

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**QUESTIONS**

**No. 26**

**Tuesday, 12 September 2017**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.  
When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

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**POSTPONED QUESTIONS**

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*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, 15 August 2017*

- 103. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Disability Services
- 104. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment
- 105. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training
- 123. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance
- 135. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
- 137. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 145. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 149. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 153. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 168. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 181. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 182. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 189. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 213. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
- 214. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 228. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Youth
- 229. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Veterans Issues
- 230. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
- 231. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
- 232. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 233. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport

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248. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General  
 254. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety  
 255. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police  
 262. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier  
 263. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

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**Notice Given** **Wednesday, 16 August 2017**

266. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training  
 268. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police  
 270. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations  
 271. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police  
 272. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations  
 273. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

**Notice Given** **Tuesday, 22 August 2017**

275. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport  
 276. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport  
 277. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing  
 278. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management  
 279. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands  
 280. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage  
 281. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning  
 282. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport  
 283. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development  
 284. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food  
 285. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General  
 286. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism  
 287. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation  
 288. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Education and Training  
 289. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health  
 290. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health  
 291. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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292. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services
293. Hon Diane Evers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
294. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
295. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
296. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
297. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
298. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Disability Services
299. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment
300. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
301. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
302. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport

***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, 23 August 2017***

303. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
304. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
305. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
306. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
308. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, 24 August 2017***

309. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
310. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
311. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
312. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
313. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
314. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
315. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
316. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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- 317. Hon Michael Mischin to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 318. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 319. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 320. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 321. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
- 322. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 323. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 324. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
- 325. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 326. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
- 327. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 328. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 329. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 330. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
- 331. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 332. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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- 333. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
- 334. Hon Robin Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 335. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development
- 336. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
- 337. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 338. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
- 339. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training
- 340. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 341. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 342. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations
- 343. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 344. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 345. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment

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- 346. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 347. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 348. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
- 349. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 350. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services
- 351. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 352. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
- 353. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
- 354. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training
- 355. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
- 356. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
- 357. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
- 358. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 359. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 6 September 2017**

- 360. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 361. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 362. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
- 363. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 7 September 2017**

- 364. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 365. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 366. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 367. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 368. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training

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**369. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to Project 105 of the Law Reform Commission which inquired into and reported on the *Firearms Act 1973*, and I ask:

- (a) is the Government actively considering the 143 recommendations of the report tabled in Parliament in November 2016;
- (b) if yes to (a), does the Government have a timeline for responding to the report's recommendations; and
- (c) if yes to (a), will the government's response be tabled in Parliament?

**370. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development:**

(1) Will the Minister provide the following information concerning their use of government aircraft over the period of 7 to 11 September 2017 inclusive:

- (a) itinerary of all flights taken;
- (b) time spent at each destination;
- (c) purpose of each travel leg, including details of any public meeting;
- (d) complete passenger manifest for each travel leg; and
- (e) full travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the travelling party?

(2) Will the Minister advise if other travel arrangements, including travel by commercial airlines, were considered?

(3) If no to (2), why not?

**371. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment:**

(1) Will the Minister provide the following information concerning their use of government aircraft over the period of 7 to 11 September 2017 inclusive:

- (a) itinerary of all flights taken;
- (b) time spent at each destination;
- (c) purpose of each travel leg, including details of any public meeting;
- (d) complete passenger manifest for each travel leg; and
- (e) full travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the travelling party?

(2) Will the Minister advise if other travel arrangements, including travel by commercial airlines, were considered?

(3) If no to (2), why not?

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**372. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry:**

- (1) In the last five financial years, if figures are available, how many jarrah saw logs, by year, were adjudicated as rejects because the logs were of poor quality?
- (2) Has the average diameter of jarrah saw logs sold by the Forest Product Commission diminished over time due to younger trees being logged?
- (3) What is the usual recovery rate for sawn timber for structural, furniture or decorative purposes from jarrah saw logs?
- (4) With reference to question without notice No. 417 asked on 17 August 2017, when does the Minister expect the independent assessment of employment in the forestry industry commissioned by the Forest Products Commission on 20 February 2016 to be completed, and will the Minister make it publicly available on its completion?

**373. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the design of the proposed development on the site of the former Perth Rehabilitation Hospital in Shenton Park and the overwhelming community support for the retention of 100 per cent of that bushland, and I ask:

- (a) were any designs considered that involved no clearing of this bushland;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table those designs; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

**374. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the proposed clearing of 50 per cent of the bushland remaining on the Shenton Park Rehabilitation Hospital site, and I ask:

- (a) were any expert reports obtained regarding the impact of this design on the bushland's value as an ecological linkage between the Underwood Avenue Bushland and Shenton Park Bushland Bush Forever sites;
- (b) were any environmental or ecological experts consulted while designing the development of the area containing the bushland;
- (c) if yes to (a) or (b), will the Minister please table any such advice or reports produced by said consultants; and
- (d) if no to (a) or (b), how can the Government be confident that the ecological values of this bushland will remain intact?

**375. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

- (1) I refer to water supplied to towns and remote communities in Western Australia (WA), and ask:
  - (a) how is water supplied;
  - (b) does the department have a water source monitoring program;
  - (c) if yes to (b), what is the water level data used for;

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- (d) if no to (b), why not;
  - (e) does the department have a ‘multiple barrier’ approach to drinking water delivery, whereby multiple barriers are in place so that if one fails, other systems still prevent or reduce potentially harmful contaminants from reaching consumers;
  - (f) if no to (e), why not;
  - (g) are water supplies continuously disinfected, which is essential to reducing consumers’ exposure to disease-causing micro-organisms;
  - (h) if yes to (g), how and when;
  - (i) if no to (g), why not;
  - (j) are the physical and chemical characteristics of the water analysed to ensure safe levels as recommended in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG);
  - (k) if yes to (j), how and when;
  - (l) if no to (j), why not;
  - (m) does the department have online monitoring at critical water supply points, allowing signals to be sent to operators immediately when problems occur;
  - (n) if no to (m), does the department intend installing this online system; and
  - (o) if yes to (n), to where and when?
- (2) I refer to testing of water supplied to towns and remote communities in WA, and ask:
- (a) how are water samples collected;
  - (b) where are the water samples collected from;
  - (c) are samples collected for each town and remote community;
  - (d) how are samples delivered to testing laboratories;
  - (e) where are the testing laboratories located;
  - (f) how many analyses are carried out for each town and remote community each year to determine microbiological, physio-chemical, trace metal and radiological characteristics of the water to confirm it is safe to drink; and
  - (g) will the Minister please identify which towns and remote communities are at risk for:
    - (i) microbiological indicators that pose an immediate risk; and
    - (ii) physical and chemical water quality characteristics that may present a risk if the consumer was exposed to concentrations above ADWG levels over a lifetime?
- (3) For all towns and remote communities in WA, will the Minister please table a list of the following in the water and the levels or range (not the averages) for all years available: Aluminium, Alkalinity, Antimony, Arsenic, Boron, Barium, Beryllium, Bromide, Carbonate, Calcium, Cadmium, Chloride, Cobalt, Chromium, Copper, Conductivity, Fluoride, Iron, Bicarbonate, Hardness, Mercury, Potassium, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nitrate, Sodium, Nickel, Lead, Silver, Sulphate, Selenium, Silica, Total Soluble salts, Vanadium, Zinc, pH, Nitrates, and Uranium?

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