began -

In the 1989-90 Police Budget a sum of \$500 000 was allocated for "telephone interception equipment" and running costs.

I asked a series of questions about the equipment purchased, whether any went to police internal affairs, how many times the equipment had been used and so on. In my opinion the answer I was given did not answer my question. In question 316 I deliberately asked not just whether the police had purchased equipment for telephone monitoring, interception or surveillance purposes, but whether they had ever received or purchased equipment for that purpose. The answer I received to question 1219 in November 1993 was -

I have been informed by the Commissioner of Police that no equipment was purchased. The sum of \$500 000 was allocated in the 1989-90 Police budget for telephone interception equipment. With the uncertainty as to legislation being enacted to allow for telephone interception in Western Australia, a decision was made by the Police Department not to purchase equipment. The allocated \$500 000 was not utilised by the Police Department and remained as part of the consolidated revenue fund balance as at 30 June 1990.

The document I have asked to be tabled will indicate that the equipment was, in fact, received by the Western Australian Police Department, although it may not have been purchased. It is in the public interest that I proceed with this motion. The select committee report referred to in the motion, although tabled in this Chamber, was never debated. Therefore, I did not have an opportunity to debate this issue. If that one page of the transcript referred to in the motion is tabled, it will illustrate without doubt that Parliament was misled in the answer given to question 316. I also believe the integrity of the select committee evidence will be honoured and will not be damaged by tabling one page of the document. This motion should be agreed to in order to maintain the integrity of the Commissioner of Police and the Leader of the House acting on behalf of the Minister for Police when answering the question, and in the public interest. Somebody

has tried to mislead this Parliament, and we can determine whether that was done wilfully by interpretation of the evidence from the select committee. I commend the motion to the House.

**HON J.A. SCOTT** (South Metropolitan) [5.50 pm]: For this House to be regarded as a true House of Review we need to get the facts before the House, and for them to be properly examined. In the interests of fair and open government, the document needs to be tabled to enable Hon Reg Davies and others to do research in the interests of the wider community.

Question put and passed.

## **MINING AMENDMENT BILL**

### *Second Reading*

**HON GEORGE CASH** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Mines) [5.52 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill proposes various changes to the Mining Act 1978 sought by the mining industry and also important changes that have arisen through the day to day operation of the Act. The main objectives of the Bill are -

to clearly provide an obligation for all mining tenement holders to lodge a detailed mineral exploration report where exploration activities have been carried out and to allow for these reports to be combined where a number of mining tenements are included in the one project;

to amend the procedures for the receipt of mining tenement applications where multiple applications are lodged in respect of land that becomes available following the compulsory relinquishment of portion of an exploration licence or the forfeiture of a mining tenement;

to provide that nothing in the Act has the effect of restricting or preventing the obtaining of data in respect of any land by means of aerial surveys;

to streamline the processing of new mining tenement applications by providing that the warden need only be involved in disputed matters;

to increase the opportunity for prospectors to gain access to ground to treat alluvial gold by providing for a short term special prospecting licence; and

to introduce provisions to allow for the extension of the term of exploration licences when continued exploration can be justified.

The Bill contains specific provisions that require the holder of a mining tenement to provide annual mineral exploration reports on the progress and results of work programs involving mineral exploration and prospecting activities where those activities have been carried out on that mining tenement. These reports of technical exploration information are included in the Geological Surveys database and are released to the public file when the mining tenement expires. This information is of vital importance to the mining industry and to ensure that the data is submitted in respect of all exploration activities provision has been made for penalties of fine or forfeiture for breach of reporting requirements. A ballot system for multiple applications lodged simultaneously over common ground was introduced into the Act in 1985 to provide a fair mechanism to determine priority among the applicants. The intent was that exploration licence applications would be deemed to have been received "at the same time" where two or more applicants/agents attend a mining registrar's office when it opens for business for the purpose of lodging an application over common ground.

In some cases it has been held by the courts that even though a number of applicants and agents attended the office at the commencement of business, a ballot could be held only in respect of applications received at precisely the same time and every second was taken into account. This Bill provides for a new procedure to be set out in the regulations as follows -

Details of "released" or forfeited ground to be posted on the mining registrar's and Perth office notice boards at the commencement of business in respect to releases or at 3.30 pm for forfeiture, at which time the ground becomes available.

All applications for these areas are to be placed in a clearly marked tray on the mining registrar's office counter.

The mining registrar removes the tray when satisfied that all applications from those waiting at the office door have been lodged in the tray, and these applications are all deemed to have been received at either 8.30 am or 3.30 pm as the case requires.

All applicants then reach agreement as to priority to the ground or in the absence of an agreement the warden conducts a ballot to determine which applicant receives priority.

It is common practice for mining companies to obtain as much geological data as possible over areas of interest by means of aerial surveys. These surveys are usually flown over large tracts of land, parts of which may be the subject of various mining tenements held by third parties. Concerns have been raised by the mining industry over the possibility that the overflying of mining tenements to conduct aerial surveys may constitute a trespass. Because aerial surveys are an essential element of mineral exploration the Bill provides that the gathering of data by aerial surveys is not restricted or prevented under the Act.

In the past wardens have been required to deal with time consuming non-contentious administrative matters. It is now intended to streamline and improve the operation of the Act by providing that only disputed matters need to be heard before the warden. The mining registrar will deal with non-disputed matters relating to applications for mining tenements. The Act currently provides that prospecting licences and miscellaneous licences are granted by the warden while exploration licences, retention licences, mining leases and general purpose leases are recommended by the warden to the Minister. Any objections lodged against these applications are heard in open court by the warden. It is proposed that the mining registrar grant prospecting licences and miscellaneous licences and recommend the approval of exploration licences, retention licences, mining leases and general purpose leases provided no objections have been lodged and all of the provisions of the Act have been complied with. The mining registrar will also be able to refuse or recommend refusal of applications, as the case requires, if the provisions of the Act have not been complied with.

In cases where objections have been lodged the applications will be dealt with by the warden in the same manner as presently provided under the Act; that is, in open court. Where applications are awaiting determination by the mining registrar provision has been included for an application to be referred to the warden for hearing in open court where late objection has been lodged and the reason for late objection has been accepted by the warden. If the warden refuses to accept the reasons for late lodgment of the objection, the mining registrar may deal with that application.

The Bill includes amendments that will assist prospectors in gaining improved access to ground held under mining title for the treatment of alluvial gold. Provisions will enable prospectors to nominate, in consultation with mining tenement holders, a period less than the four year statutory term for a special prospecting licence. The Act presently provides that an application for a special prospecting licence may be made within existing tenements and, to a large extent, the grant is dependent on the agreement of the holder of the underlying mining tenement.

The Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders Association submitted that the present fixed term was causing some problems. Prospectors were in many instances seeking a short term title over a limited area of ground to treat alluvial gold, and making the term of a special prospecting licence more flexible will encourage the holders of underlying mining tenements to agree to a special prospecting licence being issued. Submissions have also been received from the mining industry stating that the initial five year term for

an exploration licence, as provided in section 61, is in some cases inadequate, and because extension is allowed only in "exceptional circumstances", licence holders are forced at the end of the licence term to convert to a mining lease title when exploration is still being carried out. Provisions have therefore been included in the Bill to allow for two extensions of the term of an exploration licence each for periods of up to two years. Criteria will be set down in the regulations that allow an extension of terms where -

the expenditure conditions have been substantially complied with during the term of the licence;

there has been a satisfactory exploration program completed; and

further exploration is justifiable.

The regulations will also be amended to increase the minimum expenditure commitment. Increases from \$20 000 to \$50 000 for years 6 and 7 and \$100 000 a year thereafter are proposed. Extensions thereafter will be subject to the current provisions; that is, annual extensions being granted in exceptional circumstances only. These changes will provide industry with a clear set of rules under which to apply for extension and the increased expenditure commitments will ensure more intense exploration activity.

*Sitting suspended from 6.00 to 7.30 pm*

Hon GEORGE CASH: Other changes incorporated into the Bill include -

the removal of a conflict between the time limitation for initiating a prosecution under the royalty provision, section 109, of three years and the general provision, section 160B, of one year. The royalty provision will exclude the operation of the general provision which will continue to apply in respect of all offences other than those relating to royalties;

provision that an application for a prospecting licence or exploration licence cannot be granted until a security, for compliance with conditions, is lodged in lieu of the present provision which make non-lodgment an offence under the Act;

consistent with provisions relating to the service of notices for a mining tenement application on a landowner and pastoralist, the warden being given power to extend the 14 day period in which other land owners-occupiers must be notified;

specifying the prospecting and other activities that are allowed under a Miner's Right - that is, passing and repassing the land; conducting geological mapping; undertaking limited sampling using hand-held equipment; marking out mining tenement applications; and other activities that may be authorised by the Minister which will mean that mining operations, including prospecting and exploration activities involving significant ground disturbance, can only be undertaken if a mining title is granted with conditions that protect the environment and ensure rehabilitation;

amendments to put beyond doubt the operation of the graticular exploration licence system by clearly stating that only one exploration licence may be granted in respect of one block, and to clarify the form of the description and map required for graticular exploration licence applications;

an amendment to section 29 of the Act to provide that where private land situated within a current mining tenement ceases to be private land and reverts to the Crown, that land will automatically be included in the underlying mining tenement;

power to regulate the way in which drill cores obtained from mining tenements are stored and dealt with; and

changing the provisions relating to exemption of Crown land from the operation of the Act by extending the provisions to apply also to reserved land and providing for any exemptions to expire after two years unless extended by the Minister.



The amendments contained in this Bill have been considered and endorsed by the Mining Industry Liaison Committee, which consists of representatives from the Chamber of Mines and Energy of WA Inc, the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc, the Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Association Ltd, the Amalgamated Prospectors and Leaseholders' Association and the Department of Minerals and Energy.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Mark Nevill.

## **RESERVES BILL (No 2)**

### *Second Reading*

**HON GEORGE CASH** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Lands) [7.36 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill is similar in intent to many others which have been brought before the House to obtain Parliament's approval to vary class A reserves and remove trusts expressed over certain Crown land. This Bill has 23 clauses dealing with separate reserves as follows.

Clause 5: Class A reserve 19464 is set apart for the purpose of park and gardens and is vested in the Albany Town Council. The reserve is situated in Stirling Terrace, Albany. The council has advised that the buildings situated on the reserve have been classified by the National Trust. The buildings have been utilised by the Albany Women's Institute and Rest House Association and a local taxi company for many years under a leasing arrangement with council. In view of the heritage value of the buildings, this clause seeks Parliament's approval to amend the purpose of reserve 19464 to "preservation of historical buildings" to be vested with power to lease, in the Town of Albany.

Clause 6: Class A reserve 35918 is located around Dragon Tree soak and is set apart for the conservation of flora and fauna and vested in the national parks and nature conservation authority. The soak itself is one of the few sources of permanent fresh water in the central region of the Great Sandy Desert and lies 286 kilometres south west of Fitzroy Crossing. An area of land to the north of reserve 35918 has been defined as Jamura location 2 to facilitate the issue of a petroleum exploration permit. The Department of Minerals and Energy has advised that the location is no longer required. As location 2 also contains part of the soak, the Department of Conservation and Land Management has requested that it be added to reserve 35918. Appropriate referrals have been undertaken by the Department of Conservation and Land Management to the Shire of Broome and local Aboriginal groups who have supported this proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the amendment of reserve 35918 to include Jamura location 2.

Clause 7: Class A reserve 39399 is set apart for the purpose of conservation of flora and fauna and vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. The Department of Conservation and Land Management has requested the closure of an unmade public road along the western and southern boundaries of the reserve and the inclusion of the resultant land into reserve 39399. The Shire of Broomehill has agreed to the proposal which has also been advertised locally without objection. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the amendment of reserve 39399 to include two areas of closed road.

Clause 8: Class A reserve 40250 is located near Wonnerup and is set apart for national park and vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. A caretaker's residence has been established on a 2 832 square metre portion of the reserve. The residence has been leased by CALM to the National Trust of Australia (WA) for many years and is used in conjunction with the nearby old Wonnerup school buildings. The school buildings are located on class C reserve 33895, set apart for preservation of historical buildings and vested in the National Trust. CALM has suggested that it would be appropriate for the caretaker's residence to be excised from reserve 40250 and included in reserve 33895. The Shire of Busselton and the Department of Planning and

Urban Development have agreed to this proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval to the excision of 2 832 sq m from reserve 40250.

Clause 9: Class A reserve 21629 is set apart for conservation and recreation and is vested in the Shire of Busselton. The reserve is known locally as the Meelup reserve and the council has prepared a management plan for the area. The plan has received endorsement from CALM, the EPA and DPUD. A number of adjacent reserves and vacant Crown land have been identified in the management plan for inclusion into reserve 21629. The areas affected are -

- Class A reserve 28933 set apart for recreation;
- Class C reserve 24165, fish processing depot;
- Portion of Class A reserve 21751, recreation and camping;
- Class C reserve 26857, recreation; and
- Vacant Crown land, foreshore, adjoining class A reserve 21751.

This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the amendment of reserve 21629 to include the above areas of land.

Clause 10: Class A reserve 27004 is set apart for national park and is vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. The reserve is known as the Kalbarri national park and lies east and south of the Kalbarri townsite. Negotiations have proceeded for many years between CALM, DPUD, the Northampton Shire, the Geraldton Midwest Development Authority, the EPA, and the West Coast Working Group and local residents to determine a site from reserve 27004 for the future growth of the Kalbarri townsite. Provision has also been made within the area for a new aerodrome site. As compensation for the proposed excision of 3 045 ha from reserve 27004, Cabinet has previously agreed to the reservation nearby of a 30 000 ha parcel of vacant Crown land for conservation of flora and fauna. Aboriginal interests in both affected areas are being addressed and suitable protection will be arranged as required. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the excision of 3 045.4058 ha from reserve 27004.

Clause 11: Class A reserve 17671 is set apart for recreation and picnic ground and is vested in the Shire of Katanning. The reserve adjoins Badgebup townsite, class A reserve 42677, set apart for landscape protection. Discussions between the Department of Land Administration, CALM and the council have determined that reserve 17671 should be cancelled and included in reserve 42677. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the cancellation of reserve 17671 and the inclusion of the contained land into reserve 42677.

Clause 12: Class C reserve 16779 is set apart for water and conservation of flora and is vested in the Water Authority of Western Australia. The reserve is located at Kumbarning in the Shire of Kellerberrin. The Water Authority has advised that reserve 16779 is no longer required for water supply purposes. The reserve is surrounded by class A reserve 563, which is set apart for conservation of flora and fauna and is vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. CALM has agreed to the inclusion of the land in reserve 16779 in reserve 563. The Shire of Kellerberrin and the Department of Minerals and Energy have agreed to the proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the cancellation of reserve 16779 and the inclusion of the contained land into reserve 563.

Clause 13: Class A reserve 1669 is set apart for recreation and is vested in the City of Nedlands. The reserve is known locally as Melvista Park. Telecom Australia has advised of an urgent requirement to establish a mobile telephone base station within reserve 1669. The council, the Nedlands Golf Club, as lessee, and DPUD have agreed to the location of the base station within a well timbered area of reserve 1669 to reduce any visual impact. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the excision of 258 sq m from reserve 1669.

Clause 14: Class A reserve 9228 is set apart for the purpose of water and protection of flora and fauna and is vested in the Water Authority of Western Australia. The reserve is located about 35 km north, north east of Dowerin. The Water Authority has advised that

it no longer has a requirement for the reserve. CALM has advised that it is prepared to accept the vesting of the reserve and has requested that the purpose be amended to conservation of flora and fauna. DOLA, the Shire of Dowerin and the Department of Minerals and Energy have agreed to the proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the change of purpose of reserve 9228 to conservation of flora and fauna.

Clause 15: Class A reserve 7765 is set apart for conservation of flora and fauna and is vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. Adjoining the reserve was class C reserve 32426, radio transmitter site, Bush Fires Board, which was cancelled in 1993. CALM has proposed that the former reserved area - now Melbourne location 3994 - now be included in reserve 7765. The Shire of Moora and the Department of Minerals and Energy have supported this proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the inclusion of location 3994 into reserve 7765.

Clause 16: Class A reserve 20585 is set apart for a stopping place and is vested in the Shire of Murray. The reserve is located south of Coolup on South Western Highway. Although the EPA in its System 6 recommendations suggests that this reserve be amended to conservation of flora and fauna, negotiations have been reached with the Main Roads Department, the Department of Environmental Protection, CALM and the Shire of Murray to amend the purpose to protection of roadside vegetation and stopping place. It is also proposed to vest the reserve in the Main Roads Department in view of its commitment to preserving roadside vegetation. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the change of purpose of reserve 20585 to protection of roadside vegetation and stopping place.

Clause 17: Class A reserve 39897 is set apart for national park and is vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. The reserve has been named the Purnululu national park and contains the Bungle Bungle Ranges. CALM has proposed that part of the adjoining class C reserve 39898 set apart for conservation be included into the reserve as it contains a section of the sandstone massif, an airstrip and the Bellburn campsite. The Department of Minerals and Energy has agreed to the proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the amendment of reserve 39897 to include a 31 000 ha portion of reserve 39898.

Clause 18: Class A reserve 17186 is set apart for native fauna and is vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. The reserve lies at Lake Walyormouring, some 16 km north of Goomalling. CALM has requested that the purpose of the reserve be amended to conservation of flora and fauna in accordance with its policy of ensuring reserve purposes are consistent with its legislation. At the same time, it is proposed that a section of closed road running through the lake be incorporated into the reserve. Adjoining owners and the Shire of Goomalling have agreed to the proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the change of purpose of reserve 17186 to conservation of flora and fauna, together with the inclusion of a small area of closed road.

Clause 19: Class A reserve 23339 is set apart for water and conservation of flora and fauna and was formerly vested in the Water Authority of Western Australia. The Shire of Westonia has requested that this now unvested reserve be changed to recreation and be vested in council. The council has prepared a management plan for the reserve which it believes has some tourism potential due to its unusual rock and cave formations. CALM and the Water Authority have agreed with the proposal and the retention of the class A classification. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the change of purpose of reserve 23339 to recreation.

Clause 20: Class A reserve 9997 is set apart for the purpose of parklands and recreation and vested with the City of Bunbury with power to lease. The reserve is situated on Oceanic Drive, Bunbury. Lessees of the kiosk currently located on the reserve have reached agreement with council to expand their operation to provide a restaurant and public entertainment facility. Under current Department of Land Administration policy, expansion of the facility to this level requires the excision of the restaurant site from the recreation reserve to allow separate reservation and vesting with council for public

entertainment. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the excision of 3 240 square metres from reserve 9997.

Clause 21: Class C reserve 19735, Albany lot 833, is set apart for trades hall site and club premises. The reserve is also held in fee simple trust in the name of the Albany Trades Hall Social and Leisure Club Incorporated. DOLA has been advised that the grantee disbanded in 1982. Action to surrender lot 833 to the Crown under the Associations Incorporation Act had been proceeding; however, the Crown Solicitor's Office has recently advised that the most appropriate course would be to remove the trust via a Reserves Bill clause. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the removal of the trust expressed over Albany lot 833 to allow revestment and ultimate sale of the lot on the open market.

Clause 22: Class C reserve 38090 (Bedfordale lot 56) is set apart for school site and held in fee simple trust by the Armadale Christian Education Association Inc. Advice has been received that the association is in provisional liquidation and the first mortgagee, BankWest, has advised that it now wishes to sell the buildings on the lot and transfer the land to the Swan Christian Education Association. DOLA has agreed to this proposal subject to the prospective purchaser agreeing to pay \$150 000 as the unimproved market value of the land. Improvements on the land have been valued in excess of \$1m. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the removal of the trust over Bedfordale lot 56 to allow subsequent sale.

Clause 23: Class A reserve 41010 is set apart for conservation of flora and fauna and vested in the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority. The reserve is located on Owingup Swamp in the Shire of Denmark. CALM has requested that a portion of land surrendered via the subdivision process for public recreation now be incorporated into the adjacent reserve 41010 as it provides a linear corridor which will link to the Mehinup nature reserve to the west. The Shire of Denmark, the Department of Minerals and Energy and the Department of Planning and Urban Development have agreed to the proposal. This clause seeks Parliament's approval for the revestment of lot 24 of Plantagenet location 2176 and its inclusion into reserve 41010.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Tom Helm.

## RESERVE (No 1720) BILL

### *Second Reading*

**HON GEORGE CASH** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Lands) [7.55 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Reserve No 1720, being Kings Park, containing an area of 400.8090 hectares, is set apart for the purpose of public park and is under the control of the Kings Park Board with the exception of the site known as Bernies, which is administered by the Department of Conservation and Land Management. In 1987 the previous Government proposed the excision of 4 550 square metres of the park upon which is located Bernies hamburger bar and associated car park together with the scarp face to the rear. This latter land was included in the excision in order to allow the plot ratio - that is, the development potential of building space to site area - to be established on a similar basis with neighbouring properties and therefore enable the future sale price of the site to be maximised.

In Opposition both Liberal and National Party members opposed the proposal, with the end result that clause 20 in the 1987 Reserves and Land Revestment Bill (No 2) was defeated. The clause was opposed for the following reasons -

- (1) The view that the then current tenant, Verticordia Holdings Pty Ltd (Mr Malcolm Hardwick), was being treated shabbily by having his business, operated at the site by the Hardwick family since the 1930s, abruptly terminated.

- (2) A strong suspicion that a deal had been done by the Burke Government or one of its entrepreneurial arms, the Western Australian Development Corporation, with the then Markalinga Hospital for the hospital to buy the site without Mr Hardwick having a real or fair chance of buying the site.
- (3) Concerns that the scarp included in the site for plot ratio purposes would have to be repurchased by the State Government or compensation paid due to the reservation of this portion of the site under the metropolitan region scheme for parks and recreation.

Whether or not the concerns were correct, it was determined that, because the then Government failed to adequately answer the concerns at the time and because of a strong campaign of public support for Bernies to remain on the site, the clause was defeated. Mr Hardwick has from that date continued to occupy the site and run his business on a weekly tenancy from CALM.

Prior to the last election, Mr Hardwick came to an accommodation or mutually agreeable arrangement with the owners of the adjoining Mount Hospital, Australian Medical Enterprises, whereby he would relinquish his claim on the site if the property was sold directly to AME. I understand this arrangement would see a total redevelopment of the site. As Mr Hardwick was prepared to close Bernies for subsequent redevelopment by AME, the sale potential of this property has been reconsidered. The Government believes the direct sale of such a prime government asset to be inappropriate, but has determined that the land should now be sold. Sale should be by public process, preferably by auction or tender, with the sale being coordinated by the government property office. To date two other expressions of interest have been received. It has also been determined that the site be sold such that the purchaser would have the same development rights as its neighbours. Accordingly this Bill has been prepared to provide for the removal of the developable portion of the Bernies site from Kings Park; however, the scarp face is to be retained as part of the park.

The Bill also provides for the inclusion of the developable land now identified as Perth lot 1059, plus a small encroachment identified as Perth lot 1058, in the City of Perth city planning scheme with a residential planning code density of R160 consistent with neighbours already established. However, the city will retain discretionary powers to approve nonresidential development under the city planning scheme. This action will save the land, once excised from Kings Park, having to be included in the scheme by way of an amendment to the city planning scheme and delaying the sale by some nine months.

This Bill further provides for an area of 4 550 square metres to be deemed for development purposes in respect of Perth lot 1059 even though the site will have an actual area of only 2 391 square metres. This is to give the site a plot ratio/development potential consistent with neighbours while allowing retention of the scarp, not capable of development, as part of Kings Park. The proposals have the approval of the Perth City Council.

Mr President, I seek leave to table diagram 91493 which refers to this matter, and I commend the Bill to the House.

[Leave granted.] [See paper No 307.]

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Tom Helm.

## TAXI BILL

### *Second Reading*

HON E.J. CHARLTON (Agricultural - Minister for Transport) [8.00 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill results from a review of the taxi industry required by the current legislation, which is to be repealed. The review determined that in order for the industry to progress, several initiatives were required. Also, the principal findings of the review were echoed

in the second volume of the McCarrey report. This Bill will provide the taxi industry with the flexibility and incentive it needs to take it into the next century. It allows taxi operators to develop wider markets through innovative marketing and the provision of competitive services. However, at the same time it ensures sufficient safeguards are in place to protect the public interest and taxi owners' existing investment in the industry.

A principal thrust of this legislation is the opportunity for taxis to be integrated into the overall public transport system. As entry into the industry will continue to be controlled, it is essential that service levels and standards are managed. Central to achieving these changes will be the Taxi Industry Board, which will replace the existing Taxi Control Board. Past criticism of the Taxi Control Board, both within and outside the industry, has been that it has adequately represented neither the industry nor the community. The new board will comprise consumers and a cross-section of the industry itself.

The board will advise me as Minister of current developments within the industry, and it will recommend strategies which will ensure the long term viability of the industry by increasing the number of taxi users. The Taxi Industry Board will be funded through the taxi industry development fund. The capital base of the fund will be drawn from the surplus of the current taxi control fund, together with the ongoing revenue from premium licences issued under the Act to be repealed and any revenue from the sale of new taxi plates. An important function of the fund will be to finance projects and general programs specifically designed for the benefit of the industry.

As acknowledged by members opposite, a need exists for the various transport agencies to be brought under the umbrella of the Department of Transport. In keeping with this philosophy, the Department of Transport will assume the day to day responsibility for administration of the new legislation. This will include the administrative process involved in the issue and renewal of plates, compliance monitoring and general enforcement. The cost of this administrative function will be met through the annual renewal fee which applies to taxi plate owners. The legislation aims to promote self-regulation by requiring the industry to assume responsibility for its dealings with the public. A safety net will be provided to the public through the conditions placed on plates. These conditions will cover issues such as the hours during which a taxi is to operate, driver qualification and standards, and vehicle standards. Also, complaint resolution procedures will be modified over time as the industry becomes more self-reliant. As the taxi plate provides the vehicle for investment in the industry, the owner of the plate will be required to ensure that an acceptable standard of service is provided by the person operating under the authority of that taxi plate. It will not be a requirement that an investor own or operate a vehicle personally, but he or she will be ultimately responsible for the operation of the relevant taxi. The Bill provides for corporate ownership of plates; however, the existing limit of five plates per owner will continue to apply.

Under the legislation the providers of taxi despatch services will be required to be registered. The definition of a taxi despatch service relates specifically to the traditional taxi radio companies, which provide coordination and despatch services through central booking facilities. These taxi despatch services will be responsible for ensuring that all taxis and personnel assigned to them perform responsibly and within the law. Since becoming Minister for Transport I have been made aware of considerable industry concern over alleged misuse of drivers' bonds. The Bill addresses this issue and places strict requirements on operators to ensure that drivers' bonds are protected and used only in accordance with pre-agreed conditions. To avoid duplication and the waste of government and industry resources, the licensing and services division of the Police Department will assume responsibility for the licensing of taxi drivers and the inspection of vehicles. The legislation will provide a more efficient and customer-focused service, and will ensure that the industry continues to play an important role in our public transport system.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Tom Helm.

## LAND TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL

### *Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by leave by Hon Max Evans (Minister for Finance), and read a first time.

### *Second Reading*

**HON MAX EVANS** (North Metropolitan - Minister for Finance) [8.05 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill seeks to amend the Land Tax Assessment Act to provide -

Clarification of the past and future land tax liability of the Government Employees Superannuation Board;

an exemption for land owned by sports associations and used to provide facilities for members to engage in sports;

an exemption for land owned by non-profit associations and used exclusively to provide facilities for members of the association for that non-profit purpose;

an exemption for land used for retirement village purposes which does not qualify elsewhere in the Act for an exemption;

an exemption for an owner's residence that is vacant at 30 June due to its being refurbished or renovated;

an exemption for land owned by a private company which has only two shareholders, where one shareholder holds only one share in trust for the other, and the other shareholder uses the property as his ordinary place of residence; and

improved equity and efficiency of the administration of land tax arrangements.

I now turn to each of these proposals in detail. The Bill provides for the validation for the payment of land tax by the Government Employees Superannuation Board, backdated to when that body was established in 1987. Although the board has always paid land tax, recent advice indicates that it could have claimed an exemption under a general provision of the Land Tax Assessment Act which exempts public statutory authorities. If no action is taken, the Government Employees Superannuation Board would be entitled to a refund of all the land tax it has paid. In addition, no land tax liability would exist for the current or future years. The immediate impact on the consolidated fund would be a cost of around \$6.8m.

The refund of past land tax payments to the Government Employees Superannuation Board would also oblige the State Taxation Department to issue backdated assessments to some past and present tenants of the board's various properties. This is because the land tax legislation provides that those tenants would be treated as the owners for land tax purposes given the board's exempt status as a public statutory authority. Furthermore, as a matter of policy the Government believes it is appropriate for the board to be liable for land tax. From a land tax view point, this places it on a competitively neutral footing in attracting tenants and ensures its consistent treatment with that of the State Government Insurance Commission. The proposed amendment will operate retrospectively. However, the Government believes that this is justified as it involves a public sector agency. Furthermore the likely detriment to tenants and the cost to the consolidated fund which would otherwise result would be undesirable.

The Bill also proposes that the Act be amended to provide an exemption for certain land owned by sporting and other non-profit associations. Where a non-profit club, society or association leases land from a local authority, that association is not regarded as an owner for assessment purposes under the Land Tax Assessment Act. Accordingly, these clubs do not pay land tax on the land so leased, and nor do the local authorities which enjoy a specific exemption under the Act. A similar situation applies where an association leases land from the Crown. However, the Act provides only a 50 per cent concession of the land tax payable on land owned by associations which is used solely or principally as a

site to provide facilities for their members. Moreover, freehold vacant land owned by associations, and land which is owned and leased out by these associations, or that which is principally used for other than association purposes, is taxed at the full rate. In some cases an association's freehold land tenure has arisen through a grant in trust of the land concerned, instead of its being allocated as a reserve through a lease from the Crown. The benefit of this type of tenure to the association is that it enables it to borrow money and use the land as security. However, the trust restricts the use of the land concerned to the specific activity of the association, and to no other purpose.

A number of examples have been brought to the Government's attention in which these associations perform the same functions and provide the same facilities to their respective members as associations which lease land from a local authority or the Crown. Nonetheless, as the Act currently stands, they are treated differently for land tax purposes. Apart from the obvious inequity, the different in treatment provides a clear disincentive to such bodies which may wish to purchase the land to provide facilities for the use of their members. To overcome these problems, the Bill proposes a number of amendments to the Act.

The proposed amendments seek to provide a full exemption from land tax, without qualification, for land owned and used for sporting purposes by sporting associations. Any other land owned, but not used for association purposes, will be fully taxed as is currently the case. It is also proposed that a full exemption apply for land owned by other non-profit associations if the land is used solely for association purposes. If the land is used 50 per cent or more for association purposes but is also used in a commercial activity, it is proposed that a 50 per cent concession of the tax payable will apply. This concession is currently available under the legislation. If, however, land owned by a non-profit association is used exclusively or principally for commercial purposes, that land will continue to be taxed at the full rate.

The proposed amendments also specifically recognise that in many cases, sporting and non-profit associations may provide bar facilities for their members. As these facilities often form part of the overall service offered to members by associations, the Bill does not recognise bar facilities as being of a commercial nature for the purposes of these provisions. The estimated annual cost to revenue of these measures is \$650 000 based on 1993-94 land values. However, relative to the significant contribution that sporting and other non-profit associations make to the Western Australian community, the revenue forgone is justified.

The Bill also seeks to amend the Act to provide land tax exemptions for all property used for bona fide retirement villages. This measure was announced earlier this year by the Premier in a ministerial statement. As he indicated, this initiative fulfils an important coalition election commitment to lift the burden of land tax from all residents of retirement villages. The Land Tax Assessment Act currently provides an exemption from land tax in the following circumstances: Where a retirement village development is owned by a charitable body, including a church body; where retirement village occupants have obtained title to their units in the retirement village, whether a strata title or purple title; and where persons are shareholders of a body corporate which owns the retirement unit development and are provided by that shareholding with an exclusive right to occupy a home unit. In those cases, the occupants have some form of title to the unit. However, there are also retirement village units which are occupied under a form of lease or licence arrangement without the occupants obtaining title. In these circumstances, as the occupants do not own the unit which they occupy, a residential exemption cannot be granted.

The coalition recognised this problem before the last election and committed a new coalition government to reforming the situation. To fulfil that commitment, the proposed amendments provide an exemption from land tax to those retirement villages which are currently excluded from available exemptions due to the operation of lease and licence arrangements. It is recognised that there can be no guarantee that the operators of the retirement villages will pass on to residents the savings arising from the provision of this exemption. Nonetheless, as in other jurisdictions where a similar exemption is provided,



it is hoped that the exemption will empower retirement village residents currently carrying the burden of land tax through higher charges to prevail upon the village operators to reduce their charges by an amount commensurate with the reduction in the operator's land tax burden. To ensure that the proposed exemption does not open up avoidance opportunities for quasi retirement village operations, the exemption is restricted only to those premises which meet the definition of "retirement village" as defined in the Retirement Villages Act 1992. The measures proposed will bring retirement villages in Western Australia broadly into line with the land tax treatment they face in other Australian jurisdictions. The estimated annual cost to revenue of this measure, based on 1993-94 land values, is less than \$150 000.

This Bill also proposes two measures to broaden the availability of the principal place of residence exemption currently provided under the Act. The first of these measures provides that a residential exemption will be available for an owner's residence that is vacant due to its being refurbished or renovated. Under the provisions of the Act, land tax is charged on the basis of ownership and usage of land as at 30 June each year and is levied in respect of a financial year immediately following that date. Subject to certain qualifications, the Act currently provides residential exemptions in respect of land owned by natural persons where: The property includes a dwelling which is occupied by the owners as their ordinary place of residence; two residences are owned in transitional circumstances; or the property is a vacant lot but the owners construct and occupy a new residence on that lot during the year of assessment.

It has recently come to the Government's attention that owners can be denied a residential exemption in respect of a property that they own as at 30 June because it was vacant at that time to allow for the residence to be refurbished. Notwithstanding that the owners may intend to occupy the residence immediately following completion of the refurbishment, they are not currently eligible for a residential exemption because they do not occupy the property as their ordinary place of residence at 30 June preceding the year of assessment. In some cases, the owners may be living in rented accommodation pending completion of the refurbishment. As the rented accommodation will normally be subject to land tax, the owners are also likely to be bearing a further land tax burden as part of their rental payments. To address this inequity, this Bill proposes to amend the Act to provide a residential exemption for an owner's residence that is vacant at 30 June preceding the year of assessment due to its being refurbished or renovated. The cost to revenue of this measure is expected to be negligible.

The second measure extending the principal place of residence exemption relates to land owned by a private company where a shareholder acts as a trustee. Under the provisions of the Act, a residential exemption is provided in respect of land owned by an exempt proprietary company in specific circumstances. Where the shareholders of that company are natural persons and occupy the dwelling on the property as their ordinary place of residence, the land is exempted. In cases where all the shareholders do not occupy the residence or do not meet the criteria for the exemption because they are not natural persons, only a partial exemption will apply. This exemption is based on the number of natural person shareholders resident on the property as a proportion of the total number of shareholders in the company.

Under the Corporations Law, it is a requirement that there be a minimum of two shareholders in a private company. In a few cases, it has been found that a person has established a private company and to overcome the obligations of the Corporations Law has arranged for one of the shares in the company to be issued or transferred to a trustee on his behalf. In most cases, the trustee is a professional person such as the accountant or solicitor of the beneficial owner of the shares or a relative who does not reside with the beneficial owner. The obligations of the Corporations Law for two independent shareholders in the above circumstances create a land tax liability in respect of the shareholding of the trustee. This occurs despite the fact that the trustee is holding the share in trust for the other shareholder who uses the property as his or her ordinary place of residence. In such cases, where the company has only two issued shares, a 50 per cent land tax exemption applies. To remove this anomaly, the Bill proposes to amend the Act to provide a full residential exemption for land owned by a private company in these

circumstances; that is, where the company has only two shareholders, one of whom holds only one share in trust for the other, and where the other shareholder uses the property as his ordinary place of residence, the land will be exempted. The Bill also seeks to improve the equity and efficiency of administrative arrangements of the Land Tax Assessment Act. Three measures are proposed. The first measure relates to the payment of interest on refunds arising from a successful objection or appeal. Under the provisions of the Act, the Commissioner of State Taxation is required to refund land tax overpaid as a result of an amendment to an assessment arising from a successful objection or appeal. However, the Act is inconsistent with a number of other taxation Statutes in that the other Statutes require the commissioner to pay interest at a prescribed rate on the amount refunded from the date the payment is received. To remove this inconsistency, it is proposed to amend the Act to require the payment of interest on refunds arising from a successful objection or appeal in the same manner as is provided in other taxing Statutes. To enable sufficient time for the making of a regulation to prescribe the appropriate rate of interest, it is proposed that this amendment will operate from a date to be proclaimed.

The second administrative amendment concerns the provision of certificates concerning land tax charges. Section 48 of the Land Tax Assessment Act enables a purchaser of property to obtain a certificate showing any land tax charged and an estimate of taxes to be charged on that property. The certificate is important in the property settlement process as it enables the purchaser to settle with the vendor any outstanding land tax charged or to be charged on the property. Section 48 of the Act currently limits the issue of certificates to purchasers. To facilitate the smooth operation of the property market, however, certificates have been issued to owners and agents of owners and purchasers. Such agents include settlement agents and solicitors acting on behalf of the owners or purchasers. The Bill proposes to amend section 48 of the Act to legitimise this practice by extending the provision of such certificates to owners and agents of owners and purchasers.

The third administrative measure proposed by this Bill seeks to remove redundant provisions in the Act relating to minimum payment requirements. Section 15(1) of the Act provides that land tax is payable by an owner based on the aggregate unimproved value of all taxable land owned. It further provides that no land tax is payable by an owner where the aggregate unimproved value of that land does not exceed \$5 000. The limit of \$5 000 contained in the Act previously corresponded to the lowest valuation threshold in the rate scale contained in the Land Tax Act. The rate scale previously provided that no land tax was payable on an unimproved land valuation of \$5 000 or less. However, following an amendment to the rate scale effective from the year of assessment commencing 1 July 1993, the lowest valuation threshold was increased to \$10 000. Accordingly, reference to the limit of \$5 000 has now become obsolete. Similarly, section 15(4) of the Act provides that where the tax payable in respect of all land owned by a person does not exceed \$5, the commissioner may remit that tax. This section has also become redundant following amendments to the tax scale in 1986 which resulted in a minimum tax assessment of \$12.50. Under the current land tax scale, the minimum tax assessment is \$15.00.

This Bill seeks to amend section 15(1) of the Land Tax Assessment Act to provide for land tax to be paid in accordance with the rate scale contained in the Land Tax Act from time to time. By aligning the valuation threshold to the rate scale in the Land Tax Act, consequential amendments to section 15(1) will not be necessary in the event that there is an amendment to the rate scale. I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Hon Tom Helm.

## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

### *Hairdressers Registration Repeal Bill*

**HON N.F. MOORE** (Mining and Pastoral - Minister for Employment and Training)  
[8.23 pm] - by leave: I bring to the attention of members the Hairdressers Registration

Repeal Bill 1994 which proposes the repeal of the Hairdressers Registration Act 1946-1968 and abolition of the Hairdressers Registration Board. The Bill is presented as a pre-legislative proposal or green Bill. The Hairdressers Registration Board has operated as a regulatory body since the late 1940s and was originally established to maintain skill standards and ensure public protection. The board has jurisdiction only in the south west land division and an area within 8 kilometres of the Kalgoorlie Post Office. The board registers hairdressers in prescribed classes of hairdressing, and conducts examinations to determine the suitability of people with overseas or private school training seeking to become registered. The board also has the power to suspend or cancel registrations under the Act.

In May 1987, a review of the role and functions of the board was undertaken by government officials. This report recommended the abolition of the board; however, hairdressing industry representatives argued that the board was of value, and consequently the board was retained on condition that the board's role and functions be kept under review. A further review in 1990 recommended the abolition of the board, but again the industry opposed this option. The board itself was then given approval to undertake a review. That review recommended the abolition of the current legislation and replacement with new legislation, and replacement of the board with a new tripartite body. Although there has been a variance of opinion about the future role of the board, there has been consensus about the need for significant change. Industry representatives have continued to support the abolition of the board in its current form and its replacement with a new body.

Since the first review in 1987 the operations of the board have been hampered by the doubt over its future and it has therefore become important that this issue be finalised. To ensure that all interested parties have an input into this decision, and to provide the opportunity for wide consultation, I wish to refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Government Agencies for investigation. I therefore seek leave to table the green Bill - the Hairdressers Registration Repeal Bill 1994.

[Leave granted.] [See paper No 308.]

Hon John Halden: Does the Minister have any time line? I have no opposition to the proposal.

Hon N.F. MOORE: As soon as the committee sits.

## **HAIRDRESSERS REGISTRATION REPEAL BILL (GREEN BILL)**

### *Referral to Standing Committee on Government Agencies*

Resolved, on motion by Hon N.F. Moore (Minister for Employment and Training)-

That the Hairdressers Registration Repeal Bill 1994 be referred to the Standing Committee on Government Agencies for consideration and report.

## **INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIA ACTS) BILL**

### *Committee*

Resumed from 5 April. The Chairman of Committees (Hon Barry House) in the Chair; Hon Peter Foss (Minister for Health) in charge of the Bill.

**Clause 5: Section 76A inserted -**

Progress was reported after the clause had been partly considered.

Hon PETER FOSS: I move -

Page 3, after line 8 - To insert the following subsection to stand as subsection (2) of the proposed section 76A -

(2) Subsection (1) is not intended to, and is not to be given effect so as to -

- (a) invalidate any enactment that was valid immediately before the commencement of the Australia Acts; or
- (b) invalidate any Act because it was assented to by the Sovereign rather than the Governor.

A point made during earlier debate was that the intention of the Bill is to validate laws but although the heading in bold is "Declaration of validity of certain laws", the clause reads -

Each provision of an Act or subsidiary legislation enacted or made, or purporting to have been enacted or made, before the commencement of the Australia Acts -

- (a) has the same effect as it would have had; and
- (b) is as valid as it would have been,

if the Australia Acts had been in operation at the time of its enactment or making, or purported enactment or making.

When we say that something is as valid as it would have been, it may be that it was invalid and it remains as valid as it would have been. In answer to a point made by Hon Alannah MacTiernan I said that it was my understanding that this was a validating Act, and the heading declares that. However, it has the possibility of unintentionally making something invalid. The amendment recognises that, and it will carry out the intent that it is a validating rather than invalidating provision. I refer members to the wording of my amendment. The Bill has retrospective effect after the commencement of the Australia Acts. It may be seen to have the effect where something has been reserved for the sovereign, and of saying that it should not have been reserved in that way and thereby invalidates it. This amendment is to make certain, as the bold type indicates, to declare validity rather than to declare invalidity.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: The Opposition does not oppose this addition; I am not sure whether it is absolutely necessary, although a case can perhaps be made out for subsection (2)(b). There might be a possible interpretation of the Australia Acts that would result in an item of legislation which had been reserved for Royal assent being invalidated and that would be protected by subsection (2)(b) of the amendment. This piece of legislation essentially declares that the Australia Acts will act retrospectively with respect to any laws that had been made before the Australia Acts came into being. I find it difficult to see how the retrospective application of the Australia Acts could, with the exception of those areas that require Royal assent, have any invalidating effect. However, it does not detract from the legislation and the Opposition is quite happy to support that amendment.

**Amendment put and passed.**

**Clause, as amended, put and past.**

**New clause 6 -**

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: I move -

Page 3 - To add after clause 5 the following new clause to stand as clause 6 -

**Protection of certain current proceedings**

6. The amendments made to the principal Act by this Act do not have any effect in relation to the hearing or determination of the action in the Supreme Court between *Snowy Judamia*, *Crow Yougarla*, *Paddy Yarbarla*, *Billy Thomas* and *Leslie Ankie* and *The State of Western Australia* (No Civ 1661 of 1993) or of any appeal from or against a decision, determination or judgment given or made in that action.

The reasons for this new clause were canvassed in this Chamber in the second reading debate. However, I will repeat them here because it has been some time since that debate took place. As has been said here earlier tonight, the Australia Acts were introduced in 1986 to provide that the UK Parliament would no longer have power to make laws in

respect of the States or the Commonwealth and furthermore that the laws that were already in existence would not have the effect of invalidating Western Australian laws because of notions of repugnancy with that UK legislation. I understand that concern was raised by the Western Australian Solicitor General that there might be some difficulty with the retrospectivity. I think it arose out of the challenges of the crimes of the sea legislation. There was a mooted challenge to that legislation, I think as part of a defence to a prosecution. It was considered that this matter should be put beyond doubt so the Standing Committee of Attorneys General agreed that these amendments to the various Interpretation Acts should be made effectively to use the powers that were granted under the Australia Acts to declare that the legislation contained in the Australia Acts should apply retrospectively.

As a general principle, the Opposition does not have difficulty with that. Our concern arises because a case is before the courts of Western Australia. The Opposition thinks that case perhaps reflects on the justice that has been meted out to Aboriginal people in this State. For those who may have forgotten, it was a precondition of the grant of self-government to Western Australia that there be included in section 70 of the WA Constitution that 1 per cent of consolidated revenue each year be set aside for the Aboriginal residents of this State. True to form, once self-government was granted, one of the first things that happened in this place was that steps were taken to repeal section 70 of the Constitution. Two attempts were made in the 1890s to do this, both of which ultimately failed when challenged because they had failed to conform to the various requirements of imperial Statutes for amending section 70 of the Constitution. The parties involved had another bash at it in 1905 and they thought this time they had finally got it right and got rid of that condition which would have seen the position of Aboriginal people recognised within our Constitution by enacting a repeal that went before the British Parliament and received Royal assent. As a result of the failures of the earlier attempts to repeal this legislation, it became somewhat of a folk memory for many in the Aboriginal community.

Every decade or so this issue was trotted out to see whether once again anything could be done to challenge the repeal of that piece of legislation, which had been put there as a precondition of self-government and which was to give some recognition to the situation in which Aboriginal people found themselves having been dispossessed fundamentally of their lands and of their traditional means of survival. It appears that in the past few years they found a solicitor who was able to re-examine this 1905 repeal in the manner in which the earlier repeals had been examined. They found that there appeared to be a procedural fault. When the Bill crossed the ocean to receive its Royal assent it was meant to lie before the House of Parliament for approximately 30 days before Royal assent. However, that did not happen. It was certainly tabled, but the Royal assent was granted, as I understand it, well before that 30 days had expired. The requirement for an item such as this to lie on the Table is quite obvious. It is to give members of Parliament an opportunity to examine this sort of legislation. As we know, it is a denoter that this legislation requires special consideration and it gives people an opportunity to seek to intervene in some way before Royal assent is given. Although it was a failure of reform, I believe it was quite significant in that it well might have been a failure that prevented proper scrutiny of this legislation by the people who were supposed to provide the protection of justice for our Aboriginal community.

I understand what is being said here is that it is inappropriate for us to seek to limit the degree of our autonomy from the United Kingdom Parliament. In this instance we are not seeking to overturn the general principle. The situation is that in 1905 the Aboriginal people of this State quite rightly expected that their interests were being protected by that part of the Constitution which contained those entrenchment provisions which were to protect that provision from early overturn. It seems to me it is inappropriate - particularly at a time when a piece of that Act is under challenge within our courts - for us to pull the rug from under that action.

It is clear it was not the Government's intention that this legislation be drawn up with the intention of undermining what is called the Judamia case. It arose quite separately out of

concerns over the validity of the crimes of the sea legislation in relation to certain issues of extraterritoriality. It seems to me that this has been a rather unfortunate consequence, and while we may well support the principle that the legislation as passed in this place should not be subject to any imperial requirements, the point remains that in 1905 we did not have a fully adult franchise, we still had property qualifications, and the rights of a minority were in reality protected only by these entrenchment provisions. What we have attempted to do, after discussion with the Crown Solicitor's Office, is to come forward with an amendment which does not interfere with the general principle, or with the nature of the standard form legislation which has been introduced under the aegis of the Standing Committees of Attorneys General, but which nevertheless provides that very important protection for Aboriginal litigants in the Judamia case. An interim decision on the case has been reserved in the Supreme Court. The Crown has made a strike out application in relation to the statement of claim in March this year. No judgment has been handed down on that matter. It is unlikely that the matter will be resolved before the end of the year. No matter what the decision is, it is possible that either side will appeal, so we would be unlikely to have a final determination before the end of the year.

We thought this matter could be handled by deferring this legislation until a decision was made on the Judamia case, but that no longer appears possible. We say that a provision exists here that will provide protection, and will allow that group to go forward and challenge the validity of the 1905 repeal of that quite extraordinary section of the Constitution. I have been informed by the Minister handling this legislation that it was not the Government's intention that the Bill undermine that litigation, but we have had advice from the Solicitor General that it is possible it could have that effect. Our amendment is the most satisfactory solution to the matter. It does not overturn the general principle but provides protection in this special case.

Hon PETER FOSS: Hon Alannah MacTiernan has set out, firstly, the issues in Judamia and, secondly, the possibility of the impact of this amendment on Judamia. Her advice was, and my advice is, that we think it most unlikely and improbable that this legislation will impact on the Judamia case. Leaving aside what we believe to be the case, there is the question of what to do if, theoretically, it happened. We agree there is the theoretical possibility that this legislation could impact upon Judamia.

There are two ways in which this legislation can be approached. It often depends on the type of legislation one is dealing with. As again mentioned by Hon Alannah MacTiernan, this legislation was contemplated by the Standing Committee of Attorneys General. If it is a problem in Western Australia - because Western Australia was where the problem was discovered - then it is a problem with every State of Australia because it was a thing which should have been put in the Australia Acts when they were passed, but was not. There are two alternatives. One is to say it is happening now; it should have been done when the Australia Acts were brought through; had it been done it would have had this effect. But it did not happen then; it is happening now. Therefore any known cases are excluded, as presently stand. That is the proposition put forward by Hon Alannah MacTiernan.

The other alternative is to say that this was drafted without any knowledge of Judamia; it was drafted without any attempt to affect Judamia and was intended to be blind justice. It is intended to put in place a validating provision which will have the effect of saying that the Australia Acts are important Acts, because they are those which really bring Australia to a nationhood status and bring the States to a proper independence of the United Kingdom Parliament. This should have gone in then, and had it gone in then the argument would not arise. Sometimes justice should be blind. It should not be looking to see who may or may not be affected in this case. That is the law as it should have been when the Australia Acts were passed in 1986. We are put in that position now. We should not make exceptions purely because, coincidentally, somebody may have brought an action between the passing of the Australia Acts and the passing of this amendment. They are the two alternatives, and good arguments have been made both ways.

As is often the case, one can make excellent arguments for both propositions. The position I find myself in is that I have a decision of the Cabinet that we proceed with it in

this form. I am not really in a position to debate the merits of the two arguments, as to which is the better one to follow. We have already been through that debate and the debate was that we pass it in this form. It is always open for that matter to be taken back to Cabinet. I would like to see this matter go through this Chamber. It will probably not be dealt with immediately in the other place. If it is the intention of the Attorney General to take the matter back to Cabinet, she can do so. If Cabinet wishes to reverse the position, we can insert this amendment in the other place. On the other hand, if the Attorney does not take it back or if Cabinet reaffirms its earlier decision, it would remain in this state in the other place and pass through in that form. As it presently stands, I am not at liberty to agree to the amendment suggested by Hon Alannah MacTiernan. Her reasons are quite clear, and on the basis of that argument I accept those reasons, if that is the argument one accepts. However, I believe there is also an argument that it is appropriate that this amendment be made in this form and that the intent is that Western Australia and Australia give full effect to the Australia Acts and that our legislative capacity not be open to challenge in any manner whether or not somebody has issued a writ in the meantime. I oppose the amendment. However, I will raise the matter with the Attorney. It may be something that will be canvassed in Cabinet and a decision made.

Hon TOM HELM: I accept everything that has been said by the two lawyers in this Chamber and will not join in a debate on the legal aspects of Hon Alannah MacTiernan's amendment. I want to explain some of the circumstances surrounding this claim because I am not able to argue with Hon Peter Foss' argument that the law is blind. We all know that this Minister has great difficulty in supporting uniform legislation. In fact, all members opposite had great difficulty in supporting uniform legislation when in opposition and they are now having to put before the Chamber on behalf of the Attorney a proposition from the meeting of Attorneys General on uniform legislation.

I want to paint a picture of the reasons for the Judamia claim on the one hand and the people who are making the claim on the other. I know these people personally; they belong to the Nomads group on Strelley Station. The Nomads group was formed following the 1947 strike when Aborigines walked off the stations over wage claims. From then on there has been a group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who, with some justification, have said that they were not considered when Western Australia became a State or when the laws of Australia were formed. They said that the laws that were applied to everybody else were not applied to them and particularly to the people of the western desert. If the amendment is not agreed to, these people will believe once again that their access to justice is being denied them by stealth rather than by pursuing the argument through the courts, whether or not it has any chance of success.

Hon Peter Foss: It will not stop that case.

Hon TOM HELM: No, but it could interfere with possible appeals or with other matters that may be debated in the courts. If the Attorney accepts the amendment or some other words with the same intent, she will remove the accusation - whether or not it is true - that Aboriginal aspirations are once again being removed by stealth and not by open debate. Members should remember that we are talking about people who, for the most part, are not very sophisticated. They are quite smart people; they have lived in the desert for 40 000 years and so are not without some ability to get by in life. However, we have had a number of opportunities to address many of the ills that have affected them in trying to adapt to the lifestyle that was imposed on them a hundred years ago.

It is fortuitous that this amendment is being dealt with at this time because I have read a report from the task force which inquired into the Strelley Station matter which is one of three of four stations which are going through particularly hard times at the moment. There has been a movement from the traditional culture of the western desert Aboriginal people to self-determination and the adoption of other than Aboriginal culture. There are problems in those communities. I am not suggesting who is right and who is wrong in this matter. However, it is disturbing for a couple of thousand Aboriginal people who belong not only to the western desert Aboriginal communities, but also to the coastal communities because those sorts of morale sapping and hurtful things go right through the communities and affect Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in various ways.

I suggest that the amendment will not be best debated in this Chamber by people who are well versed in the law. It should be reduced to a simplistic argument. It may give people the opportunity once again to suggest that the non-Aboriginal community has used stealth to stop Aboriginal people from obtaining what is due to them. We now have an opportunity to look at all matters relating to Aboriginal rights in a sensible way. If the proposed amendment is not accepted, we will be seen once again to be disadvantaging a disadvantaged people.

Hon PETER FOSS: I will certainly make sure that Hon Tom Helm's remarks are conveyed to the Attorney. I understand the point he makes. It is a matter of not only being right, but also appearing to be right. I accept that.

A number of things are apparent. Firstly, this may be an unnecessary amendment. In fact, the whole Bill may be unnecessary because it is to head off a possible challenge to this State's legislation on the basis of the Australia Acts not having achieved what they were intended to achieve. The Australia Acts may be perfectly acceptable; therefore, they have their effect. Secondly, this legislation, as it is written, may not have an effect on the Judamia case. The advice of the Solicitor General and Hon Alannah MacTiernan is that the better view is that it does not have any effect on it. Thirdly, if the Australia Acts are not sufficient and this is a necessary amendment and it does have an effect, it will come down to whether a distinction should be made because people commenced their action between the Australia Acts being passed and the Acts being amended. Had it happened the other way around the result would have been exactly the same. The Opposition's argument would be equally valid for those people if this Chamber had passed the Australia Acts with this provision and deprived them of their right because they probably still would have thought it was by stealth.

I do not think there is any doubt in anyone's mind as to what the arguments are or that each of those arguments has its validity and each of the points that have been made can be accepted. They happen to be different points and they happen to be valid. I do not have the liberty to accept the amendment and I must oppose it. I will certainly make sure that all the matters are brought to the Attorney General's attention. I do not know what will happen when it is before the other place, but there is plenty of time for these matters to be considered when the Bill is debated there. The decision will be very much an advisory decision.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: I understand that it is not the Government's intention to move the third reading of this Bill this evening. Therefore, there is no chance of this Bill being received by the other place in under two weeks because the Legislative Council will not meet again for two weeks. In that event I ask the Minister to defer completing the Committee stage of this Bill tonight. In the meantime, I ask him to take the matter to the Attorney at the next Cabinet meeting. If he agrees to that, the Opposition will give an undertaking that when this legislation is debated again the Committee and third reading stages will be dealt with on the same day. The timetable will not in any way be prejudiced by deferring the Committee stage tonight.

The Minister has been very frank in his dealings with this legislation and said he is concerned to get some legislation through this place. I reiterate that there will be no prejudice in terms of time if the Committee stage of this Bill is not dealt with until the next day of sitting, by which time the Minister will have had the opportunity to take it to the Attorney.

While it was the view of the Solicitor General that this is possible, although not probable, I have had the matter looked at by a number of other solicitors and barristers, including those involved in the Judamia case and a Queen's Counsel in Sydney, and they believe it is quite possible that this Bill, which declares retrospective the provisions of the Australia Acts, particularly sections 9(1) and (2), could well have the effect of undermining the Judamia case. Hon Tom Helm set out some of the more powerful matters of emotion that should be considered. If the principle of retrospectivity had been dealt with at the time the Australia Acts were passed, this issue may not have come to light. Since those Acts have been passed we have been made aware of what is arguably a great injustice that has



been perpetrated on the Aboriginal people. Therefore, it is appropriate, having become aware of that, that rather than proceed with this expansion of the operation of the Australia Acts we give heed to the injustice. We may not have been in the position of knowledge in 1986 to have done that, but that should not in any way change our conduct here. Subsequently, we have become aware of this question of invalidity. I have tried to explain that it is not merely a technical invalidity because the whole notion of having a Bill before the Parliament for 30 days was to ensure that it would be subject to proper scrutiny. Proper scrutiny was denied the repeal of the section 70 legislation and it is not one that should be glossed over, given the extraordinary consequences that had for the Aboriginal community of Western Australia.

I ask the Minister to show his goodwill and agree to my request for an adjournment.

Hon PETER FOSS: In view of what has been said by Hon Alannah MacTiernan, I am prepared to accede on the basis she suggested. I refer to the point the member made about the Judamia case. The 30 day period for the legislation to lie upon the Table of the Imperial Parliament did not have any material effect because the Imperial Parliament had no capacity to amend the legislation. It was purely before it for the information of members. It would not have interfered with the legislative process in any way. We are not here to discuss the Judamia case, but I did not want people to assume that I agreed with what happened in the United Kingdom simply because I did not comment on what the member said.

#### *Progress*

Progress reported and leave given to sit again, on motion by Hon Peter Foss (Minister for Health).

### **METROPOLITAN REGION SCHEME (FREMANTLE) BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Resumed from 5 April.

HON BOB THOMAS (South West) [9.10 pm]: This Bill is about turning back the clock to the 1960s and the bad old days when the car was paramount in all aspects of town planning. It is turning back the clock to an era in which the great Australian dream was to have a quarter acre block in the suburbs, further and further away from the centre of the city, and increasing reliance on the motor vehicle for transport. Essentially the previous Government came to the conclusion towards the end of the 1980s and in the early 1990s that the bypass road previously included in the metropolitan region scheme for Fremantle was no longer needed. Therefore, the reservation was removed by that Government in 1992, after extensive consultation. The previous Government first signalled its intention to do this in 1990, and it consulted widely with the people of Fremantle and all the residents of the surrounding local authority areas who might be affected. It consulted local government authorities and those who had vested interests. More than 1 000 submissions were received during the consultative process. Traffic studies were carried out which clearly indicated that this bypass road was no longer needed. The volume of traffic through Fremantle did not warrant the Fremantle bypass, which was planned to extend south from Stirling Highway through to the place at which the proposed Roe Highway would meet Hampton Road. However, the Liberal Party opposed that move at all stages. It fought by-elections and the 1993 election on the promise that it would reinstate the reserve. By the introduction of this Bill the Liberal Party is honouring one of its election promises. Lamentably, this promise should not be honoured.

Hon Peter Foss: You said we should honour all our promises.

Hon BOB THOMAS: No, I did not. This promise should not be implemented, and I am sure the majority of people in Fremantle would be happy if the Government did not implement it. In my view we do not need this bypass. Fremantle already has an eastern bypass road in Stock Road. Traffic travelling north on Stock Road can easily turn into Leach Highway and travel to the port from there, and traffic travelling south can go down Stirling Highway, turn left into Leach Highway and right into Stock Road. Stock Road is

about 2 km from Stirling Highway. It is not too much of an inconvenience for heavy traffic to be diverted from Fremantle to Stock Road. It is an underutilised bypass. Traffic studies have indicated there is no need for the reserve to be reinstated and my personal experience tells me that, although Stock Road is busy, it is relatively underutilised and could accommodate more traffic.

However, pressure on the Liberal Party is coming from two sources: The first is from surrounding local government authorities which object to any increase in traffic through their areas. Pressure is also being applied by residents of Hampton Road. That is a very busy road, with a lot of domestic traffic and a large amount of heavy traffic, such as sheep trucks, travelling to the port. With that volume of traffic, Hampton Road is certainly not a pleasant road on which to live, so I understand why the residents want something done about it. However, I do not think this Bill will do anything to help those residents. They will not receive any relief from the passing of this Bill because it simply reinstates the bypass reserve from Stirling Highway south to Roe Highway. It contains no attendant commitment to build that road. It will probably be decades before the road is built. The residents of Hampton Road will probably find the reinstatement of the reserve through this Bill will be counterproductive to their needs. The local government authorities will be less inclined to do anything to minimise traffic on Hampton Road because they will know that at some time in the future the bypass road will be built. The local authorities will see no need to do anything to reduce the volume of traffic on Hampton Road, and they will not take any measures to divert the traffic to Stock Road or to introduce any traffic calming techniques. Very little money will be invested in landscaping and improving Hampton Road. It will be a no win situation for the residents of Hampton Road. I think it will result in inertia and they will be worse off. The Government tried to have a dig at the previous Government in the second reading speech in which the Minister said -

The former Government stands condemned for removing the reservation by way of a minor amendment to the metropolitan region scheme. It deserves a severe indictment for taking this action against the advice of a range of Government agencies and without regard for the conventional role of the State Planning Commission, which is the agency charged with responsibility for the metropolitan region scheme.

That raises two issues of double standards by this Government. I will very briefly tell the House about the decisions of this Government which contradict the statements in that second reading speech. Firstly, it was said that the previous Government deserves a severe indictment for taking the action against the advice of a range of government agencies. I make an analogy with a situation that occurred in my electorate of South West Region. I have raised this issue in the House before, and it involves a drainage reserve on a farming property in Napier, near Albany. A private landholder has been using his farm for potato growing in the past and, as a result, needed to drain the peat swamp so that he could pursue that enterprise. Adjacent to his land was Crown land and a previous Government had created a drainage reserve through the Crown land to allow drainage of that property. That Crown land has subsequently been sold to a private landholder who is using it to farm sheep. The drainage reserve is 10 metres wide and 345 metres long. The first farmer has been given a lease on the drainage reserve. The peat swamp has been sinking and the farmer with the lease on the drainage reserve has been going into that drain and excavating it.

He has been excavating his drain and tipping the soil on either side of his drain, so he can run the water off his property. That has done two things: The passage of water is crumbling the walls and the drain is getting wider and wider; and the excavated soil on either side of this drain has undermined some of the vegetation on the farmer's property through which this reserve runs. The new farmer has had a lot of difficulty in getting action from government agencies to make sure that the farmer complies with the conditions of the lease. He has gone to the Albany Waterways Authority and the Department of Agriculture and asked for assistance. They have recommended to the Department of Lands that the reserve should not be allowed to drain the water onto this

farmer's property. For 18 months I have been asking questions in this Parliament about this drain. I asked the Minister for Lands why the Government did not take the expert advice of government agencies like the Albany Waterways Authority and the Department of Agriculture. The answer was that the Crown Law Department said not to take this expert advice. The experts say there is a problem, but this Government is not prepared to take that advice.

In the second reading speech the Minister condemned the previous Government for the same thing. He said that the previous Government did not take due regard of the conventional role of the State Planning Commission, which is the agency charged with responsibility for the metropolitan region scheme.

Another analogy in my own electorate involves an application for rezoning on a 16 hectare piece of coastal land at lot 401 Goode Beach, which is currently zoned rural. The proponents put up a rezoning application to the Albany Shire Council to develop it as special residential, so they could have 15 blocks on a 16 ha parcel of land which runs adjacent to the coast. A number of residents were opposed to that development and I took an active interest in the proponent's proposal and its passage through the council and the various government agencies. I appealed against the level of assessment which the Environmental Protection Authority had given it in 1989. That is how strongly I felt about the proposal. A consultative environmental review was undertaken, and it was decided that the rezoning proposal should be considered at the same time. After that report was completed the EPA said that country coastal planning was the responsibility of the Department of Planning and Urban Development and that the country coastal planning branch of DPUD would undertake an environmental assessment as a part of its planning assessment and that various conditions would be imposed.

The Minister for the Environment received a number of appeals against the EPA's recommendation that this rezoning be accepted, given a number of conditions set by the EPA. It was then left with the Minister for Planning, Richard Lewis, who introduced this Bill in the other place. That Minister received a report from the country coastal planning branch of his department recommending against the rezoning of lot 401 Goode Beach because of the environmental consequences of building activity on that very fragile dune system. His own department recommended against that rezoning. He did not then advise the Albany Shire that it should not go ahead with the advertising of that rezoning application. He approved the Albany Shire advertising that rezoning, and said that would allow everybody to have an input. A number of us were concerned and we lodged a freedom of information application to obtain a copy of the department's recommendation. That was knocked back. We appealed to the FOI commissioner and received a vetted copy of the department's recommendation to the Minister. Over one-third of that report had been excluded, so we appealed to the FOI commissioner and eventually received a complete copy of that report, which recommended against the rezoning of that block of land. The Minister tried to save face by saying that the commissioner gave the full report in the end because the Albany Shire Council had rejected the application for rezoning. However, the Albany Shire rejected that application because it had not been given the information it needed to make a proper decision.

It is hypocritical and a double standard for the Government to criticise the previous Government for acting without due regard for the conventional role of the State Planning Commission, which was the agency charged with the responsibility for this regional planning scheme. The Minister's second reading speech also referred to the situation under the previous Government as being illogical. He said -

As a result of the previous Government's ill-advised actions, a totally illogical situation now exists. There are highway reservations for Stirling Highway as far south as High Street, and for a southern highway from Rockingham and Kwinana as far north as Roe Highway, but there is no connection in between.

If this Bill is passed, we will have something far more illogical than what was left by the previous State Government. A bypass reserve will be created but it will not be built on

for decades. It will be sitting on the Statute books and people will be aware of it, but nothing will be happening.

Hon Peter Foss: That is what planning is all about.

Hon BOB THOMAS: It will not be built on for decades. It makes no sense to change the situation by passing this Bill -

Hon Peter Foss: That is what planning is all about.

Hon BOB THOMAS: I know what planning is all about. It makes no sense to put in a reserve when another bypass already exists; that is, Stock Road already is the eastern bypass for Fremantle. It makes no sense to create a reserve which will obstruct planning processes in Fremantle when there is already an underutilised, recognised eastern bypass.

Hon J.A. Scott: The western suburbs highway.

Hon BOB THOMAS: That is the road that should have gone through Dalkeith. This Bill will do nothing to improve transport in Fremantle and nothing to improve the planning decisions for Fremantle by both local and state governments.

HON PETER FOSS (East Metropolitan - Minister for Health) [9.31 pm]: I thank members for their contributions. I will pick up on the previous speaker's last point about planning, the fact that a road reserve may remain unconstructed for many years. Of course, the road reserve did stay for many years prior to being removed by the former Government. People have to start thinking that planning is not about changing colours on maps; it is about looking well into the future, often 20 or 30 years ahead.

Hon Bob Thomas: You are looking 20 years in the past.

Hon PETER FOSS: If we do not think in that way, we are wasting our time.

Hon E.J. Charlton: We might have been able to build on it if those opposite had not ripped all of the money out of the road system.

Hon PETER FOSS: One of the problems during the time of the Labor Government was that planning was turned into a process of changing colours on maps just before something was done. That is not planning. Planning is doing something today looking to the future. The changes made by this Government are those that will be implemented some years away. That is what planning is all about. The statement of Hon Bob Thomas that it is wrong that the road will not be built for some years is not a criticism; it is a verification of the process of planning, that what we are deciding is for the future. The sorts of things done by the previous Government, where it failed to plan for the future, were short-sighted. I commend the Bill to the House.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

#### *Committee*

The Deputy Chairman of Committees (Hon Cheryl Davenport) in the Chair; Hon Peter Foss (Minister for Health) in charge of the Bill.

#### **Clause 1: Short title -**

Hon BOB THOMAS: I must take issue with the comments just made by Hon Peter Foss. I understand that planning is about making decisions for the future. This is a decision for the past. There is no need for this road in the future. We already have an eastern bypass; that is, Stock Road. With this Bill a decision will be made which will have an adverse impact on the residents of Hampton Road now. State and local governments will not make decisions about traffic calming and how to minimise the traffic on Hampton Road now; nothing will be done.

Hon E.J. Charlton: What makes you think that?

Hon BOB THOMAS: The Minister will have the opportunity to tell us how he will help the people of Hampton Road once this Bill goes through. Planning blight will occur on Hampton Road. No decisions will be made on improving the traffic conditions on

Hampton Road. Masses of cars and trucks will still bomb up and down Hampton Road. Residents will be worse off, not better. This issue of an eastern bypass from Stirling Highway south to Roe Highway should be discarded now so that proper decisions can be made for the people living along Hampton Road. They will be better off, not worse off, without this reserve.

Hon J.A. SCOTT: Hon Bob Thomas is absolutely correct when he says that this is a back to the future Bill. The Minister has described planning as looking to the future. The Government has disregarded 11 studies into this area which looked for a futuristic way to deal with traffic problems. The Government occasionally recognises the fact that greenhouse gas emissions have increased by 30 per cent and photochemical smog has grown to much higher levels in Perth already. Yet the Government has disregarded the fact that Australia's import bill for petroleum will be about \$5.75b within the next decade.

Hon E.J. Charlton: It will not be if you have a few more strikes.

Hon J.A. SCOTT: I do not think that will matter. It will probably save the environment a little. Hon Eric Charlton is letting down his country supporters. With the high demand for agricultural petroleum products, the farmers will lose out to cars rushing around on major highways in the city of Perth, on white elephants like this reserve for a proposed highway. People will not be able to afford to fill up their fuel tanks. Instead of taking the advice of the south west area transit studies which the Government failed to bring forward at any stage in its reckoning in the reintroduction of this stupid scheme, which is far from futuristic, the Government chose to take a highway mentality without recognising a public transport link in the form of light rail to Rockingham and without recognising the additional 200 000 people who will live in the south west corridor. These people will have no way of travelling north other than along this very same highway which will cause the residents of Hampton Road and other roads great stress.

The truth about what happens when highways are built is that there is more car traffic. That feeds onto other roads, such as Hampton Road and every other road in Fremantle, which will be drowned in cars. This Government is short-sighted and has failed the people of Fremantle and areas south. Every local government in the area is totally opposed to this road. Each has more sense than this Government. The local governments do not want it. The only people who want it are the vindictive people opposite. A referendum which was based largely on the construction of the eastern bypass, in the form of the election, saw the Government being thrashed - the only seat in which the Labor Party candidate achieved a large gain in the vote - because the local people did not want the bypass. Yet the Government is foisting it on the people who did not want it merely to propagate the interests of the out of control Main Roads Department.

The south west area transit study pointed out that we needed to consider the land use involved around the area and have an imaginative look at incorporating public transport in the form of light rail. The Government has forgotten that a great deal of consultation had occurred with the community in the south metropolitan region about what they wanted in this area. The Labor Government completed a thorough study of that because of the opposition in the Fremantle area to a future dominated by car traffic, and it thoroughly consulted the community about what they wanted. However the Liberal-National Government, true to its patriarchal ways, has said that the community will get what it gives them no matter what they want. The Government thinks it knows better than the 11 traffic studies that have been conducted on the issue. It wants to give the area a road whether the community likes it or not because it based its election campaign on that. It is about time the Government recognised that that road will never be built. The money will not be there in 10 years when the opportunity comes to build it. At least \$500m worth of ancillary roads will be needed to support it. The reality will have struck home to this backward Government that it should be -

Hon E.J. Charlton interjected.

Hon J.A. SCOTT: The most backward of all government members laughs.

Hon E.J. Charlton: Your mate in Canberra has just offered \$450m to pull up a road in Sydney and replace it with more infrastructure, but we can't even get money here to repair the roads we have.

Hon J.A. SCOTT: Hon Eric Charlton should be looking to conserve fuel in this State.

Hon E.J. Charlton: Do you know the best way to conserve fuel?

Hon J.A. SCOTT: The best way to conserve fuel is to get people out of private cars.

Hon E.J. Charlton: The best way to conserve fuel is to have the efficient movement of traffic, which is not to have cars bogged down in the traffic all the time.

Hon J.A. SCOTT: Unfortunately, Hon Eric Charlton does not understand that proper planning conserves fuel; planning that does not consist of major highways but of putting people close to where they work and ensuring that the necessary amenities are within their area - integrated land use planning. Hon Eric Charlton laughs and shakes his head. That he can rattle it around so quickly just shows how empty it is. Unfortunately, this sort of person is in charge of transport in this State and is pushing for more private car use instead of using the little that rattles around inside his head to ensure that we conserve our fuel supplies for the reasons for which they should be most used, and to keep down the levels of pollution in this State.

This is an appalling Bill with nothing to recommend it. It cannot be counted as acceptable on a planning level, on a community needs basis, or on any criterion at all. It should be thrown out of this place onto the scrap heap where it belongs. Government members should consider what proper planning is really about; that is, looking to the future and taking into account the real needs of the community, rather than considering the needs of the Main Roads Department to grow its bureaucracy or pushing out into areas where the Government can help out its developer mates.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: This debate has been thoroughly canvassed in the Legislative Assembly and in this place. The proposal to reinstate the bypass through the Fremantle area fits in with the Government's policy trend we have seen. It might be described as a little boy's obsession with trucks; a fetish with heavy haulage vehicles and excitement generated by the mention of large trucks thundering through areas. Alternative forms of transport are not easy solutions. No-one is suggesting that they are the sorts of things that can be done overnight. However, the proposal to direct the vast sum of money necessary to build this road and provide the accompanying infrastructure is very much travelling along the wrong road. No doubt exists that we must do some very imaginative thinking about heavy haulage in particular, and the possibility of much more of it being carried by rail rather than road. Traditionally, the Minister has answered that it costs too much, whether it be the transport of fertiliser or the carriage of wheat through the metropolitan area. However, that is simply because the Minister is making totally inappropriate cost comparisons. The costings which have been done on road transport, and the hidden subsidies involved, more than outweigh -

Hon E.J. Charlton: What are the hidden subsidies?

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order!

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: Subsidies such as the cost of providing hospitals to deal with traffic accident victims.

Hon E.J. Charlton: Every new truck owner in the first year pays the Federal Government \$150 000.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order! The Minister.

*Point of Order*

Hon DOUG WENN: The Minister interjected. He asked a question but will not let the member answer. He is raving on like the lunatic he is.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (Hon Cheryl Davenport): There is no point of order. The Minister will have his opportunity to speak in this debate if he chooses.

*Debate Resumed*

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: I never object to the Minister's interjections because they are always useful -

Hon E.J. Charlton: You don't mind a truck owner having to pay \$150 000 a year to the Federal Government?

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: I know that the average owner-driver has a very tough time of it. However, we must consider the value of the land that is sacrificed in the building of the roads, the cost of maintaining those roads, and the cost of coping with road deaths. These are important factors which have not traditionally -

Hon E.J. Charlton: Get your federal mates to remove the 33¢ a litre excise.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: Calm down! We are well aware -

Hon E.J. Charlton: Will you assist me in trying to get the Federal Government to remove the 33¢ excise on rail fuel?

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order! The Minister for Transport will come to order.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: Certainly. If the Minister for Transport would like to approach the Opposition in a more rational manner and set out his arguments in full, it is well possible that we would want to assist him. I am trying to make the point now that study after detailed study states that the conventional wisdom adopted by the Government that road is cheaper than rail is based on a false premise and false analysis which excludes many of the costs that are inherent with the movement of traffic on roads. They include factors such as the decline in land values in surrounding areas, the costs involved in redressing the problems of greenhouse gas emissions and, as Hon Jim Scott said, the cost of road accidents, which is an enormous cost to the State's public health system, not to mention the lost income that results from such accidents. I do not pretend to be an expert on these matters; however, it is an area in which we need to do a lot more work. None of these matters has an easy solution. We must look at them more imaginatively. Instead of just skating across the surface and considering fuel tax and the demands on our roads, we must try to find other solutions.

Mr Scott also said that building more highways simply increases the amount of traffic. Some guffawing went on at this. There is nothing extraordinary in that concept. Indeed, it is a well established one; that is, the amount of traffic on roads will expand to fill the increased road surface. Every time we build a road we are encouraging heavy haulage and passenger transport from other forms of transport onto the roads.

Hon E.J. Charlton: Like what?

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: Rail, for a start.

Hon E.J. Charlton: Where is the railway line that goes from Fremantle to all the other points that freight is coming from?

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: As I say, these are not solutions that -

Hon E.J. Charlton: You did not do anything about changing the future.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: The Labor Government did a fair amount in terms of railway lines.

Hon E.J. Charlton: You closed some.

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: We closed some. We also reopened those in the most heavily populated metropolitan areas.

Hon E.J. Charlton: No freight!

Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: Certainly that job needs to be done, but one can do only so much during a term of office. Certainly, the amount achieved in terms of metropolitan transport was most significant. I do not deny much is still to be done in relation to heavy haulage and freight transport.

We are talking about putting into this project an enormous amount of money which could be better spent on more creative solutions. We also believe there is a fair degree of cynicism, particularly from the Minister for Planning, about the reintroduction of this bypass. There is no serious intention to build this, certainly in under 10 years, and the area will be infected with blight. The most important point is that we will not solve this heavy haulage problem in our cities simply by building more and more highways, because we will be encouraging more use of them and undermining those residential areas, particularly medium density areas which offer the sorts of lifestyles people wish to lead in areas where there is existing infrastructure, which saves government money. If we force people out of those areas into more distant areas we create even further expense for the Government to provide infrastructure. The Government should not be destroying the residential circle around our regional centre. It is also bad for the long term commercial and retail health of those regional centres to create those no go zones around them.

Clause put and passed.

Clauses 2 to 6 put and passed.

Title put and passed.

### *Report*

Bill reported, without amendment, and the report adopted.

### *Third Reading*

**HON PETER FOSS** (East Metropolitan - Minister for Health) [9.55 pm]: I move -

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and a division taken with the following result -

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Ayes (15)		
Hon George Cash	Hon Peter Foss	Hon M.D. Nixon
Hon E.J. Charlton	Hon P.R. Lightfoot	Hon B.M. Scott
Hon M.J. Criddle	Hon P.H. Lockyer	Hon W.N. Stretch
Hon B.K. Donaldson	Hon I.D. MacLean	Hon Derrick Tomlinson
Hon Max Evans	Hon N.F. Moore	Hon Muriel Patterson ( <i>Teller</i> )
Noes (12)		
Hon T.G. Butler	Hon John Halden	Hon J.A. Scott
Hon J.A. Cowdell	Hon A.J.G. MacTiernan	Hon Bob Thomas
Hon Cheryl Davenport	Hon Mark Nevill	Hon Doug Wenn
Hon N.D. Griffiths	Hon Sam Piantadosi	Hon Tom Helm ( <i>Teller</i> )

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Question thus passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

## **MOTION - STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

### *Report on Standing Orders Chapter 10 Amendment, Be Adopted*

The Chairman of Committees (Hon Barry House) in the Chair.

Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON: I move -

That the recommendations of the Standing Orders Committee be agreed to.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The Opposition has no objection to the report of the Standing Orders Committee, and consequently supports the motion.

### *Report*

Report of Committee adopted.



**ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE - SPECIAL**

On motion by Hon George Cash (Leader of the House), resolved -

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 27 September 1994.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE - ORDINARY**

**HON GEORGE CASH** (North Metropolitan - Leader of the House) [10.01 pm]: I move -

That the House do now adjourn.

*Adjournment Debate - League of Rights, Influence on Liberal Party*

**HON N.D. GRIFFITHS** (East Metropolitan) [10.02 pm]: Before the House adjourns, it should note the disappointment of many people in Western Australia, and Australia generally, with the members of the Liberal Party in this House in failing to stand up for their federal leader, Mr Downer. Earlier today in a debate on the League of Rights, members opposite had an opportunity to do more than declare loyalty to the chief number cruncher in the party.

Hon George Cash: Do you have any comprehension of what you have just done in losing the by-election in your electorate?

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: A number of members opposite made it clear to members on this side of the House, although not in *Hansard*, that they were members of the Crichton-Browne faction. I do not want to name members who said they belonged to that faction -

Several members interjected.

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: However, I will name members who said they were not members of that faction.

Hon George Cash: Poor Mr Foss was roped in this afternoon.

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: Hon Derrick Tomlinson, a gentleman whose integrity I admire, does not belong to the Crichton-Browne faction. To be fair, the member sitting next to him, Hon Barbara Scott, was somewhat mute during the course of that debate.

Several members interjected.

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: I will not talk about Hon Peter Foss as I said that I would not mention the Crichton-Browne faction; I will not talk about Hon Max Evans, Hon Norman Moore or Hon George Cash.

Hon I.D. MacLean: You are a clown!

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: And I will not talk about the clown who dares to interrupt. However, it is incumbent on me to indicate the act of disloyalty on the part of members opposite in not standing up to be counted alongside their federal leader - the man who demands so much respect in Australia! I refer, of course, to the federal member for Mayo, not the member for things that batter.

Hon N.F. Moore: He has been on the chardonnay.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: That is a little too slippery for Mr Foss to follow.

Mr Downer was quoted in *The Australian* of 5 September referring to an organisation, the existence of which no member opposite knows. Mr Honey, the President of the Liberal Party, says that not only do they not know of its existence, but they also have nothing to do with it.

Hon John Halden: That is not quite true.

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: I do not want to argue about that.

Hon Peter Foss: Do you know any League of Rights people?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS: I am probably looking at some. Mr Downer - what an interesting name - is quoted in that newspaper as follows -

Infiltration of the Liberal Party by the ultra-conservative League of Rights was of concern and should be investigated, the Leader of the federal Opposition, Mr Downer, said yesterday. . . .

Asked on Channel 9's Sunday program whether it concerned him that the league had infiltrated the Liberal Party, Mr Downer said: "It does, yes. It does concern me.

This is a classic Downerism. The quote continues -

I don't know the extent to which that has gone on over the years . . . but it does concern me."

He said it was "certainly an issue to look at".

He is a concerned bloke, who is on a downer. I am pleased that Hon George Cash indicated that Mr Downer has perhaps got it wrong. Mr Honey said that he did not have to look at this issue, but I thought the Western Australian branch of the Liberal Party was loyal to its federal leader.

However, the last word on this subject should come from the League of Rights. An article in *The Australian* of 6 September by D.D. McNicoll was headed "Link with Libs offensive, says League leader". It reads -

Far from attempting to infiltrate the Liberal Party, the League of Rights believed the party was in "terminal decay" and found it "offensive" to be associated with it . . .

Members opposite must be a sorry mob if the League of Rights find them offensive.

HON JOHN HALDEN (South Metropolitan - Leader of the Opposition) [10.06 pm]: I could not resist this opportunity to conclude my speech which was so rudely interrupted by members opposite through the brutal use of numbers earlier today. I shall continue my line of the association between the League of Rights and the Liberal Party.

Hon E.J. Charlton: I thought you did enough damage to yourself this afternoon.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The Minister should take his tablet and go back to sleep. He should talk to Hon Iain MacLean sitting behind him, as he is of the same intellect.

Hon E.J. Charlton: I would not like to be in your class, that's for sure.

Hon I.D. MacLean: At least we can win by-elections.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: I now refer to an article by a gentleman who is not, I believe, pro-League of Rights. He wrote -

Liberals must chose their friends carefully. In many of the wars we wage, particularly in defence of democracy and civil liberties, the sort of extreme conservatives who belong to the League of Rights are our natural allies.

That point is worth emphasising.

Hon N.D. Griffiths: Does he mean the National Party?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: This is not the National Party, believe me!

As I indicated this afternoon, and as Hon Nick Griffiths carefully pointed out, if the Liberal Party is indicating federally that the League of Rights association is a threat to the party, and if people within the party are saying that the leading number cruncher in the party in this State is associated seemingly with the League of Rights, that needs to be investigated.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: I am not involved at all; it is not true!

Several members interjected.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Members opposite clearly do not like it when these points are made. One cannot but notice how they squeal, yell and perform. They do not like it. In the game of numbers, this is probably a very rich reserve of support for Senator Crichton-Browne. When numbers are required, a fertile ground is the League of Rights, which is little concerned about civil liberties and wants democracy only for the landed class. That is the danger which the Liberal Party is heading towards at this moment. We have heard all members opposite talk about why they want non-compulsory voting. It perhaps makes one wonder who is pushing the horse -

Hon Peter Foss: The horse?

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Yes. That is about all we can call the League of Rights - a horse, an old mule. I will quote a little more from this article -

Liberals, by and large, believe in enlarging the scope of individual liberty: they usually believe that this advances the public good; but, principally, they support individual freedom because it is right and just. Conservatives may give limited support to the autonomy of the individual from the State, but, in the final analysis, believe that the public good may best be served by the contraction of individual liberty and State intervention - be it in a moral, economic, or a social sphere.

It is most appropriate for a House of this Parliament to discuss an organisation which the federal parliamentary leader of the Liberal Party believes needs to be investigated to establish the extent to which it has infiltrated the Liberal Party - particularly an organisation with the philosophy that this one has.

Hon Peter Foss: One would have to be a nut case to join the League of Rights.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The Minister should be very careful in saying that from where he is sitting, bearing in mind some of the persons in Western Australia who are in the Australian League of Rights.

Hon Peter Foss: Do you think they may have a go at me? They supported Gaddafi as well, and he is on your side. You look like Gaddafi.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: Is that right?

Hon Peter Foss: Guilt by association.

Hon JOHN HALDEN: The situation today requires, as I said in the previous debate, which was curtailed by the rules, that the Liberal Party show its true colours in regard to this matter. Will it be serious about this matter in Western Australia? All it has to do is carry out an investigation. If the senator involved has no links and has not been using League of Rights numbers, then justify that position.

HON GEORGE CASH (North Metropolitan - Leader of the House) [10.13 pm]: There is an old saying that he protesteth too much.

Hon N.D. Griffiths interjected.

Hon GEORGE CASH: We have just about had enough from the chardonnay kid tonight. I do not know what he had for dinner, but clearly he added something to it. I have never heard before in this place the Labor Party take so much interest in the ongoing management and maintenance of the Liberal Party. It is absolutely fantastic that the Labor Party should have such a concern for our Party. All this talk today is really nothing more than a shield for members opposite to try to defend themselves from the loss that they suffered on the weekend. I am not surprised that Hon Nick Griffiths should enter the debate, because one would assume that he was at the afternoon tea a week or so ago with one of the branches of the Australian League of Rights in his electorate. That afternoon tea was called by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Ian Taylor.

Hon T.G. Butler interjected.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Earlier tonight, Hon Tom Butler got a bit worried when we kept

hearing about a Mr Butler who runs the League of Rights. He wanted that put right! The question that needs to be asked, and, indeed, the question that needs to be answered, is was Hon Griffiths at the afternoon tea.

Hon Mark Nevill: I thought it was a morning tea.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Was it? I do not know. Was Hon Nick Griffiths there?

Hon N.D. Griffiths: They did not turn up.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Why not? Did the member try to disown them? Did the member object to his leader inviting the League of Rights to that morning or afternoon tea?

Hon N.D. Griffiths: I did not invite the League of Rights to any morning tea.

Hon GEORGE CASH: Has the member said that he did not attend either the morning or afternoon tea, whichever it was?

Hon N.D. Griffiths: I do not have morning or afternoon tea. It is not my custom to have morning or afternoon tea, save in this place.

Hon John Halden: Hon Nick Griffiths is running away from the question. The question is whether Noel Crichton-Browne is involved in the League of Rights.

Hon N.F. Moore: He is not; I can tell you now.

Hon GEORGE CASH: We now have Hon Nick Griffiths unsure of whether he attended the morning or afternoon tea. I do not know what is his association with the League of Rights, but I do know that the federal member for Kalgoorlie admits that he has addressed the League of Rights. We know that Hon Ian Taylor, the Leader of the Opposition in this State, a week or so ago invited one of the branches or divisions of the Australian League of Rights to either a morning or afternoon tea. Is it a case of we will develop some guilt for anyone who associates with anyone else in this State, because if that is the way we are going, who will be next? Whose initials will appear on the next anonymous document? It is a crazy situation. Today, the Leader of the Opposition, assisted by some of his colleagues, attempted to associate some members of the Liberal Party with the Australian League of Rights. It was very much guilt by association. It was very much a case of using an anonymous public document -

Hon Bob Thomas: Do you deny that the League of Rights has influence over some of your members?

Hon GEORGE CASH: Absolutely. I said earlier that the President of the Liberal Party had given me the authority to come here and deny the scurrilous allegations that have been made by the Labor Party. The fact is that somehow the senator for Western Australia, Noel Crichton-Browne, is said, by using guilt by association, to have some relationship with the League of Rights. I have never heard of that before, and I do not believe it to be a fact. I am sure that in due course the senator himself will deny that malicious allegation. It is interesting that clearly we have set a new standard in this place, because now any member can come in here and say anything without any supporting evidence or documentation, and get away with it. If they are the rules, two can play the same game, and there will always be a loser.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 10.19 pm*

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### ABORIGINES - REMOTE COMMUNITIES, FUNDING

1. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Will funds be allocated within the current financial year to respond to the urgent needs identified by the Aboriginal Social Justice Task Force for emergency finance to improve living standards and health in remote Aboriginal communities?
- (2) If yes, what funds will be allocated for which programs?
- (3) If not, why not?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

- (1) \$4m has been allocated to address certain specific immediate priorities arising out of the recommendations of the Task Force on Aboriginal Social Justice. The report of the task force identified that at a conservative estimate the State Government provides approximately \$400m a year for specific and mainstream services to Aboriginal people. This is in addition to \$136m provided by ATSIC, and funds from other Commonwealth agencies. Now that this information is available to government for the first time, there is the opportunity during the coming year to ensure that funds are directed to those people and communities where the need is greatest.

- (2) In the first instance, \$3m will be provided for a new environmental health program. Some variations are possible, but the approximate allocation will be as follows -

Aboriginal environmental health workers	\$750 000
Minor capital repairs and education services	\$1 500 000
Contracted environmental health officers' services	\$750 000

There is a possibility of matched funding from the Commonwealth for part or all of this funding, which would enable expansion of the Aboriginal environmental health officer program and capital works funding. A further \$1m will be provided for establishment of the new Aboriginal Affairs Department, consultative processes such as the new Commission of Elders, and other immediate priority programs.

- (3) Not applicable.

### LEEUEWIN-NATURALISTE NATIONAL PARK - FIRE

111. Hon GRAHAM EDWARDS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) In view of the devastation to 500 ha of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste national park will the Minister initiate an investigation into all aspects of the burn which was started on Sussex location 1362 Hamelin Bay on 2 May 1994, with particular emphasis on -
  - (a) why the burn took place despite a current resolution of the Karridale Bush Fire Brigade not to support such a burn;
  - (b) whether the Karridale Bush Fire Brigade was in attendance at the burn;
  - (c) why, despite the well documented danger of a burn on the block, the local coastal area fire lieutenant was not advised of the burn;

- (d) why the Department of Conservation and Land Management and neighbours were not advised or given adequate notice of the burn;
  - (e) whether the Bush Fires Act, regulations or burning conditions were offended against; and
  - (f) all other matters relevant to the fire.
- (2) Will the Minister advise this House of the results of the inquiry?
- (3) If the Minister will not initiate an inquiry, why not?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

- (1) (a) Both the Bush Fires Board and the Department of Conservation and Land Management have investigated the circumstances surrounding the burn which was conducted by the land owner of location 1362 on 2 May 1994. These investigations found that the timeframe of the burn was outside the restricted burning time and was not an illegal burn.
- (b) Volunteers from the Karridale volunteer brigade were in attendance at the burn-off.
- (c)-(d) Given that the burn-off was outside the restricted period, the land owner was not obliged under the Bush Fires Act to notify the nearest fire control officer.
- (e) Given that the burn-off was outside the restricted period, the burn-off did not break any conditions of the Bush Fires Act or its regulations.
- (f) As a result of the inquiry, a number of recommendations will be forwarded to the Bush Fires Board's Legislative Review Committee for consideration when it convenes in October 1994 to prevent a recurrence of such fire escapes.

(2)-(3) Not applicable.

**EDUCATION - MARITIME AND MARINE STUDIES FACILITIES,  
ROCKINGHAM, FREMANTLE, COCKBURN AREA**

152. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the Government established centres for maritime studies and marine engineering in the Rockingham-Fremantle-Cockburn area?
- (2) If yes, what level of funding has been provided?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Facilities for the provision of maritime and marine studies in the Rockingham-Fremantle-Cockburn area were established under previous governments.
- (2) Not applicable.

**PRISONS - BANDYUP, SELF-CARE UNIT CLOSURE  
*Canning Vale, Workshops, Sport and Computer Facilities***

195. Hon T.G. BUTLER to the Minister for Health representing the Attorney General:

- (1) What indoor and outdoor sport and recreational games and facilities, workshops, and computer facilities are available to prisoners in Canning Vale Prison?
- (2) What indoor and outdoor sport and recreational games and facilities, workshops, and computer facilities are available to prisoners at Bandyup Prison?
- (3) For what reason was the self-care unit at Bandyup Prison closed and is it intended to reopen it at sometime in the future?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

(1) Recreational games and facilities - indoor and outdoor -

- Isometric exercises
- Boxing
- Skipping
- Table tennis
- Pool
- Videos
- Badminton
- Indoor soccer
- Volleyball
- Darts
- Music
- Cricket
- Board games
- Soccer
- Touch rugby
- Cricket
- Volleyball
- Baseball
- Australian Rules football
- Rugby League
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Softball

Workshops -

- Automotive repair shop
- Cabinet shop
- Concrete products
- Metal shop
- Paint shop
- Upholstery shop
- Laundry
- Market garden

Additional employment or development opportunities are provided by a cleaning party, education centre, skills development, library and the soon to be completed kitchen.

Computer facilities -

Eight computer terminals are provided in the education centre.

(2) Recreational games and facilities - indoor and outdoor -

- Gymnasium
- Activity rooms with televisions, one with a pool table
- Craft sessions (various)
- Aerobics
- Board games
- Bingo
- Videos
- Musical equipment
- Library
- Multifunctional areas for softball, netball, badminton, volleyball, organised sporting activities and general recreation
- Tennis
- Swimming pool
- Basketball
- Walking track

**Workshops -****Textiles workshop**

Additional employment or development opportunities are provided through gardening, kitchen, laundry, library and general cleaning duties

**Computer facilities -**

Five computer terminals are located in the education centre.

- (3) The self-care units were partially closed due to the high cost of operation. It is expected the area will be fully operational in a matter of months when new staffing arrangements are put into place.

**FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES UNION - MANNING LEVELS,  
GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT**

196. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

With reference to a paper by the now Chief Officer, K.M. Castlehow, "Fire Defence, future directions", P 10, 15/1/90 -

- (1) Is it correct that an agreement has been reached between the Western Australian Government and the Fire Brigade Employees Union which establishes a safe and effective minimum number of firefighters which can be mobilised during any roster?
- (2) Does the Government still honour this agreement?
- (3) If yes to part (2), why has the Geraldton fire station been permitted to operate on a roster of one officer and two firefighters, and in some cases two firefighters without an officer, when the agreement establishes a safe minimum standard of one officer and three firefighters?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that in the case of one member of a two man roster becoming unavailable without warning that the remaining firefighter may be required to attend a fire or incident alone?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Emergency Services has provided the following reply -

- (1) The document to which the member refers was an internal memorandum to firefighters written by the then Assistant Chief Officer Metropolitan Mr Castlehow introducing himself as the new ACO for the metropolitan area. It was not an official paper. The views contained in this memorandum were the personal views of Mr Castlehow. I understand that an agreement was reached by the Western Australian Fire Brigades Board and the United Firefighters Union in the 1980s to increase manning levels by one firefighter at permanent fire stations.
- (2) Yes. The increased manning program is still proceeding.
- (3) The present Government operates exactly the same as the previous Government in that the then Minister for Emergency Services directed the brigade to operate within its budget allocations. This directive has been reiterated by the Premier to chief executive officers of government agencies. There was never an agreement to maintain one officer and three firefighters automatically at all times as the same minimum standard. Chief Officer's Standing Orders specifically state the decision is subject to the chief officer's approval. As the station officer may be out of the fire district on brigade business or off duty, one officer and three



firefighters staffing levels are impossible to achieve 100 per cent of the time. The brigade has the capability - paging system - to notify the volunteer contingent of the fire station should it be required. However, if the incident is of such consequence that further support is required, then off duty permanent firefighters may be called back on overtime.

- (4) It is not correct that only one firefighter would be required to attend a fire alone at Geraldton as alluded to in the question. The station staff are authorised to have a person to be "called back" on overtime at short notice. This is an established procedure which has occurred in the past. In addition, the firefighting force is also made up of volunteers who are trained by permanent firefighters and available for incident response. The firefighters on the station can alert volunteers by telephone and/or paging system. The member has been invited to provide me with details of a situation where one firefighter has attended a fire incident alone and I shall have this investigated. To this day, the member has not given me any such information.

**SCHOOLS - AUSTRALIND HIGH**  
*Administration Block, Completion*

200. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the administration block at Australind High School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

The information sought in questions on notice numbered 200 to 281 inclusive, 336 to 339 inclusive, 351 and 352, with variables 2-7 identical, would have required considerable research, involving the removal of a substantial number of personnel from their roles for a period of between six and eight weeks and I am not prepared to allocate resources for this purpose. If the member has a specific problem relative to any of the matters raised in the 88 identical budgetary questions above, I will be pleased to respond.

**SCHOOLS - BELRIDGE HIGH**  
*Stage 2, Completion*

201. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has stage 2 at Belridge High School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COODANUP HIGH**  
*Additional Stage, Completion*

202. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the additional stage at Coodanup High School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - LAKELAND HIGH**  
*Stage 2, Completion*

203. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has stage 2 at Lakeland High School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - BALCATTIA HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

204. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Balcatta High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CHURCHLANDS HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

205. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Churchlands High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COLLIE HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

206. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Collie High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CRAIGIE HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

207. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Craigie High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - JOHN FORREST HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

208. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at John Forrest High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?

- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MT LAWLEY HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

209. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Mt Lawley High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TOM PRICE HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

210. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Tom Price High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - DENMARK DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

211. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Denmark District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?

- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - DONNYBROOK DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

212. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Donnybrook District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - KUNUNURRA DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

213. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Kununurra District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MEEKATHARRA DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

214. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Meekatharra District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

215. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Morawa District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - WONGAN HILLS DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

216. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Wongan Hills District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MORAWA AGRICULTURAL**  
*Hostel, Completion*

217. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the hostel at Morawa Agricultural School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CANNING VALE PRIMARY, COMPLETION**

218. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new Canning Vale Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?

- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CLARKSON PRIMARY, COMPLETION**

219. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new Clarkson Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - EAST WARNBRO PRIMARY, COMPLETION**

220. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new East Warnbro Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - JOONDALUP PRIMARY, COMPLETION**

221. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new Joondalup Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - HANNANS PRIMARY, KALGOORLIE, COMPLETION**

222. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new Hannans Primary School in Kalgoorlie been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - PARKFIELD PRIMARY, NORTH AUSTRALIND, COMPLETION**

223. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new Parkfield Primary School in North Australind been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - SOUTH BALLAJURA PRIMARY, COMPLETION**

224. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new South Ballajura Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - WEST ARMADALE PRIMARY, COMPLETION**

225. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new West Armadale Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?



- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - YANGEBUP PRIMARY**  
*Stage 2, Completion*

226. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has Yangebup Primary School stage 2 been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - ADAM ROAD PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

227. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Adam Road Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - BINDOON PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

228. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Bindoon Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CHURCHLANDS PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

229. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Churchlands Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COOINDA PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

230. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Cooinda Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - DUNSBOROUGH PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

231. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Dunsborough Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - HERNE HILL PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

232. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Herne Hill Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?

- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - INGLEWOOD PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

233. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Inglewood Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - WOODLUPINE PRIMARY**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

234. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Woodlupine Primary School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CANNING COLLEGE**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

235. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Canning Senior College referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?

- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TUART SENIOR COLLEGE**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

236. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Tuart Senior College referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADES, COMPLETION**

237. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the communications upgrades referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COVERED ASSEMBLY AREAS, COMPLETION**

238. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the covered assembly areas referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CYRIL JACKSON SENIOR CAMPUS**

*Works, Completion*

239. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the works at the Cyril Jackson Senior Campus referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - NORTH LAKE SENIOR CAMPUS**

*Works, Completion*

240. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the works at the North Lake Senior Campus referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRES**

*Works, Completion*

241. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the works at the education support centres referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - SPORTS HALLS-PERFORMING ARTS WORKS, COMPLETION**

242. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the works on sports halls/performing arts referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?

- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TOILET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, COMPLETION**

243. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the toilet replacement program referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - GROUND DEVELOPMENT WORKS, COMPLETION**

244. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the ground development works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - SECURITY ALARMS SYSTEM WORKS, COMPLETION**

245. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the security alarms system works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - SEWER CONNECTION WORKS, COMPLETION**

246. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the sewer connection works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - FULL TIME PREPRIMARY PROGRAM**  
*Completion*

247. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the full time preprimary program referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - BALCATT A HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

248. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Balcatta High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - BRIDGETOWN HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

249. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Bridgetown High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - DENMARK AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

250. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Denmark Agricultural College referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - GIRRAWHEEN HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

251. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Girrawheen High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - HOLLYWOOD HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

252. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Hollywood High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?



- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - KENT STREET HIGH**

*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

253. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Kent Street High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - LEEMING HIGH**

*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

254. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Leeming High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - LYNWOOD HIGH**

*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

255. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Lynwood High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?

- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MELVILLE HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

256. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Melville High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MORLEY HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

257. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Morley High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - NARROGIN HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

258. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Narrogin High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - PINJARRA HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

259. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Pinjarra High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - SWANVIEW HIGH**  
*Secondary Schools Refurbishment Element, Completion*

260. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the secondary schools refurbishment element at Swanview High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - BALLAJURA HIGH**  
*Stage 1, Completion*

261. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has Ballajura High School stage 1 been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COONDANUP HIGH**  
*Stage 3, Completion*

262. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has Coodanup High School stage 3 been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?

- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - HARVEY AGRICULTURAL**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

263. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Harvey Agricultural School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MARGARET RIVER HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

264. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Margaret River High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MT LAWLEY HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

265. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements at Mt Lawley High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?

(7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

266. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Have the additions and improvements at Toodyay District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?

(2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?

(3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?

(4) Has there been any delay in this project?

(5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?

(6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?

(7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - YANCHEP DISTRICT HIGH**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

267. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Have the additions and improvements at Yanchep District High School referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?

(2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?

(3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?

(4) Has there been any delay in this project?

(5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?

(6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?

(7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - NARROGIN AGRICULTURAL**  
*Principal's Accommodation, Completion*

268. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Has the principal's accommodation at Narrogin Agricultural School been completed?

(2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?

(3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?

(4) Has there been any delay in this project?

(5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?

(6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?

(7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - GWYNNE PARK PRIMARY**  
*Additional Stage, Completion*

269. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the additional stage at Gwynne Park Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MIDDLE SWAN PRIMARY**  
*Additional Stage, Completion*

270. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the additional stage at Middle Swan Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MT TARCOOLA PRIMARY**  
*Additional Stage, Completion*

271. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the additional stage at Mt Tarcoola Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - WAGGRAKINE PRIMARY**  
*Additional Stage, Completion*

272. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the additional stage at Waggrakine Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?

- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - MEEKATHARRA SCHOOL OF THE AIR**  
*Additions and Improvements, Completion*

273. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the additions and improvements to Meekatharra School of the Air been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - ADMINISTRATION UPGRADES, COMPLETION**

274. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new administration upgrades referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CANTEEN WORKS, COMPLETION**

275. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new canteen works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - GROUND DEVELOPMENT WORKS, COMPLETION**

276. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new ground development works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CARNARVON**  
*Air Conditioning Works, Completion*

277. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new air conditioning works at Carnarvon schools referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS**  
*Air Cooling Works, Completion*

278. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new works on the air cooling of temporary classrooms referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.



**COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTELS AUTHORITY - DORMITORIES,  
ALBANY**

*Upgrading and Extension Work, Completion*

279. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the upgrading and extension work to the Country High School Hostels Authority dormitories at Albany been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL HOSTELS AUTHORITY - DORMITORIES,  
NARROGIN**

*Upgrading and Extension Work, Completion*

280. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the upgrading and extension work to the Country High School Hostels Authority dormitories at Narrogin been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TRANSPORTABLE CLASSROOMS, COMPLETION**

281. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the six transportable classrooms referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - ARMADALE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

299. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Armadale education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(3) The information sought in questions on notice numbered 299 to 328 inclusive, identical in each case except for variable 1, would have required considerable research, involving the removal of a substantial number of personnel from their roles for a period of between six and eight weeks and I am not prepared to allocate resources for this purpose. If the member has a specific problem relative to any of the matters raised in the 30 identical budgetary questions above, I will be pleased to respond.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - DARLING RANGE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

300. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Darling Range education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - GERALDTON  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

301. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Geraldton education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NORTH AND  
SOUTH HEDLAND EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

302. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the North and South Hedland education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?

(3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - KALGOORLIE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

303. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Was the Budget allocation for the Kalgoorlie education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?

(2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?

(3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - KARRATHA  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

304. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Was the Budget allocation for the Karratha education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?

(2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?

(3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - KIMBERLEY  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

305. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Was the Budget allocation for the Kimberley education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?

(2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?

(3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - PERTH SOUTH  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

306. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

(1) Was the Budget allocation for the Perth south education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?

(2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?

(3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - THORNIE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

307. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Thornlie education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - OPERATIONS  
BRANCH**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

308. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Operations Branch increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - ALBANY  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

309. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Albany education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - BUNBURY  
NORTH AND SOUTH EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

310. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Bunbury north and south education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - COCKBURN  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

311. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Cockburn education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - ESPERANCE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

312. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Esperance education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MANJIMUP  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

313. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Manjimup education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MELVILLE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

314. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Melville education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - PEEL  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

315. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Peel education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SWANBOURNE  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

316. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Swanbourne education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - WILLETTON  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

317. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Willetton education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SOCIAL JUSTICE  
BRANCH**  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

318. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Social Justice Branch increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - BALGA  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

319. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Balga education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - BAYSWATER  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

320. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Bayswater education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - DIANELLA  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

321. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Dianella education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JOONDALUP  
EDUCATION DISTRICT**

*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

322. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Joondalup education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MERREDIN  
EDUCATION DISTRICT  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

323. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Merredin education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MOORA  
EDUCATION DISTRICT  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

324. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Moora education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NARROGIN  
EDUCATION DISTRICT  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

325. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Narrogin education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NORTHAM  
EDUCATION DISTRICT  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease*

326. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Northam education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

I refer the member to question on notice 299.



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SCARBOROUGH  
EDUCATION DISTRICT  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease***

327. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Scarborough education district increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SCHOOLS  
IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BRANCH  
*Budget Allocation, Increase or Decrease***

328. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Was the Budget allocation for the Schools Improvement and Accountability Branch increased or decreased in last year's Budget compared with the previous year's Budget?
- (2) By what amount was there an increase or decrease?
- (3) What were the major reasons for that increase or decrease?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3) I refer the member to question on notice 299.

**TUART COLLEGE - WORKS, COMPLETION**

336. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new works at Tuart College referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - TOILET REPLACEMENT WORKS, COMPLETION**

337. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new toilet replacement works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - COVERED ASSEMBLY AREAS, WORKS COMPLETION**

338. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the new covered assembly areas referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA -  
COMMUNICATION UPGRADE WORKS, COMPLETION**

339. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the new communication upgrade works referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any overexpenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**PROSTITUTION - AND CONTAINMENT POLICY, GOVERNMENT  
CONSIDERATION**

346. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Has the issue of prostitution and the "containment policy" been considered by the Government?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, what is the Government's view of the policy?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

(1) No.

(2)-(3)

The former Commissioner of Police had advised me of police concerns in relation to inadequacies and difficulties with the existing legislation and the containment policy. Options for appropriate legislative amendments have been sought and will be examined and considered in due course.

**CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - KUNUNURRA LIBRARY, WORKS  
COMPLETION**

351. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Have the works at the Kununurra Library referred to in the 1993-94 capital works program been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any over-expenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**SCHOOLS - CLARKSON PRIMARY**  
*Additional Stage, Completion*

352. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the additional stage at Clarkson Primary School been completed?
- (2) If so, what was the cost of the project this year?
- (3) If not, when is it expected to be completed and at what cost?
- (4) Has there been any delay in this project?
- (5) If yes, why, and what are the likely cost implications?
- (6) Has there been any over-expenditure incurred on this project to date?
- (7) If so, what was the additional expenditure for and what was the amount?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7) I refer the member to question on notice 200.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - FINANCIAL RECORDS,  
COMPUTERISED**

381. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 33 of 1994 -

- (1) Are the financial records of the Ministry of Premier and Cabinet computerised?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, why is considerable research required to answer question 33?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - FINANCIAL RECORDS,  
COMPUTERISED**

382. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 34 of 1994 -

- (1) Are the financial records of the Office of State Administration computerised?

(2) If not, why not?

(3) If so, why does it require considerable research to answer question 34?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - FINANCIAL RECORDS, COMPUTERISED**

383. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 35 of 1994 -

(1) Are the financial records of GoldCorp computerised?

(2) If not, why not?

(3) If so, why does it require considerable research to answer question 35?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**BANK OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LTD - FINANCIAL RECORDS, COMPUTERISED**

384. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 36 of 1994 -

(1) Are the financial records of the Bank of Western Australia Ltd (formerly the R & I) computerised?

(2) If not, why not?

(3) If so, why does it require considerable research to answer question 36?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - FINANCIAL RECORDS, COMPUTERISED**

385. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 37 of 1994 -

(1) Are the financial records of the Treasury Department computerised?

(2) If not, why not?

(3) If so, why does it require considerable research to answer question 37?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media

organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - FINANCIAL RECORDS, COMPUTERISED**

386. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 38 of 1994 -

- (1) Are the financial records of the Western Australian Government Holdings computerised?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, why is considerable research required to answer question 38?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - FINANCIAL RECORDS, COMPUTERISED**

387. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to question on notice 39 of 1994 -

- (1) Are the financial records of the Western Australian Tourism Commission computerised?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, why is considerable research required to answer question 39?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Details are unable to be supplied on payments to individual media organisations. This information is managed by Media Decisions WA, which won the Government's media contract through public tender.

**CARR, DAVID - GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENTS**

419. Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Is Mr David Carr, the Government's consultant on the City of Perth break-up, currently engaged in any capacity by any State Government department, instrumentality or agency?
- (2) If yes, what work is Mr Carr involved in?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

- (1) Mr David Carr is not currently engaged by any department or agency within my portfolio responsibility.
- (2) Not applicable.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - BODIES ADMINISTERED; ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE; POSITIONS**

451. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Primary Industry:

With respect to the Minister's department and to each of the bodies administered within that department -

- (1) What are the bodies administered within the department?
- (2) What is the current organisational structure of his department and those bodies?
- (3) What are the senior executive service positions within his department and those bodies?
- (4) What are the other senior positions within his department and those bodies?
- (5) What are the policy adviser positions within his department and those bodies?
- (6) What are the public relations positions within his department and those bodies?
- (7) With respect to each of the above mentioned positions -
  - (a) who holds those positions;
  - (b) what is their period of service within the Public Service or in employment by the Government or contracted to the Government;
  - (c) what were their previous positions held within the Public Service or in employment by the Government or contracted to the Government and the dates for which they were held;
  - (d) what was their experience immediately prior to entering the Public Service or contracting with Government; and
  - (e) are they presently on contract and what is the date of expiry of that contract?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Primary Industry has provided the following reply -

The information sought would require considerable research and I am not prepared to allocate resources for this purpose.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - BODIES  
ADMINISTERED; ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE; POSITIONS**

452. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Fisheries:

With respect to the Minister's department and to each of the bodies administered within that department -

- (1) What are the bodies administered within the department?
- (2) What is the current organisational structure of his department and those bodies?
- (3) What are the senior executive service positions within his department and those bodies?
- (4) What are the other senior positions within his department and those bodies?
- (5) What are the policy adviser positions within his department and those bodies?
- (6) What are the public relations positions within his department and those bodies?
- (7) With respect to each of the above mentioned positions -
  - (a) who holds those positions;
  - (b) what is their period of service within the Public Service or

in employment by the Government or contracted to the Government;

- (c) what were their previous positions held within the Public Service or in employment by the Government or contracted to the Government and the dates for which they were held;
- (d) what was their experience immediately prior to entering the Public Service or contracting with Government; and
- (e) are they presently on contract and what is the date of expiry of that contract?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Primary Industry has provided the following reply -

The information sought would require considerable research and I am not prepared to allocate resources for this purpose.

**GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - BODIES  
ADMINISTERED; ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE; POSITIONS**

458. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

With respect to the Minister's department and to each of the bodies administered within that department -

- (1) What are the bodies administered within the department?
- (2) What is the current organisational structure of his department and those bodies?
- (3) What are the senior executive service positions within his department and those bodies?
- (4) What are the other senior positions within his department and those bodies?
- (5) What are the policy adviser positions within his department and those bodies?
- (6) What are the public relations positions within his department and those bodies?
- (7) With respect to each of the above mentioned positions -
  - (a) who holds those positions;
  - (b) what is their period of service within the Public Service or in employment by the Government or contracted to the Government;
  - (c) what were their previous positions held within the Public Service or in employment by the Government or contracted to the Government and the dates for which they were held;
  - (d) what was their experience immediately prior to entering the Public Service or contracting with Government; and
  - (e) are they presently on contract and what is the date of expiry of that contract?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(7)

The information sought would require considerable research and I am not prepared to allocate resources for this purpose. If the member has a specific question about the matters I will be pleased to respond.

## POLICE - LISTENING DEVICES INSTALLATION

*Wanneroo Mayor's Office*

498. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

Further to question 1361 of 1993 as reported in the Legislative Assembly *Hansard* asking when a listening device was placed in the home of the Mayor of Wanneroo -

- (1) Did police from the internal affairs unit install the listening device in the Wanneroo Mayor's office?
- (2) How did they enter the premises to install this device?
- (3) Was it connected to the mains power supply?
- (4) What authority or statute did the officers rely upon to install this device?
- (5) Was this device installed by the same officers who entered the policewoman's home in Bunbury (August 1993)?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

Question No 1361 of 1993 asked whether a listening device had been installed in the office of the Mayor of Wanneroo and not the home of the Mayor of Wanneroo. In response to this question I am advised by the Acting Commissioner of Police -

- (1) Yes.
- (2)-(3) It is not appropriate to reveal methodology relating to such operational matters.
- (4) The Listening Devices Act 1978.
- (5) No.

## POLICE - INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS IN POLICEWOMAN'S HOME, BUNBURY

499. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

It was reported in *The West Australian* on 1 August 1993 that two internal affairs officers were caught red handed snooping around in a policewoman's home at Bunbury -

- (1) How did these officers enter the woman's home?
- (2) Who authorised their entry into the woman's home?
- (3) What was the conduct resulting in the charge of "conduct likely to bring discredit on the Police Force"?
- (4) To whom did the officer give a false statement?
- (5) Are these officers still attached to the internal affairs unit?
- (6) What penalty did the Commissioner of Police decide?
- (7) Was a listening device installed in the policewoman's home?
- (8) Under what authority or statute did these officers enter the woman's home?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

The Acting Commissioner of Police has advised -



- (1) Through the front door.
- (2) The entry was not authorised.
- (3) Entering the premises without authority or permission.
- (4) Senior Investigator, Internal Affairs Unit.
- (5) One of the officers involved is still a member of the Internal Affairs Unit.
- (6) The maximum monetary penalty - \$200 - on each charge.
- (7) No.
- (8) As for (2).

**POLICE - LISTENING DEVICES INSTALLATION**

*Smith, Wayne, Home*

500. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

It was reported in *The West Australian* on 16 October 1993 that a listening device was installed in the home of Wayne Smith -

- (1) How did the police enter Mr Smith's home to install the listening device?
- (2) Was it connected to the power supply?
- (3) If so was this done by a licensed electrician?
- (4) When it was found the device was faulty, why was it not removed forthwith?
- (5) What authority or statute was used to empower officers to -
  - (a) enter his home; and
  - (b) connect the device to the power supply?
- (6) Was this device installed by the same officers who entered the policewoman's home in Bunbury (August 1993)?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

The Acting Commissioner of Police has advised -

- (1)-(3) It is not appropriate to divulge methods employed for such operational matters.
- (4) An operational decision considering the circumstances existing at that time.
- (5)
  - (a) The Listening Devices Act 1978.
  - (b) As in (1)-(3) above.
- (6) No.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

535. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With respect to the Premier's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private

enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, who then pay various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

536. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Commerce and Trade:

With respect to the Minister for Commerce and Trade's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The Minister for Commerce and Trade has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, who then pay various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

537. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources Development:

With respect to the Minister for Resources Development's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Resources Development has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, who then pay various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

538. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

With respect to the Minister for Energy's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Energy has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, who then pay various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate

negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

539. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Primary Industry:

With respect to the Minister for Primary Industry's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Primary Industry has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, who then pay various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

540. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Primary Industry:

With respect to the Minister for Fisheries department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Primary Industry has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

541. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Mines:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

542. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Lands:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

544. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Employment and Training:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

545. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

546. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Attorney General:

With respect to the Attorney General's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

547. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Finance:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

548. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

549. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Water Resources:

With respect to the Minister for Water Resources' department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

The Minister for Water Resources has provided the following response -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

550. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Local Government:

With respect to the Minister for Local Government's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Local Government has provided the following response -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

551. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

552. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Fair Trading:

With respect to the Minister's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

553. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Community Development:

With respect to the Minister for Community Development's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Community Development has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

554. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Labour Relations:

With respect to the Minister for Labour Relations' department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

555. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Works and Services:

With respect to the Minister for Works and Services' department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

556. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs:

With respect to the Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs' department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

557. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

With respect to the Minister for Police's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

558. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Planning:

With respect to the Minister for Planning's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

559. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

With respect to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.

**MEDIA DECISIONS WA - GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

560. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing:

With respect to the Minister for Housing's department and each of the bodies administered within the department, what funds have been provided to Media Decisions WA?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

The Minister for Housing has provided the following reply -

No funds are provided to Media Decisions WA, which is a private enterprise media booking agency. Payments of media accounts are made by individual government departments and instrumentalities to Media Decisions WA, which then pays various media. Advertising expenditure figures for individual media cannot be provided since contract rate negotiations and savings exceeding \$6m per annum could be severely prejudiced.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT FOR - CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER APPOINTMENT  
*Selection Panel's Recommendation***

562. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Did the selection panel established to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer, Department of Community Development recommend that Robert Fisher be appointed to that position?
- (2) If not, who was the selection panel's recommended applicant?
- (3) If so, why was the selection panel's recommendation overridden?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier as provided the following reply -

- (1) Mr Fisher was one of two candidates recommended for the position.
- (2) It is not appropriate to release the name of the other person.
- (3) Not applicable.

**FISHERIES DEPARTMENT - OFFICERS, ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES  
ALLEGATIONS**

569. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* dated 23 August 1993 concerning alleged illegal activities by the Fisheries Department officers -

- (1) Has the Fisheries Department investigated all the allegations mentioned in the article?
- (2) Which allegations have been disproved and which allegations have been found to be true?
- (3) What action has been taken against any senior fisheries officers involved in misusing their position?
- (4) Which allegations were referred to the police?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Fisheries has provided the following reply -

- (1)-(4) All matters which alleged illegal activities by fisheries officers were referred to the Police Department for appropriate investigation and action. The Police Department conducted an exhaustive investigation and forwarded all evidence to the Director of Public Prosecutions who found that, while some actions by fisheries and police officers were questionable, he did not recommend the prosecution of those members for any offence.

**COURTS - SUPREME  
*Salter Report***

571. Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Health representing the Attorney General:

- (1) When will the review of the administrative support for the Supreme Court by Mr Michael Slater be concluded?
- (2) Will the Attorney General be releasing this report to the public?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1)-(2) The report being prepared by Mr Salter will be an internal working document for the information and appropriate action by the Director

General and senior managers in the Courts Development and Management Division, in consultation with the Chief Justice.

#### HITCHINS, JEFFREY - REDUNDANCY APPLICATION

575. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Minister for Health representing the Attorney General:

- (1) Did the Attorney General receive a recommendation from the Ministry of Justice on 6 December 1993 to grant the redundancy for Mr Hitchins, some five months after the application?
- (2) Did the Attorney General ignore the advice of the ministry, the Office of Mobility and her own advisers in rejecting this application?
- (3) Why did it take until 5 June 1994 to advise Mr Hitchins that his application was unsuccessful?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Attorney General has a responsibility to ensure that such expenditure is incurred only in appropriate circumstances.

#### HITCHINS, JEFFREY - REDUNDANCY PAYMENT

576. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Minister for Health representing the Attorney General:

I refer the Attorney General to the refusal to grant a redundancy payment to Mr Jeffrey Hitchins and ask -

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that Mr Hitchins first applied for redundancy on 6 July 1993?
- (2) Is the Attorney General also aware that he continued to be paid, despite a lack of useful employment until he went on leave without pay in February 1994?
- (3) Has the Attorney General calculated the total cost of this service and is it in excess of the redundancy payment that would have been payable to Mr Hitchins in July 1993?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) Yes. However the Attorney General was advised that this notice did not constitute an election to leave the service as required to give effect to clause 4(2)(b)(i) of the General Order Governing Redeployment, Retraining and Redundancy for Western Australian Government Employees.
- (2)-(3) The Attorney General is advised that Mr Hitchins applied for and was granted leave without pay from 15 December 1993. Prior to this Mr Hitchins was seconded to the Water Authority from August 1992 to October 1993. He proceeded on sick leave with full pay from 16 September 1993.

#### COURTS - VAN SCHOUBROECK SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

577. Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Health representing the Attorney General:

- (1) Will the Attorney General be tabling in Parliament the "supplementary report" put together by Mrs van Schoubroeck into the Western Australian court system?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

(1)-(2) No. The report comprised information gathered at the Director General's request from a range of key criminal justice personnel as a supplement to the information that had already been provided to the Attorney General by the courts development and management division of the Ministry of Justice.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

600. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Labour Relations:

Why was the answer to question on notice 430 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 73 of 1994?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

601. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Labour Relations:

Why was the answer to question on notice 431 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 74 of 1994?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

602. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Works and Services:

Why was the answer to question on notice 432 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 76 of 1994?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

603. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Works and Services:

Why was the answer to question on notice 433 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 77 of 1994?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

604. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Works and Services:

Why was the answer to question on notice 434 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 78 of 1994?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

605. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs:

Why was the answer to question on notice 435 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 79 of 1994?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

606. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

Why was the answer to question on notice 513 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 61 of 1994?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

607. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

Why was the answer to question on notice 514 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 62 of 1994?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

608. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

Why was the answer to question on notice 515 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 63 of 1994?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**MEDIA ORGANISATIONS - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

609. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

Why was the answer to question on notice 517 of 1994 not provided in response to question on notice 65 of 1994?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

Both answers are correct.

**SCHOOLS - PRIMARY**  
*Gifted and Talented Children*

612. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What is being done or proposed to be done in primary schools to identify and provide resources for gifted and talented children prior to grade 5?
- (2) How is the location of the secondary special placement program schools decided?
- (3) When will the "Policy and Guidelines for the Education of Gifted and Talented Children" be made publicly available?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) During 1993-94 a resource kit, "Teaching Talented and Gifted Students" was designed and printed. Over the remainder of 1994, the kit is being trialled across all districts. The purpose of this curriculum resource is to assist teachers in primary classrooms, especially those in the K-4 year levels, identify gifted and talented students and provide appropriate educational programs for them.
- (2) The location of schools identified for delivering the Education Department's secondary special placement program is based on the following criteria: Equitable location access across the metropolitan area;

appropriate resources; adequate site facilities; and boarding provision for rural students.

- (3) The policy and guidelines for the education of gifted and talented children is available publicly in leaflet form. It will be published formally before the end of 1994.

**PRIMARY INDUSTRY BANK OF AUSTRALIA - SALE**

614. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Is the Primary Industry Bank of Australia an asset of BankWest?
- (2) Does a proposal exist for the sale of the Primary Industry Bank of Australia?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

- (1) Yes.
- (2) As part of the bank's preparation for privatisation, certain assets are under review for possible sale. For obvious commercial reasons, the bank does not comment on any individual asset sale prior to the completion of negotiations. That includes any comment on whether an asset is even being considered for possible sale.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION**

621. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Did a state advisory committee on the gifted and intellectually talented program sit until last year?
- (2) Has the department adopted its proposals?
- (3) If not, why not?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) An Education Department State Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Education was established in 1990 and continues to function. The role of this committee is to advise the department's corporate executive on a range of issues concerning the education of gifted and talented students.
- (2) The role of the committee is advisory. The committee has not been concerned with developing proposals for endorsement. However, advice to corporate executive has been acknowledged, to the point where a strategic plan for gifted and talented students - 1994-96 - has been operationalised.
- (3) Not applicable.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - HOME TUITION**

624. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Are home tutoring students counted in the total student numbers used by the Education Department for the purposes of determining this state's entitlement for commonwealth education funding?
- (2) If yes, why are families of these students required to pay \$50 per annum to utilise the facilities at the District Education Office Resources Centre?
- (3) How many families in Western Australia have opted for home tuition for their children?
- (4) When did this \$50 charge commence?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Statistics are collected on student numbers rather than family numbers. There are approximately 400 students currently on home tuition.
- (4) There is no single set charge for the use of materials and equipment at district resource centres. In those districts where centres operate, charges for participating schools and families are structured according to the cost of offering the facility at that centre.

#### SCHOOLS - INDONESIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

631. Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many -
  - (a) state primary schools;
  - (b) independent primary schools;
  - (c) state high schools; and
  - (d) independent high schools
 offer Indonesian language courses to their students?
- (2) In each of the following categories, how many of these students are studying the Indonesian language and what percentage is this representative of the overall student body in -
  - (a) state primary schools;
  - (b) independent primary schools;
  - (c) state high schools; and
  - (d) independent high schools?
- (3) What programs, if any, does the Government have in place to encourage the expansion of Indonesian language training in our schools?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)
  - (a) Based on 1993 figures, 27 state primary schools offer Indonesian language courses to their students;
  - (b) data not collected centrally;
  - (c) based on 1993 figures, 12 state high schools offer Indonesian language programs to their students;
  - (d) data not collected centrally for students in years 8 to 10 and based on 1993 data, 14 schools offer Indonesian language programs for students in years 11 and 12.
- (2)
  - (a) Based on 1993 figures, 3 655 students - 2.13 per cent of overall student body - are studying the Indonesian language;
  - (b) as for (1)(b) above;
  - (c) based on 1993 figures, 728 students - 0.95 per cent of overall student body - are studying the Indonesian language;
  - (d) based on 1993 data, 0.66 per cent of the total year 11 and 12 student body are studying the Indonesian language.
- (3) Indonesian is one of the Education Department's priority languages for expansion in schools. Training programs for teachers, in both the Indonesian language and the methodology of teaching Indonesian, are being conducted in 1994. Forty-six teachers are currently involved in

these courses. Further expansion of Indonesian programs will occur as appropriately trained and qualified teachers become available.

**CATHOLIC ESPICOPAL MIGRATION WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

632. Hon CHERYL DAVENPORT to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Community Development:

- (1) Will the Minister for Community Development table folio 199 of the file ACC541 AN 3/3 4186/46 Vol 2 Catholic Episcopal Migration Welfare Association of Western Australia - Child Migration Nominations WG3?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

The Minister for Community Development has provided the following reply -

- (1) The folio to which the member refers is not within my portfolio responsibilities.
- (2) Not applicable, see (1) above.

**CHILD MIGRATION - INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING CENTRES,  
GOVERNMENT PAYMENT**

634. Hon CHERYL DAVENPORT to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer:

- (1) Is the Treasurer aware that in a letter dated 21 May 1946 to the Minister for Information and Immigration, Hon A.A. Calwell, the Coadjutor Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Dr J.D. Simonds, and his migration organiser, Reverend Brother P.A. Conlon, proposed in respect to the bishop's plans for a child migration scheme that -
  - (a) government pays for the whole of erection, extension and re-equipping of institutions and training centres in the future; and
  - (b) church organisations and other bodies guarantee to use centres for migrant children for 10 years?
- (2) Is the Treasurer aware that in his reply of 16 September 1946 the Minister demurred, saying -
  - (a) where approved a state will pay one-third of the cost and the commonwealth will pay one-third of the cost of erecting, extending and re-equipping the institutions and training centres; and
  - (b) that those contributions are to be regarded as a grant to be repaid without interest if -
    - (i) an organisation is wound up; or
    - (ii) the facilities are used for purposes other than child migration?
- (3) Will the Treasurer advise the House if contributions made to St Joseph's Farm and Trades School, Bindoon which became an Anglican college ought to be regarded as a grant and ought to be repaid?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

The Treasurer has provided the following reply -

- (1)-(2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.

**STATE BUDGET - OUTLAYS ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT FINANCE  
STATISTICS GOVERNMENT PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION**  
*Consolidated Fund, General Government, PTE, Total Public*

635. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

What is the breakdown of 1993-94 actual outlays and 1994-95 estimated outlays according to the government finance statistics government purpose classification, including the breakdown into current outlays, capital outlays and total outlays, for -

- (a) the consolidated fund sector;
- (b) the general government sector;
- (c) the public trading enterprise sector; and
- (d) the total public sector?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (a) This information is not available.
- (b)-(d) This data will be available in October 1994.

**STATE BUDGET - ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**  
*Manufacturing Investment*

636. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

In relation to the statement contained in the "Economic and Financial Overview, 1994-95", Budget paper No 5, page 30, that "Investment in Western Australia's manufacturing sector is projected to fall in 1993-94" -

- (1) Is this statement based on new capital expenditure, gross fixed capital expenditure, or some other investment statistic?
- (2) What values of investment for 1992-93 and estimated for 1993-94 underlie the statement?
- (3) Are the values in part (2) of this question in current or constant prices?
- (4) What is the projected value of manufacturing investment, as defined in parts (1) to (3) of this question, for 1994-95?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) This statement is based on estimated real private new capital expenditure as derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' survey of new capital expenditure.

(2)-(4)	Private New Capital Expenditure Manufacturing		
	1992-93 \$m	1993-94(a) \$m	1994-95(a) \$m
Current	678.5(b)	470.0	476.3
Constant (a)	648.7	445.5	440.0

- (a) Treasury estimates.
- (b) Australian Bureau of Statistics.

**STATE BUDGET - GROSS STATE PRODUCT, VALUE**

637. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

What is the actual or estimated value of Western Australia's gross state product in -

- (a) current prices; and
  - (b) constant (average 1989-90) prices
- for each year from 1988-89 to 1994-95 inclusive?



Hon MAX EVANS replied:

	Gross State Product	
	Current Prices \$m	Constant Prices (e) \$m
1988-89	33 981	35 863
1989-90	37 599	37 599
1990-91	39 441	38 700
1991-92	40 650	40 105
1992-93	42 883	41 606
1993-94 (e)	45 180	43 511
1994-95 (e)	48 417	45 596

(e) Treasury estimates.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

#### STATE BUDGET - STATE FINAL DEMAND, VALUE

638. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

What is the actual or estimated value of Western Australia's state final demand in -

- (a) current prices; and
  - (b) constant (average 1989-90) prices
- for each year from 1988-89 to 1994-95 inclusive?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

	State Final Demand	
	Current Prices \$m	Constant Prices (e) \$m
1988-89	32 788	34 704
1989-90	35 565	35 565
1990-91	35 100	33 851
1991-92	36 221	34 367
1992-93	39 469	36 750
1993-94 (e)	42 607	38 645
1994-95 (e)	45 296	40 088

(e) Treasury estimates.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

#### STATE BUDGET - CONSOLIDATED FUND

##### *Recurrent Revenue from Tobacco Franchise Fees, Rate Increase*

639. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

What component of consolidated fund recurrent revenue from tobacco franchise fees in -

- (a) 1993-94; and
- (b) 1994-95

is attributable to the increase in 1993 of the tobacco franchise rate?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (a) Estimated to be approximately \$70m.
- (b) Forecast to be approximately \$90m.

**CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF - EAGLE  
AIRCRAFT, PURCHASE**

641. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) How many of the six Eagle XTS aircraft purchased by the Department of Conservation and Land Management are available for current operational use?
- (2) If all are not available for current operational use, in each case, why not?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following reply -

- (1) The Department of Conservation and Land Management has purchased the six Eagle aircraft subject to conditions to be fulfilled by the manufacturer. An extensive testing program involving some modifications has been undertaken by Eagle Aircraft and CALM to ensure these new aircraft are able to match the demanding performance criteria to operate safely under severe weather conditions over forest areas. Recent tests have confirmed that the aircraft performance is most satisfactory, and the department will proceed with the purchase as the aircraft become available over the next three months.
- (2) Two Eagle aircraft have been available to CALM over the past summer months for operational use and testing. One of these aircraft will be sold to CALM as soon as modifications are carried out by Eagle Aircraft. The remaining five aircraft are currently under construction and will be available by 31 October 1994.

**NATIONAL PARKS - FEES, VEHICLES AND BUS PASSENGERS, NUMBERS**

659. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for the Environment:

In respect of the adoption of a uniform fee of \$5 per vehicle and \$2 per bus passenger for existing fee collection parks, I ask: In the financial year ended 30 June 1994, how many vehicles and how many bus passengers entered -

Yanchep national park;  
John Forrest national park;  
Serpentine national park;  
Walyunga national park;  
Kalbarri national park;  
Nambung national park;  
Purnululu (Bungle Bungle);  
Avon Valley;  
Lesmurdie Falls;  
Stirling Range (Bluff Knoll);  
Porongorups;  
Stokes;  
Shannon;  
Gloucester Tree;  
Warren;  
Beedelup;  
Cape Le Grand;  
Karijini;  
Cape Range;  
Millstream-Chichester;  
Francois Peron; and  
Cape Arid?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following reply -

	Total No of Vehicles (Measured through traffic counter with No of buses deducted)	Bus Passengers (estimated)
Yanchep national park	73 678	19 988
John Forrest national park	22 028	No buses
Serpentine national park	18 972	17 000
Walyunga national park	16 405	No buses
Kalbarri national park (Z Bend only)	19 282	9 140
Nambung national park	25 961	66 795
Purnululu (Bungle Bungle)	2 507	3 757
Avon Valley	1 783	No buses
Lesmurdie Falls	No data	No data
Stirling Range (Bluff Knoll)	11 611	7 688
Porongorups	11 436	4 660
Stokes	1 903	No buses
Shannon (camping area only)	4 892	No buses
Gloucester Tree	46 636	10 950
Warren	No data	No data
Beedelup	No data	No data
Cape Le Grand	19 168	No buses
Karijini	4 973	8 750
Cape Range national park	17 152	No buses
Millstream-Chichester (Pannawonica Road only)	6 419	8 750
Francois Peron	3 327	No buses
Cape Arid (Thomas River only)	3 649	No buses

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - SERVICES CONTRACTED OUT TO PRIVATE SECTOR

662. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What services previously carried out by the Education Department have been contracted out to private providers since February 1993?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The following services previously carried out by the Education Department have been contracted to private providers since February 1993 -

The professional development and training unit, which operated on a 'fee for service' basis within the department, was abolished late in 1993. Initiated in 1991, it provided a range of professional development and training services to schools and to central and district office personnel. A similar unit has been established in the private sector and offers a competitive contract based service.

Recruitment, selection and deployment of religious instruction teachers.

Rehabilitation services.

Computer related services: Small systems support installation and training for central office computers; word processing training for school-based systems; network installations in primary systems;

system development; computer disk duplication; computer virus protection.

Ground maintenance and indoor plants maintenance for central office.

Internal stationery store - currently being tendered for private providers.

#### COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION - WA BELOW STANDARD SPENDING

663. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Does the Commonwealth Grants Commission's latest report reveal that Western Australia had below standard spending?
- (2) If yes, for what reason and by how much compared with other States and the Australian average?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Western Australia would need to expend an additional \$98.69 per head of population to achieve the standard level of service provided by all States and Territories. This data relates to 1991-92 when Western Australia had a higher student/teacher ratio than the Australian average, apart from New South Wales, which was advantaged by the economies of scale, such as a higher population that is more evenly distributed.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - DISTRICTS

##### *Primary Extension and Challenge Testing, Parents Charged*

664. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Do any Education Department districts charge parents for primary extension and challenge testing; and if so, what is that charge?
- (2) If yes, will the Minister move to discontinue this practice?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) It has come to the attention of officers in the Education Department responsible for the education of gifted and talented students that some parents are being charged for primary extension and challenge testing. Investigations are being conducted to determine the level of incidence of this practice.
- (2) Where this practice exists, immediate steps will be taken to remedy the situation.

#### TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF - NATIONAL CONFERENCE "PLANNING FOR TOMORROW IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING"

665. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Employment and Training:

- (1) Why did the Department of Training not provide any subsidised places at the recently concluded national conference Planning for Tomorrow in Vocational Education and Training to staff or members of the various industry employment and training councils (IETCs) in Western Australia?
- (2) Whose decision was it to deny IETCs subsidised access to this national conference?
- (3) Were IETCs even asked to participate by the department or the Minister?
- (4) Were IETCs advised of the conference by the department or the Minister?
- (5) Will the department take responsibility for organising a conference and report back to the IETCs?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Three subsidised places were allocated to the Department of Training, as the state training agency, for officers involved directly in developing planning processes between the Australian National Training Authority and state training agencies.
- (2)-(4) Not applicable.
- (5) The department will distribute a document currently being prepared by the national steering committee for the conference on its outcomes.

**TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF - FUNCTIONS CONTRACTED OUT OR PRIVATISED**

666. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Employment and Training:

What functions of the Department of Training have been contracted out or privatised since February 1993?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The following functions have been contracted out or privatised since February 1993 -

The department's internal courier service  
Cleaning services at the Murdoch and Merredin TAFE campuses  
Technical support to projects within the information technology area - college management information system and the personnel management system  
Maintenance of the computerised apprentice and trainee training records system  
Selected training courses, as outlined in the response to question on notice 667.

In addition, responsibility for maintenance of equipment in TAFE colleges has been devolved to college management, which may result in some colleges contracting out maintenance services.

**TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF - COURSES PUT OUT TO TENDER**

667. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Employment and Training:

- (1) What courses "controlled" by the Department of Training have been put out to tender since February 1993?
- (2) What courses went to private providers?
- (3) Who were the successful tenderers and what was the successful tender price?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Prevocational courses designed to lead to employment or further training and focused at unemployed young people and others disadvantaged in the labour market and industry specific, full year equivalent courses, specified through consultation with the Industry Employment Training Council network.

(2)-(3) [See paper No 304.]

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - PREPRIMARY ENTRY AGE**

668. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Will the Minister be establishing a longitudinal project to monitor and evaluate the educational and social effects of increasing the preprimary entry age?
- (2) If yes, when?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Such a project may be established following the Government's final decision on the preprimary entry age.
- (2) Not applicable.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - SCOTT REPORT**  
*Recommendation 5, Policy*

669. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Does the Government accept as policy of the Education Department recommendation 5 of the Scott report?
- (2) If no, is the Minister considering this proposal and when is a decision likely to be made?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) The Government has decided that the current two half day sessions per week program for children turning four will be retained until such time as a final decision on entry age has been made and the four day preprimary program has been fully implemented. The question of whether trained teachers only should be in charge of educational programs for children turning four, will be considered in light of the findings of a current review of the Department for Community Development's children's services programs.

**KINDERGARTENS - LEGISLATION**

670. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

When is the Government likely to introduce legislation that will put all government, non-government, independent and privately run kindergarten programs under a single Act of the Parliament?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The Government is addressing the legislative base for educational programs for children turning four as part of its comprehensive review of the Education Act. An education Bill will be drafted and made available for a three month period of public comment early in 1995, and introduced to the Parliament as soon as possible thereafter.

**KINDERGARTENS - USE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACILITIES  
AGREEMENT**

671. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

When will the Government be entering into a memorandum of understanding to establish a framework for agreement on the use of local government facilities by kindergarten programs established under the Better Government agreement?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Given that the establishment of a memorandum of understanding is dependent upon mutual agreement between the parties, no definite date can be attached.

**KINDERGARTENS - STRATEGIC PLAN**

672. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) When will the Government, as a matter of priority, issue a statement of acceptable physical standards for new kindergarten facilities?
- (2) When will the Government announce a strategic plan for new kindergarten facilities?

(3) Which government agency will coordinate this task?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Over recent years all new government buildings which accommodate programs for children turning four have been built through the Department for Community Development's family centre program. The Scott report raised concerns about the appropriateness of some of the facilities for children in these buildings. The Department for Community Development is currently considering the functions and design of future multipurpose community facilities and is cognisant of the concerns expressed in the Scott report.
- (2) The Government accepts the need for coordinated planning of new facilities and will ensure that this occurs on a case by case basis.
- (3) The Education Department, the Office of Non-Government Schools and the Department for Community Development are the key planning agencies.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, OFFICE OF, ESTABLISHMENT

673. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

Does the Government propose to establish an office of early childhood education?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

A Director of Early Childhood Education Policy has been appointed to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Government's response to the recommendations of the Scott report and it is not proposed, at this stage, to establish an office of early childhood education.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - SECONDARY (CHARGES AND CLOTHING) ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

674. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

In 1993-94, what funds were provided to the secondary (charges and clothing) assistance scheme and the clothing allowance?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Expenditure for the financial year 1993-94 on the secondary assistance scheme is as follows -

	Charges \$	Clothing \$	Total \$
Government Schools	3 601 470	2 331 550	5 933 020
Non-Government Schools	613 685	431 450	1 045 135
	4 215 155	2 763 000	6 978 155

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - CONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

675. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What private sector and local authorities agreed in 1993-94 to participate in the construction of educational facilities?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

In terms of the Better Government agreement, arrangements to participate in the construction of major capital works projects were made with the following local authorities -

City of Canning  
City of Rockingham

Shire of Swan  
City of South Perth.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**  
*Aboriginal Students*

676. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

How many Aboriginal students were provided with English as a second language services in 1993-94?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

A total of 2 861 Aboriginal students in the Kimberley and Kalgoorlie education districts have access to the English as a second language program.

**SCHOOLS - GOVERNMENT**  
*Retention Rate*

677. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What is the retention rate as at July 1994 in government schools to year 12?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The schools' second semester, 1994 census data is currently being collected and processed. The year 12 retention rate for government schools will not be available until mid-September.

**SCHOOLS - SENIOR COLLEGES**  
*Revenue from Fees*

678. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What was the revenue collected from senior college fees in 1993-94?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The revenue collected from senior college fees in 1993-94 was \$2 507 555.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - CAMP SCHOOLS**  
*Revenue; Professional Development and Training Unit*

679. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What was the revenue collected from camp schools and by the Professional Development and Training Unit?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Revenue collected 1993-94 -

(a) Camp Schools	\$949 111
(b) Professional Development and Training Unit	\$119 674

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - COMMONWEALTH RECOUPS;  
COMMONWEALTH SPECIFIC PURPOSE GRANTS**

680. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What are the expected commonwealth recoups for the Education Department in 1994-95 and what were they for 1993-94?
- (2) What is the expected level of commonwealth specific purpose grants in 1994-95 and what were they in 1993-94?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) Commonwealth Recoups -
 

(a) Expected receipts for 1994-95	\$5 305 000
(b) Actual receipts for 1993-94	\$4 935 896



- (2) Commonwealth Specific Purpose Grants -  
 (a) Expected level for 1994-95 \$116 963 000  
 (b) Actual level for 1993-94 \$110 069 839

**KINDERGARTENS - EDUCATIONALLY BELOW STANDARD**

681. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

How many kindergartens in Western Australia are educationally below standard?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

None to my knowledge. However, if the member has concerns about any particular kindergartens I would appreciate being advised of this.

**SCHOOLS - DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS**

682. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What percentage of students in Western Australia are taught in demountable classrooms?  
 (2) How many demountable classrooms are there in Western Australian schools?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(2) There are 1 171 demountable and transportable classrooms in government schools in Western Australia. Information regarding the percentage of students being taught in these classrooms is not readily available.

**SCHOOLS - REVUEENUE FROM FEES**

683. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What is the total revenue collected from school fees last financial year and what was it in the previous year?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Revenue is as follows for the school years ended -

1992	\$16 716 938
1993	\$19 102 938

**SCHOOLS - MAINTENANCE SHORTFALL**

684. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

Was there a maintenance shortfall in 1993-94?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

The Education Department's maintenance and minor works programs achieved full expenditure of the \$33.7m provided in the 1993-94 Budget.

**SCHOOLS - GARDENING**

*Financial Gains from New Formula*

685. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

What are the likely financial gains from the Education Department's implementation of the new gardening formula to all school sites in this year's Budget?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

\$2.3m.

**EDUCATION ACT - NEW LEGISLATION**

686. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

Does the Minister propose to introduce a new Education Bill into Parliament this year?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

No.

**SCHOOLS - MT MAGNET PRIMARY**  
*Teachers, Turnover*

688. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What has been the teacher turnover at Mt Magnet Primary School this year and what was it in 1993?
- (2) What is the number of teachers allocated to Mt Magnet Primary School currently and how many pupils attend that school?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Mt Magnet District High School has both primary and secondary sections.

- (1) Staff Turnover - 1992 for 1993
 

Primary:	1 teacher transferred
Secondary:	3 teachers transferred

  
 Staff Turnover - 1993
 

Primary:	Nil
Secondary:	Nil

  
 Staff Turnover - 1993 to 1994
 

Primary:	4 teachers transferred; deputy principal relocated to Esperance District Office prior to commencement of 1994 school year.
Secondary:	Nil.

  
 Staff Turnover - 1994
 

Primary:	2 permanent teachers on teacher approved leave - leave without pay/maternity leave.
Secondary:	Principal appointed in July to seconded position in Perth.
- (2) Current enrolment:
 

Primary	109
Preprimary	27
Secondary:	25
Total FTE:	
Primary	6.25
Preprimary	1.00
Secondary	6.00

**SCHOOLS - MERREDIN SENIOR HIGH**  
*Distance Education*

689. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

How many students at Merredin Senior High School are required to do core TEE subjects by distance education and what are the subjects offered by distance education to students attending that school?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

No student at Merredin Senior High School is required to do TEE subjects by distance education. Three students however elected to do one Distance Education Centre subject each when the combination of subjects did not fit the timetable. The subjects are -

Human Biology (TEE);  
Geography (TEE);  
Typing and Business Communication (CSE),

all of which are offered in the school and the three students are assisted by the teachers of these subjects. Another student, an American exchange student, takes French (TEE) through the Distance Education Centre because she wants to maintain her skills and French is not offered at Merredin Senior High School.

#### EDUCATION - OVERSEAS STUDENTS ATTENDING UNIVERSITIES AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

690. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What is the total number of overseas students attending university and secondary education in Western Australia?
- (2) Currently, how does this number compare with the previous five years?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) (a) The number of overseas students enrolled in secondary education in Western Australia as at February 1994 was 1 371.
- (b) The number of fee paying overseas students attending university in Western Australia in 1994 is 5 381.
- (2) (a) The number of overseas students enrolled in secondary education in the previous three years was -
 

1993	1 239
1992	1 286
1991	1 299

Figures are not available for the years 1990 and 1989.

- (b) The number of fee paying overseas students attending university in Western Australia in the previous five years was -
 

1993	5 204
1992	4 191
1991	3 676
1990	3 119
1989	2 324

#### "EDUCATION CIRCULAR" - PRODUCTION

691. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What is the purpose of the "Education Circular"?
- (2) What does it cost to produce, who receives copies and how many copies are produced?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) To promote understanding and support for the Education Department of Western Australia objectives by -
  - (a) Informing staff at more than 900 work sites about administrative matters which affect their day to day operations and activities;
  - (b) facilitating efficient staffing of schools, district offices and central office;
  - (c) informing teaching staff about educational best practice, educational achievements and educational opportunities.
- (2) (i) Eleven editions were printed and distributed in 1993-94 at an average cost of \$21 938.
- (ii) Every person currently employed under the Education Act is entitled to receive a copy. A number of staff employed under the Public Service Act also receive copies as do a wide range of people and organisations outside the Education Department of Western Australia. Copies are available by subscription.

- (iii) The average print run for each of the 11 editions published in 1993-94 was 20 848.

**TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

696. Hon REG DAVIES to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

Was the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Department of Training advertised; and if not, why not?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

Mr Ian Hill was appointed to the position of Executive Director, Department of Employment, Vocational Education and Training on 1 January 1992. This appointment resulted from a merit based selection process. The new Department of State Training was established by merging the State Employment and Skills Development Authority with DEVET. This new arrangement has only a minor effect on the executive director's role and no impact on the classification. Accordingly, the new department arrangements did not warrant the advertising of the executive director's position.

**TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

697. Hon REG DAVIES to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Department of Training the person who was Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Corrections at the time that some departmental building projects were under Government inquiry?
- (2) If so, has that person been charged with and found guilty of any disciplinary matter under the Public Service Act 1978?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.

**TAFE - COLLEGES**  
*Heads of Staff, Displacement*

698. Hon REG DAVIES to the Minister for Employment and Training:

Does the Minister intend to displace existing heads of staff of TAFE colleges throughout the State; and if so, what does he intend to do with those heads?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Appointments to the new positions of Managing Director of TAFE Colleges have been made as follows -

Central Metropolitan  
South East Metropolitan  
North Metropolitan  
Midland  
C.Y. O'Connor  
Kimberley Regional  
Geraldton Regional  
Great South Regional  
South West Regional  
Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Centre

An appointments to the South Metropolitan College has yet to be made.

Of those directors who were displaced, three have taken up other duties within the Department of Training and one is presently considering options.

**SCHOOLS - STUDENTS NOT COPING WITH MAINSTREAM CURRICULUM  
YEARS 9 AND 10, ACCREDITED VOCATIONAL CURRICULA**

704. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education:

Are accredited vocational curricula in existence for students in lower secondary years 9 and 10 who are unable to cope with the mainstream curriculum and which will articulate with post-compulsory schooling?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

In years 8 to 10 all students, other than those in special education programs, work within the structures of the unit curriculum. The unit curriculum is designed to be flexible enough so that schools are able to meet the needs of all students. Within the structure is a range of units which have a vocational emphasis and which are available to all students. Some schools also offer special vocational programs, such as the enterprise education program at Lockridge Senior High School. All of these lower secondary courses articulate well with post-compulsory vocationally related programs.

**SCHOOLS - TRUANTS AND NON-SCHOOL ATTENDERS  
*Central Tracking Mechanism***

705. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Does the Ministry have a central tracking mechanism for non-school attenders, including chronic truants?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If so, when was it established and how many FTEs are involved in resourcing it?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) A computerised system for better identification of non-attending students is currently being installed in all government secondary schools. This will aid the important work of the school welfare officers whose job is to effect the relevant sections of the Education Act relating to compulsory attendance.
- (3) Not applicable.

**SCHOOLS - STUDENTS SUSPENDED, EXPELLED AND NON-SCHOOL  
ATTENDERS, PROGRAMS**

706. Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS to the Minister for Education:

What programs are there to accommodate the needs of students suspended and expelled from school and for non-school attenders?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Students at risk (STAR) programs -Commonwealth funded.

Purpose: Allows schools to develop, trial and evaluate programs for students most at risk of not completing secondary schooling.

Students at risk (Aboriginal education operational plan) - Aboriginal students in the south west land division, most at risk of not completing schooling.

Purpose: Targets Aboriginal students 11 to 15 years of age and develops school-based programs to improve participation.

Alternative education initiatives (AEI) - A joint Education Department, Department for Community Development and Ministry of Justice program for non-school attenders. Four areas have been targeted - Kwinana, Balga, Lockridge and Armadale.

Purpose: Reduce offending behaviour, assist students return to mainstream education.

Distance Education Centre: Provides correspondence lessons with support to students not attending school for a variety of reasons; e.g., exclusion, travel, illness. The support of the Department for Community Development education officers is often given for the excluded student.

The Education Department also provides school psychologists, social workers, youth education officers, welfare officers, Aboriginal liaison officers.

The department is modifying its curriculum so that it can meet the needs of students at risk through Stepping Out, Learning Assistance and First Steps programs.

Specialist support to assist primary schools to cater for students with chronic social, emotional and behavioural problems - socio-psycho educational resource centres or SPER centres.

Many senior high schools and districts have their own alternative programs for students in the categories mentioned.

**STATE ENERGY COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MT MAGNET TOWNSITE, FUTURE POWER GENERATION STAFF**

710. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) What is the proposal for staffing and responsibility for future power generation and distribution within the Mt Magnet townsite from the current SECWA power station?
- (2) Is the Minister for Energy aware of the local shire council and community reservations with regard to the proposals for contract personnel and the type of service that would be delivered when dependent upon a contractor?
- (3) Does the proposal mean that government personnel are likely to be lost from the town and will a loss impact upon the level of such government services as health and education?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for the Minister for Energy has provided the following response -

- (1) SECWA has indicated to the Mt Magnet Shire Council that, as part of the restructuring of the organisation into separate electricity and gas businesses, it is reviewing its operations in this locality. However, SECWA has not completed the review and there are currently no plans to alter the present arrangements.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Not applicable.

**SCHOOLS - ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES**  
*Mining and Pastoral Region*

715. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Will the Minister advise which Aboriginal communities have high school facilities and what facilities are provided at each school?

- (2) What other public and private high schools are situated in the Mining and Pastoral Region?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)
- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Blackstone    | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts  |
| Burringurrah  | 1 x General Teaching Area  |
| Jameson       | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts  |
| Jigalong      | 1 x Home Economics, 1 x General Teaching Area, 1 x Admin/Library                               |
| Kalumburu     | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Admin/Library, 1 x Seminar room                            |
| Kiwirrkurra   | 1 x General Teaching Area, 1 x Home Economics (Composite)                                      |
| La Grange     | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts, 1 Admin/Library                               |
| Looma         | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts, 1 x General Teaching Area, 1 x Admin/Library  |
| One Arm Point | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x General Teaching Area, 1 x Admin/Library                   |
| Wananami      | 2 x General Teaching Areas   |
| Wangkatjungka | 2 x General Teaching Areas, 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts, 1 x Admin/Library |
| Warakurna     | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts, 1 x Admin/Library                             |
| Warburton     | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts, 1 x Admin/Library                             |
| Wingellina    | 1 x Manual Arts  |
| Yintarri      | 1 x Home Economics (Composite), 1 x Manual Arts, 1 x General Teaching Area                     |

High School classes are available at the following private schools conducted by Aboriginal communities -

Kulkarriya Community School  
 Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre  
 Parnngurr Community School  
 Rawa Community School  
 Strelley Community School

High school classes are available at the following Catholic schools which serve Aboriginal communities -

Djarindjin Lombadina Catholic School  
 John Pujajangka Piyirn School, Lake Gregory  
 Kururrungku Catholic School, Billiluna  
 Luurpa Catholic School, Balgo Hills  
 Ngalganpurn School, Warmun  
 Sacred Heart School, Beagle Bay

Facilities are provided by the Aboriginal community or Catholic Education Commission. Information is not collected centrally on the facilities available at these schools.

- (2) Government high schools -

Karratha Senior High School  
 Wickham District High School  
 Kambalda Senior High School  
 Laverton District High School  
 Leinster District High School  
 Leonora District High School  
 Norseman District High School

Southern Cross District High School  
 Eastern Goldfields Senior High School  
 Broome Senior High School  
 Derby District High School  
 Fitzroy District High School  
 Halls Creek District High School  
 Kununurra District High School  
 Wyndham District High School  
 Carnarvon Senior High School  
 Exmouth District High School  
 Meekatharra District High School  
 Mt Magnet District High School  
 Newman Senior High School  
 Hedland Senior High School  
 Paraburdoo District High School  
 Tom Price High School

High school classes are available at the following further private schools in the Mining and Pastoral Region -

St Luke's College, Karratha  
 Christian Aboriginal School, Coolgardie  
 John Paul College, Kalgoorlie  
 Nulungu Catholic College, Broome  
 St Mary's School, Broome  
 St Cecilia's College, Port Hedland  
 St Mary's School, Carnarvon

#### SCHOOLS - CLEANING SERVICES

##### *Review, Consultant Employment*

717. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Has the Government employed a consultant to review cleaning of government schools?
- (2) If yes, will this review include consideration of contracting out school cleaning services?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.

#### SCHOOLS - MERREDIN SENIOR HIGH

##### *TEE Students, Subjects by Distance Education*

718. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Minister for Education:

Will the Minister give a guarantee that TEE students at Merredin Senior High School will not be required to take core subjects, including English literature and calculus, by distance education, and that these subjects will continue to be available to TEE students at Merredin during the 1995 school year?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

At the present time, students are still in the process of selecting TEE courses for 1995. Once all subject choices are collated and timetabling is commenced, it will become clear whether there are sufficient numbers to enable the school to run particular courses with existing teaching resources. It is not possible to give a guarantee, therefore, that TEE students at Merredin Senior High School will not be required to take subjects by distance education in 1995. Once all student choices are known, it will also become evident whether particular combinations of



subjects will require enrolment with distance education. The member is welcome to visit the Leederville distance education precinct, where he will become aware of the significant improvements that are being made by this Government in the delivery of lessons through distance education.

# **SCHOOLS - CLOSURES AND AMALGAMATIONS**

719. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Are there any negotiations currently under way with any school/s as to its/their possible closure and/or amalgamation?
- (2) If so, what school/s is/are involved?
- (3) Who is conducting those negotiations?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1) No. However, informal discussions between parents, principals and district superintendents may be occurring in response to provisions outlined in the school rationalisation policy for community initiated proposals.
- (2)-(3) Not applicable.

# **PUBLIC SERVICE - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

730. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) What is the current number of State Government public sector employees at the end of the June quarter?
- (2) How many State Government public sector employees were there at the same time 12 months ago?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following response -

- (1)-(2) Public sector employment levels for agencies monitored are collated on a quarterly basis. The average staffing levels expressed as full time equivalents for the last quarter and the corresponding period last year are 30 June 1994 - 95 503; 30 June 1993 - 96 008.

# **COUNCIL HOUSE - REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES LISTING**

731. Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN to the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Has the Minister for Planning made a decision whether or not to place Council House on the permanent register of heritage places?
- (2) If yes, what is that decision?
- (3) Was that decision in accordance with advice given by the Heritage Council?
- (4) If no decision has been made, when will such a decision be made?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) No.
- (2)-(3) Not applicable.
- (4) After consultation with the City of Perth.

# **ROTTNEST ISLAND - MANAGEMENT PLAN, REVIEW**

732. Hon A.J.G. MacTIERNAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Has the review of the Rottnest Island Management Plan, required by section 19 of the Rottnest Island Authority Act 1987, been undertaken?

- (2) If not, what steps is the Premier taking to ensure that it is completed?
- (3) If the review has commenced, what steps have been taken to ensure that public participation is part of the review?
- (4) If the review has been completed, when will it be released and what steps, if any, have been taken as a result of the review?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Premier has provided the following reply -

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The review was undertaken by the Department of Conservation and Land Management in 1990. The Department of Conservation and Land Management invited and received public submissions as part of the review process.
- (4) The review was released on 6 June 1991 by the Executive Director of the Department of Conservation and Land Management. The Rottnest Island Authority continued implementation of those recommendations approved by Cabinet in 1987.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LAND AUTHORITY - HEPBURN HEIGHTS  
DEVELOPMENT**

734. Hon KIM CHANCE to the Minister for Lands:

- (1) What was the total area of land owned by the Western Australian Land Authority at Hepburn Heights?
- (2) When was the land transferred to the Western Australian Land Authority and what was the price paid for the land?
- (3) What was the basis for the valuation of this land when purchased by the Western Australian Land Authority?
- (4) What amount of land has remained preserved for conservation purposes at Hepburn Heights?
- (5) How many lots have been released in each stage of the Hepburn Heights development?
- (6) How many lots were sold at each stage of the development and what was the total value of sales for each stage?
- (7) What was the average price of the land sold at each stage of the land release?
- (8) What were the total costs of developing and marketing the land for each stage at Hepburn Heights including administration and finance costs but excluding initial purchase price of the land?
- (9) What is the total number of all lots to be released at Hepburn Heights?
- (10) How many lots in total have been sold at Hepburn Heights and what is the total sales value of these lots?
- (11) What have been the total costs for developing and selling the lots at Hepburn Heights including administration and finance costs but excluding the initial land costs?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

- (1) 23.97 ha.
- (2) July 1993 - \$5 711 524.
- (3) The land acquired by the Western Australian Land Authority was valued by the Office of the Valuer General.

- (4) 21 ha of land was set aside for conservation purposes. This land was excluded from the area acquired by WALA referred to in (1) above.

(5)	Stage	Lots
	1	60
	2	76
	3	58
	4	60

(6)	Stage	Lots Sold	Value \$
	1	60	3.21m
	2	76	4.38m
	3	58	3.76m
	4	60	5.48m
			16.83m

(7)	Stage	Average sale price \$
	1	53 500
	2	57 664
	3	64 853
	4	91 417

(8)	Stage	Development Costs \$	Marketing Costs \$	Selling Costs \$	Total \$
	1	1 074 450	25 559	38 497	1 138 506
	2	1 360 970	32 375	48 762	1 442 107
	3	1 038 635	24 708	37 214	1 100 557
	4	1 074 450	25 559	38 497	1 138 506
		4 548 505	108 201	162 970	4 819 676

Administration and finance costs are expensed as they are incurred and not allocated to specific projects.

- (9) (i) 254 residential lots  
(ii) 3 group housing sites  
(iii) 3 commercial sites  
260 sites

- (10) 254 lots - \$16 839 111.

- (11) See (8) above.

**STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION - OR SGIO**  
*BHP Shares Purchased from Bell Group or Bell Resources*

735. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

- (1) How many BHP shares were purchased by SGIC or SGIO from the Bell Group or Bell Resources?
- (2) On what dates were the purchases made?
- (3) What was the purchase price of the shares?
- (4) On what dates were the shares sold?
- (5) What was the selling prices of the shares?
- (6) What was the total amount made or lost in this transaction?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) Shares purchased 39 150 906.

- (2) 16 November 1987.
- (3) \$283.8m, plus stamp duty \$1.7m.
- (4) Shares sold over a 12 month period from 31 May 1988 to 19 May 1989.
- (5) The average selling price was \$8.08.
- (6) \$32.7m profit net, plus dividends of \$10.8m.

**STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION - PROPERTIES, PERTH CITY**

736. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

- (1) Which properties within the City of Perth does the SGIC own or partly own?
- (2) What is the address of each of these properties?
- (3) What was the valuation of each of the properties and the share owned by the SGIC as at -
  - (a) 30 June 1990;
  - (b) 30 June 1991;
  - (c) 30 June 1992;
  - (d) 30 June 1993; and
  - (e) 30 June 1994?
- (4) Which company provided each of the valuations?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1) SGIO Atrium, The Forrest Centre and Westralia Square - 70 per cent.
- (2) 170 St George's Terrace, Perth, 219 St George's Terrace, Perth, and 141 St George's Terrace, Perth respectively.

(3)	Gross Valuation	Forrest Centre	Westralia Square (70% owned by SGIC valuation is for 100%)	Atrium
	30.6.90	165 170 000	176 000 000	83 400 000
	30.6.91	136 000 000	157 000 000	76 000 000
	30.6.92	77 000 000	85 000 000	38 800 000
	30.6.93	66 700 000	72 150 000	31 250 000

30.6.94 - The individual valuations for these buildings are of a commercially sensitive nature at present as the Atrium is to be sold by tender in the near future. However, the combined valuations will be contained in the SGIC's annual report for 1994.

(4)	Valuation prepared by	Forrest Centre	Westralia Square	Atrium
	30.6.90	Chesterton Int	Jones Lang Wootton	Chesterton Int
	30.6.91	Debenham Tewson	Debenham Tewson	Debenham Tewson
	30.6.92	Chesterton Int	Richard Ellis	Jones Lang Wootton
	30.6.93	Stanton Hillier Parker	Stanton Hillier Parker	Stanton Hillier Parker
	30.6.94	Stanton Hillier Parker	Stanton Hillier Parker	Chestertons

**STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION - NELSON, DEAN,  
COMPENSATION CLAIM**

737. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

Has the SGIC settled the compensation claim of Mr Dean Nelson who was injured in a plane crash chartered by the Western Australian Electoral Commission?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

No. An appeal was heard on 26 July 1994 and all parties are awaiting the Compensation Magistrate's decision, which has been reserved.

**HOMESWEST - BEELIAR HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT**

738. Hon BOB THOMAS to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) When will the blocks at the Homeswest development at Beeliar Heights begin to be available to the public?
- (2) What size will the blocks be and how many are being developed in the first stage?
- (3) How many are proposed?
- (4) What is the time frame for development?
- (5) What will be the cost of the blocks?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

The Minister for Housing has provided the following answer -

- (1) Estimated release is November 1994.
- (2) Average of 500 square metres, 282 lots.
- (3) Approximately 1 760 lots.
- (4) Between three and four years.
- (5) Yet to be established.

**POLICE - LEEMAN STATION, STAFFING**

*Jurien and Cervantes, Additional Staff*

739. Hon M.D. NIXON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Police:

Will the Minister for Police -

- (a) give an assurance that police personnel required to staff the new police station at Leeman will not come at the expense of the (numbers of) police personnel presently stationed at Jurien and Cervantes; and
- (b) advise when additional operational police personnel will be provided to service the communities of Jurien and Cervantes?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Police has provided the following reply -

I am advised by the Commissioner of Police that -

- (a) The police personnel required to staff the new police station at Leeman will not be drawn from staff at Jurien Bay police station which also services the locality of Cervantes.
- (b) At this time there are no plans to increase the number of operational police at Jurien Bay which also services the locality of Cervantes.

**STATE ENERGY COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA - TRAINEE  
LINESMEN EMPLOYMENT, ALBANY AND BUNBURY DISTRICTS**

740. Hon BOB THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) How many trainee linesmen were employed in the Albany and Bunbury districts of SECWA?
- (2) How were those positions advertised?
- (3) What selection procedures were used to short list applicants?
- (4) Who interviewed the short listed applicants?
- (5) Where were the interviewing officers drawn from?
- (6) Were any of those interviewing officers employed in the Albany district?
- (7) If not, why were no officers from the Albany district involved in the selection process?
- (8) Were any of those interviewing officers employed in the Bunbury district?
- (9) If not, why were no officers from the Bunbury district involved in the selection process?
- (10) Why did SECWA not make an attempt to recruit locals for the trainee linesmen positions recently filled in Albany and Bunbury?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

The Minister for Energy has provided the following response -

- (1) Four positions were offered to successful applicants who would be initially based at Albany (two) and Bunbury (two).
- (2) In two editions of Saturday's *The West Australian*.
- (3) Successful applicants were selected on merit using standard procedures involving assessment against set job criteria and literacy, numeracy and suitability testing.
- (4) Representatives - two each - from SECWA's south and north area electricity supply operations with experience and background in human resources, field practices, linework and training.
- (5) Answered above in (4).
- (6) No.
- (7),(9) Interviews were held for 16 trainee positions for employment at various locations throughout the north and south areas - eight each. It was considered more appropriate to conduct applicant interviews and assessments using a composite panel of representative officers.
- (8) No.
- (10) SECWA advertised these vacancies widely through recognised channels offering everyone an equal opportunity to apply. The advertisement called for applications for country and metropolitan positions without being specific to actual locations.

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**SCHOOLS - MAINTENANCE AND MINOR WORKS FUNDING**

402. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

In the Bayswater education district the minimum amount for program maintenance requirements for schools totals \$906 950. The budget

allocation for the Bayswater district in this year's maintenance and minor works budget is \$432 867. Given this huge gap in what is needed and what has been allocated for minor works and maintenance, not only in this district but also in other education districts in the State, is the Minister prepared to approach the Premier to seek additional funding for urgently needed minor works and maintenance in schools?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

I cannot respond to those exact details because I do not carry those figures around in my head. I find it extraordinary that the Opposition should talk about school maintenance after its time in government.

Hon Doug Wenn: Don't make a statement -

Hon N.F. MOORE: I will make a statement because the Opposition had 10 years in office and wound down the education system so badly -

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! I will not have any interjections. The Minister should proceed to answer the question.

Hon N.F. MOORE: The previous Government wound down the education system to the point where Mr McCarrey and Dr Vickery reported that -

Hon Mark Nevill: If you do not have a policy, what is the League of Rights policy?

Hon N.F. MOORE: - the last Government in its last Budget was \$112m below the all states average of educational expenditure in Australia. That is why, whenever I visit the schools in our State - I was at one with Mr Thomas the other day - I am embarrassed and ashamed at the condition of the buildings which are called schools in Western Australia. That situation was brought about by 10 years of mismanagement by members opposite, yet they expect this Government, with its first Budget, after paying back the debts it inherited, somehow to find money to fix the schools their Government left in disrepair.

I will ascertain the details about Bayswater and respond to the Leader of the Opposition. The figures he has provided indicate a discrepancy, which I will check. This Government is trying to fix the mess the previous Government left and it will cost a great deal of money.

#### SCHOOLS - CLOSURES

403. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

Given that it is now just over three months before the end of the school year, when will the Minister announce the names of the Western Australian schools which will be closed under the school rationalisation program?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

I will not be announcing any list of schools to be closed. I will be announcing a list of schools that have been determined to be underutilised and the rationalisation of which should be considered by parents after they have examined the circumstances of those schools.

That is a similar process to that which was envisaged by Hon John Halden in the school renewal program about two years ago but which sat on the shelf pending the last State election. I will announce the names of the schools as soon as they are available to me. I explained to this House before the recent break the reasons for the delay and those reasons still apply.

**WA COUNCIL OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS INC -  
MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**

404. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that delegates at the recent conference of the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations passed a motion of no confidence in the Minister?
- (2) Is he aware that in order for the motion to get onto the agenda of the conference a two-thirds majority was required?
- (3) Is he aware that to be passed a majority of delegates must support the motion?
- (4) If he is aware that a majority is needed, why did he claim the motion was a political beat-up organised by a northern suburbs group?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(3)

Yes.

- (4) It was brought to my attention that the vote of no confidence was moved by a delegate from the northern suburbs who had been actively involved in the Ocean Reef Senior High School issue. According to the advice provided to me - I was not there -

Hon Doug Wenn: Why not?

Hon N.F. MOORE: Because I was doing something else. The explanation given to me for the motion was that I had not met with these people and that I had deliberately cancelled three visits to the northern suburbs. That is not true. I have met with those people on two occasions. I cancelled one visit to the northern suburbs because the House sat until 7.00 am and I cancelled a second visit because I was in bed with the flu. Even though the parents claimed I had snubbed them, the visit was organised by Wayde Smith, the member for Wanneroo, not the local P & C Association.

I will visit the northern suburbs very soon to examine those schools and to discuss issues with the P & C. I stand by the comment I made because the conference decision was made on wrong information which was provided by people who were involved in the Ocean Reef school debate.

**FIRE DETECTORS - VISUAL ALARMS**

405. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

Some notice has been given of this question. On the Richard Utting program on ABC radio on 13 September 1994 the Minister indicated he was considering whether the installation of fire warning devices should be made mandatory for new residential buildings. Will the Minister ensure the safety of impaired hearing persons by prescribing that visual alarms as well as audible alarms be established in new homes?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Emergency Services has provided the following reply -

A ministerial committee has been established to investigate and make recommendations on whether there is a need for legislation in Western Australia for the compulsory installation of smoke detectors in residential dwellings. I will ensure that the committee considers visual alarms for impaired hearing persons.



**SCHOOLS - PARKERVILLE NEW HIGH, LAND PURCHASE**

406. Hon JOHN HALDEN to the Minister for Education:

- (1) How much money was allocated in the Budget for the purchase of land at Parkerville for the construction of a new high school?
- (2) What is the purchase price of the land for the proposed Parkerville Senior High School?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

This afternoon, just after midday, I received 13 questions from the Opposition through the fax machine which were to be asked without notice this evening. It is interesting that, although the House has not sat for about four weeks, those questions arrived today. I have asked my office staff to provide answers to a range of those questions and they have answered some, but have been unable to answer all of them. I ask that the question asked by the Leader of the Opposition, which was about No 5 or 6, be put on notice.

**TAFE - CARPENTRY AND JOINERY APPRENTICESHIP COURSES, LEEDERVILLE AND FREMANTLE**

407. Hon CHERYL DAVENPORT to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is it true that apprenticeship training courses in carpentry and joinery will no longer be available at Leederville or Fremantle technical and further education colleges in 1995?
- (2) If yes, how many apprentices and pre-apprentices will be affected by this decision?
- (3) Is the Government considering any form of subsidised fares to assist those students who will be forced to travel long distances to complete their studies?
- (4) Was the Building Industry Employment Training Council or the State School Teachers Union consulted about this decision?
- (5) When is it expected that the new TAFE college at Murdoch will be opened?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

(1)-(5)

That question falls into the same category as the previous one. If members provide me with the question for which they want an answer on that day's sitting, it is helpful to have sufficient time to find all the answers. I have one officer who works in my office on parliamentary questions. I cannot be expected to carry in my head the number of apprentices or pre-apprentices who will be affected by this decision. I therefore ask that the question be put on notice.

**SCHOOLS - WILUNA REMOTE COMMUNITY  
*Demountable Classroom Removal***

408. Hon TOM HELM to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a demountable classroom was removed from the Wiluna remote community school last week?
- (2) If yes -
  - (i) Is the Minister aware that the district superintendent had earlier indicated that the classroom would remain until the end of the year?
  - (ii) Was a letter prepared for the Director General of Education

addressed to a teacher at the school indicating that the classroom would not be removed before the end of the year?

(iii) If yes to question (ii), why was this letter not signed and sent?

(iv) Why was it necessary to remove this classroom during the school year?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Again, I have not had an answer prepared by the department but I will give the answer to the questions as I know them -

(1) Yes.

(2) (i) No.

(ii) I do not know.

(iii) Not applicable.

(iv) Because it was required elsewhere in the system.

#### SCHOOLS - CRAIGIE SENIOR HIGH

##### *Bus Transport*

409. Hon SAM PIANTADOSI to the Minister for Education:

I remind the Minister of his commitment to the parents of students in the Quinns-Clarkson area that he would make a decision in two weeks about busing students to Craigie Senior High School in 1995. Now that two weeks have elapsed -

(1) Has the Minister made a decision?

(2) If yes, what is that decision?

(3) Has the decision been communicated to parents?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

I have two questions which were sent by Hon Sam Piantadosi. Is this a third version?

Hon Sam Piantadosi: I have asked the Minister three questions and he should provide three answers.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The member should let me handle the proceedings unless he wants to come up and do it. The question is not what may have been sent on pieces of paper through fax machines; the question is what the member asks in this House. That is the question. The Minister's options are to answer the question or to ask that it be put on notice. The fact that something is on a piece of paper is beside the point.

Hon N.F. MOORE: A question was faxed through to my office by Hon Sam Piantadosi relating to the same subject. It has a (1) and no further parts of the question. Is there some confusion concerning the question he is now asking and the question that was faxed through to my office? If the member re-asks the question, I will provide an answer.

[The question was repeated.]

Hon N.F. MOORE: I did not make a commitment to make a decision within two weeks. A decision has been made in respect of 1995 - that is, that students will not be transported to Craigie in 1995.

#### SCHOOLS - HALLS HEAD PRIMARY

##### *Flexibility in Schools Program*

410. Hon J.A. COWDELL to the Minister for Education:

(1) Has the new Halls Head primary school been included in the flexibility in schools program?

- (2) If yes, when were parents and teachers in the Mandurah area made aware of this school's inclusion in the program?
- (3) Were the parents and teachers given adequate notice of the school's inclusion in the program?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that in the document "Devolution: The next phase" he claimed that "no change will be made unless the community supports this process and any change will be gradual and not forced on anybody"?
- (5) Were the parents of the other eight schools involved in the FIS program consulted before their schools were included? It seems that half of that number of schools have not yet been created, so there could be no consultation.
- (6) If yes to (5), did the parents at all eight schools agree with the introduction of FISP?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

Again, I do not have an answer from the department but I will give the member my understanding of the situation.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I am not aware of the particular time.
- (3) It is not applicable because I do not know the exact time they were advised.
- (4) This program is not part of the devolution process.

Hon John Halden: That is not what your staff were saying last night.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon N.F. MOORE: It is not part of the devolution process. It is part of the flexibility project which came out of a program funded by the member's federal colleagues to try to get some movement into the education system in Australia. It is called the national program for quality teaching and learning. Out of that program came the flexibility projects which are being used in quite a number of schools in Western Australia. Part of that project is to enable some schools to be involved in the selection of staff next year. It is a voluntary program; nobody was forced into it, and people volunteered to do it. In fact, there was a great deal of enthusiasm in many of the schools.

Hon John Halden interjected.

Hon N.F. MOORE: It depends on who one listens to, Mr Halden, and I will give the Leader of the Opposition a word of advice: He should open his ears and start listening to those people who have a real interest in education, not those who have a vested interest in those whom they represent. This program is one which enables some schools - and they volunteered for it - to be involved in a program providing some flexibility which they hope will improve the delivery of education in their schools. I wish them well, as I hope the Leader of the Opposition does.

Hon John Halden: I do.

Hon N.F. MOORE: To continue -

- (5) To my knowledge they were advised.
- (6) I do not know that a vote was taken, but I understand the general view of parents was that they were happy to be involved in these programs.

**MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT - NEVILL, HON MARK**  
*Statement on State Government Insurance Commission.*

411. Hon P.R. LIGHTFOOT to the Minister for Finance:

Is the Minister aware of a statement released today by Hon Mark Nevill, shadow Minister for Finance?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

The House should know about the statement released by Hon Mark Nevill concerning the State Government Insurance Commission. Many facts stated in it are incorrect. It states that it is dishonest of the Government and the SGIC board to continue to attribute the SGIC's financial situation to WA Inc and that it is offensive for the Court Government to use the Western Australian Police Department to politicise the issue by printing on vehicle licences that the loss results from WA Inc. I add that the police have negotiated that most licences be paid at Australia Post. If I had my way, police registration forms would be handled by the private sector so that the Police Department would not have to worry about them.

Hon Mark Nevill interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Hon Mark Nevill will come to order. The Minister is answering a question asked by another member.

Hon MAX EVANS: It is a very good business tactic to charge the insurance with the licence to save a lot of money for the Government. It has been done that way -

Hon Doug Wenn interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Hon Doug Wenn is defying the Chair. I just asked Hon Mark Nevill to stop interjecting. At least he has some association with the answer; Hon Doug Wenn has none.

Hon MAX EVANS: In the near future all the licences might be handled by the private sector and the police might have nothing to do with them. The money would be collected by Treasury for compulsory third party insurance premiums and police licences. The statement states that a \$50 levy on third party insurance, the thresholds/capping to third party damages for non-pecuniary loss and the sale of the SGIO have raised some \$160m in the last year. What the member does not realise is that the sale of assets does not go to pay off everything. If the SGIO were sold for book value of \$125m -

Hon Mark Nevill: What about the increase in the book value?

Hon MAX EVANS: Yes, there has been a profit, but all of it does not go to the reduction of losses on capital. I will be only too pleased to arrange a briefing for Hon Mark Nevill on the losses of the different parts of the SGIC. If I had my way there would be three separate audited balance sheets; they are consolidated into one, which I think is wrong. However, I have not won that argument yet.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The Minister will get on with answering Hon Ross Lightfoot's question.

Hon MAX EVANS: The losses associated with the Bell Group, Rothwells, Spedleys and Parry through the WA Inc deals totalled \$451m. They were all decisions made by the former Government.

Hon Mark Nevill: What about the Westralia Square profit and BHP profits?

Hon MAX EVANS: I will come back to them in a minute. A total of 86 per cent of those losses belong to the Motor Vehicle Insurance Trust. Only 14 per cent belongs to the SGIO. Therefore, it had to pick up most of those

losses. In June 1987, the total funds for investment were \$790m for the SGIC. This might explain why in the last day or so members have seen a lot of comment on donations in the newspaper. On 25 April 1988, Robert Holmes a Court had \$791m of SGIC funds - \$206m for properties, \$285m for BHP shares, and \$300m for Bell shares and notes.

Hon Mark Nevill: What are those BHP shares worth now?

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon MAX EVANS: Is it surprising that we saw mention of large donations to the Labor Party in the newspaper this morning?

Hon Mark Nevill: Those BHP shares are worth \$800m now.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon MAX EVANS: I thought some of the newer members might not realise why they were there.

Hon P.R. Lightfoot: Members opposite were the greatest crooks in Western Australia.

The PRESIDENT: Order! I am getting fed up with this. I have said before, question time is a very important time in the work of the parliamentary day. I cannot understand why members ask questions and then proceed to ensure that answers cannot be given. I cannot follow that; it does not begin to make sense. I am also at a bit of a loss to understand what question the Minister is answering. I understand that the question asked by Hon Ross Lightfoot does not have anything to do with these things.

Hon MAX EVANS: Hon Ross Lightfoot asked me whether I was aware of a statement made by Hon Mark Nevill. That statement contained a number of irregularities and incorrect comments and I believe I should correct them.

Hon Mark Nevill: You have not pointed out any.

The PRESIDENT: Order! I am running this show. That is precisely the point I am making. Hon Ross Lightfoot asked the Minister whether he was aware of a statement.

Hon MAX EVANS: Mr President, the answer is yes.

The PRESIDENT: He did not say anything about giving us a detailed explanation about something that nobody else knows anything about. The answer to the question finally is yes. We could have got that 10 minutes ago.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION - DEFICIT AND WRITE-DOWNS OF PROPERTY VALUES

412. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the write-downs of property values within the State Government Insurance Commission since 1991 are approximately \$230m?
- (2) Is he aware that the present deficit of the SGIC is about \$250m? Therefore, the bulk of those other losses have gone and that \$20m or \$30m discrepancy at the moment does not justify the WA Inc levy political message being printed on police licensing forms.

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

- (1)-(2) I am not aware of that. However, I am aware that the balance sheet as at June 1994 has been delayed because internal reinsurance funds have not been clarified. The good news is that we have knocked \$61m off the third party insurance fund deficit for the year ending 30 June 1994.

Revaluations have not brought up any figures like those referred to by Hon Mark Nevill. I do not have the figures here to ascertain whether the amount of money referred to by Hon Mark Nevill has come in. It does not tie up with the audited accounts as at 30 June 1994 done by the Auditor General.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE - SALE, DEFICIT

413. Hon MARK NEVILL to the Minister for Finance:

If the Government raised \$69m from the float of the State Government Insurance Office and \$50m from the third party insurance levy, how has the deficit been decreased by only \$60m?

Hon MAX EVANS replied:

The profits from the sale of the SGIO were very successful. Originally, when it was proposed to float the SGIO 18 months earlier, we would have got about \$65m. We eventually got about \$125m net. The proceeds were to reduce the \$77m deficit in the insurance commission general fund. That fund had nothing to do with third party insurance. That \$77m deficit as at June 1993 was not part of the \$330m deficit in the third party fund.

#### CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL - REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, PROGRESS

414. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the Minister for Lands:

- (1) Was a time limit of 12 months established for the Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill to go before the Standing Committee on Legislation?
- (2) If so, when will the Bill come before the Standing Committee on Legislation?

Hon GEORGE CASH replied:

- (1)-(2) The Conservation and Land Management Amendment Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation on 12 May 1994 for its consideration. The timing for consideration of that legislation is a matter for the committee. I suggest therefore that the member discuss its progress with the chairman of that committee, who will be able to give him some indication of when the committee will complete its consideration of the legislation.

#### WATERFRONT - STRIKE

415. Hon B.K. DONALDSON to the Minister for Transport:

Will the Minister advise the House of the effects on WA of the recent waterfront strike?

Opposition members: Dorothy dixer!

Hon T.G. Butler: Old Donald Dix!

Hon E.J. CHARLTON replied:

I suppose I should be used to it now, but I cannot believe that members opposite responded like that to that question. This strike has jeopardised the economy of Western Australia and of the nation. This strike has been felt in every port in Western Australia bar Dampier, where no union people are involved and therefore there was no stoppage. That is significant. The stoppage has meant that income from the export of perishables has been lost to this State because those goods will not now be exported. A number of ships that were fortunate enough not to be locked into the ports because of the stoppage bypassed the Port of Fremantle and other ports. There were severe setbacks in the northern ports as a

consequence of this strike. This strike had nothing to do with industrial problems on the waterfront; it was an internal wrangle in the Labor Party about the future of the Australian National Line. The effects of the strike were so widespread that it will take a long time for things to return to normal.

The burdens and financial implications from the strike will be felt by every Western Australian not only in the immediate future, but also in the long term. There will be increased costs associated with the strike. It will take 11 days to clear the backlog and overtime and penalty rates will have to be paid to a range of people. Although some people will get their money back, many people involved will have to bear the burden of the strike. It also jeopardised what has been a fantastic year for the Port of Fremantle. An increased number of ships have come into the port over the past 12 months. It is possible that all the benefits gained in the past 12 months will be lost. The integrity of Western Australian ports, particularly Fremantle, will also be lost. The first shipment of iron ore out of Esperance looked like being jeopardised as a consequence of this strike. The losses incurred by this strike have been enormous and will be felt by every Western Australian. The tragedy is that the strike had nothing to do with industrial relations or work practices; it was due to an internal wrangle as a consequence of a power struggle between the right and left of the Labor Party, particularly in the Eastern States.

Hon John Halden: You would not know about the right or the left.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon E.J. CHARLTON: I know that because I was in Sydney last week and I was advised by a reliable source.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! I advise Hon Sam Piantadosi that when I called order he continued to interject and that is a very serious offence. I ask him not to pursue that line of action otherwise he will finish up where I should be.

Hon E.J. CHARLTON: I was advised last Friday that the strike probably would not end on Monday. That advice was correct and the strike continued for another day. From the time that Mr Wran and Mr Turnbull were appointed to the ANL board it was evident that there would be a showdown within the Labor Party. As a consequence of that, we can probably look forward to further industrial action because the left of the Labor Party and the waterfront unions will not accept what is planned; that is, the deal that has been struck within the Labor Party determining who will have control over ANL. That is what this whole thing is about. The answer to the question -

Hon Sam Piantadosi: You are finally going to answer the question.

Hon John Halden: We have got there, have we?

Hon E.J. CHARLTON: The answer will probably not fit comfortably with the Leader of the Opposition. I have advised all the port authorities in Western Australia that if a stoppage occurs again they must take immediate action to stand down workers. That is what happened at the Albany Port Authority and it should have happened at all port authorities. It is one thing to lose money when no action is taking place; it is another thing to keep other people employed and to add to the burden of the losses incurred because of the actions of a totally irresponsible and despicable group of people who have no interest in the future of Australia other than for themselves and the Labor Party.

**SCHOOLS - HALLS HEAD PRIMARY**  
*Flexibility in Schools Program*

416. Hon J.A. COWDELL to the Minister for Education:

Some notice of my question has been given. Following last night's meeting of parents, teachers and interested parties regarding the introduction of the flexibility in schools program at the Halls Head primary school, a motion was passed which vetoed any further participation in the FISP until the community had been better informed as to how it would work.

- (1) Is the Minister proposing to better inform the Halls Head community about the impact of the FISP on the Halls Head school?
- (2) If yes, how and when?
- (3) Is the Minister proposing to continue the FISP at the Halls Head school regardless of what the community's views may be?
- (4) With respect to the list of other schools participating in this program, how can parents of potential students who may attend schools which do not as yet exist approve these schools' participation in the FISP?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

- (1)-(4) The member asked me whether I would consult with parents who will send their children to the Halls Head school and, if not, why not? He then wanted to know how it could be done when there were no parents. The member should be logical. It is rather nice that the Opposition has taken an interest in this school, which will open next year. The Leader of the Opposition had a motion on the Notice Paper for 12 months which suggested that having a school in Halls Head was a political decision. The Opposition has come to realise that there is a desperate need for a school at Halls Head and that this Government will build one there. It is the right decision. It is nice to see the Opposition taking an interest in the parents who will send their children to that school. It is encouraging that they realise that what Mr Halden was going on about previously was not correct.

I am very happy to listen to the parents' point of view. Unfortunately I could not attend the meeting last night because I attended a meeting at Churchlands where I addressed another group of people on a similar issue to that being discussed here. I am anxious to know what the parents think but I have not yet been briefed about last night's meeting. This program is part of a program which was established by the previous Government.

Hon John Halden: You are not administering it very well.

Hon N.F. MOORE: It is funded by the Federal Labor Government because it believes that what we need to do with education in Western Australia and other states is to allow flexibility in schools. It funded a voluntary project put forward by schools to allow flexible activities to take place. That was commenced by the previous Government, funded by its federal counterpart, and it will continue into this project. The schools which have volunteered to take part in the project will be involved in the staffing of those schools. It is a very good idea. It will mean that for the first time in the history of Western Australia a real attempt will be made to ensure that teachers are suited to the environment of the school to which they are appointed. To date there has been a problem with education in this State because the allocation of staff has been made by a staff clerk in head office who did not have the capacity or the opportunity to link the capacity



of teachers with the need of particular schools. This project is a trial to see whether this idea is a better way of doing this and it is worthy of support. The previous Government started it and I commend it for doing that. The Opposition should get behind the program instead of trying to stir up trouble in a school which it said should not be built.

Hon N.F. Moore (Minister for Education) was granted leave to table documents relating to questions on notice 667 and 715. [See papers Nos 304 and 306.]

Hon George Cash (Minister for Lands) was granted leave to table a document relating to question on notice 734. [See paper No 306.]

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