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- 451. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 455. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
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- 472. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister for Housing and Works
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- 489. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 493. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
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- 495. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 520. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
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- 533. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Health
- 535. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 536. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 537. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
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Wednesday, 11 March 2009

- 540. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 541. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Commerce
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- 546. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education
- 547. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 549. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
- 550. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 551. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 555. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 558. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 559. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 560. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 561. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 562. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 563. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 564. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 565. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 568. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts

- 569. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
- 570. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 572. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 573. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 574. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 575. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 576. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

Thursday, 12 March 2009

- 577. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 578. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 579. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 580. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 581. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 582. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 583. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 584. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
- 585. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 586. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 587. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
- 588. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 590. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 591. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 592. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 593. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 594. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 595. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 596. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 597. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 598. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 599. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services

- 600. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 602. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 603. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
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- 607. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 608. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 609. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 610. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth

Tuesday, 17 March 2009

- 611. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
- 612. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Premier
- 613. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

Wednesday, 18 March 2009

- 614. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 615. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Education
- 616. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 617. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 618. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 619. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 620. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 621. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 622. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 623. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
- 624. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 625. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 626. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
- 627. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 629. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 630. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

631. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
632. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth

Tuesday, 31 March 2009

633. Ms L.L. Baker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
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**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

640. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Treasurer

In relation to the Retirement Villages Act 1992 I ask:

- (a) how many complaints have been received in the last 3 years, in respect to monies being held from vacating residents in relation to section 19.3 of the Act?

641. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Is there a review into the *Retirement Villages Act 1992* currently underway; and
- (a) if so, who is carrying out the review?
- (2) What community consultations, if any, are being done as a result of the review?

642. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) What was the Drug and Alcohol Office's total budget during the financial years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, and what is their budget for 2008-2009?
- (2) What was Drug and Alcohol Office's total budget allocation for Aboriginal programs and communities during the financial years for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, and what is their budget allocation for 2008-2009?

643. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many Public Transit Authority guards are stationed at Seaforth Station during the following hours:
- (a) 6am to 9am;
- (b) 9am to 12pm;
- (c) 12pm to 3pm;
- (d) 3pm to 6pm;
- (e) 6pm to 12 midnight; and

- (f) 12 midnight to 3am?
- (2) On average, what is the total number of passengers who use Seaforth Train Station in one day?
- (3) On average, how many passengers in total use Seaforth Train Station:
  - (a) every working day;
  - (b) more than three times a week;
  - (c) more than once a month;
  - (d) on Saturdays; and
  - (e) on Sundays?
- (4) How many passengers use Seaforth Train Station from the suburbs of:
  - (a) Gosnells;
  - (b) Huntingdale; and
  - (c) Southern River;
    - (i) every working day;
    - (ii) more than three times a week;
    - (iii) more than once a month;
    - (iv) on Saturdays; and
    - (v) on Sundays?
- (5) On average, how many passengers use Seaforth Train Station to commute to Perth City every day?
- (6) On average, what is the total number of cars parked at Seaforth Train Station on a work day?
- (7) On average, what is the total number of cars parked at Seaforth Train Station on the weekend?

644. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

I refer to the private sector accountants that the Treasurer has commissioned to audit Government Departments to assist them in achieving savings, and I ask:

- (a) will these auditors be sent into every Government Department and agency;
  - (i) if not, which Departments will be reviewed by a private sector auditor;
- (b) which firms will conduct the audits;
- (c) can the Treasurer provide an estimation of the likely total cost to the State for these audits;
- (d) if not, can the Treasurer advise the budgeted cost for the private sector audits;
  - (i) are there any performance indicators built into the contracts with the private sector auditors;
- (e) if so, what are they;
- (f) what is the duration of the contracts with the private sector auditors; and
  - (i) when does the Treasurer expect the private sector audits to conclude?



645. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

- (1) How many times has the Economic Audit Committee met since it was first formed?
- (2) Does the Economic Audit Committee meet on a regular basis; and
  - (a) if so, how often does it meet?
- (3) How many times has the Economic Audit Committee reported to the Treasurer?
- (4) How many times has the Economic Audit Committee met with each Government Minister?
- (5) How many times has the Economic Audit Committee met with each head of Government departments?
- (6) Can the Treasurer provide an estimation of when he expects the Economic Audit Committee to conclude?
- (7) Can the Treasurer provide an estimation of the total cost of the Economic Audit Committee to the State; and
  - (a) if not, can he advise the budgeted cost for the Economic Audit Committee?

646. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

I refer to the Government's 3% efficiency dividend, and I ask:

- (1) Which Government Departments will not meet the 3% efficiency dividend?
- (2) Given that these Departments will not meet the Treasurer's 3% efficiency dividend, could the Treasurer please advise what percentage savings these Departments have managed to achieve?
- (3) Can the Treasurer please advise as to the current projected growth in spending, given that the projected 12.0% growth in the Mid Year Economic Review will now be exceeded as a result of the Departments' failure to achieve the 3% efficiency dividend?
- (4) Given that the 3% efficiency dividend applied from January 2009, can the Treasurer please advise:
  - (a) how many Departments have approached Treasury for additional funding; and
    - (i) which Departments are these; and
  - (b) how much additional funding have each of the Departments requested?

647. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to the cost of tenders awarded since 23 September 2008 in relation to the upgrade or "outfit" of public sector agencies covered by the Public Sector Management Act. Excluding upgrades associated with security matters or damage caused by fire or other "acts of nature", I ask:

- (a) since 23 September 2008, what is the total cost of tenders advertised and awarded in relation to the upgrade or "outfit" of public sector agencies;
- (b) what offices of individual public sector agencies have been upgraded or "outfitted" since 23 September 2008, and what is the individual costs associated with these upgrades or "outfit";
- (c) what division or area within the public sector agencies outlined in (b) have been subject to an upgrade or "outfit"; and
- (d) what are the individual costs associated with the upgrade or "outfit" of the office of any departmental chief executive officer?

648. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

- (1) How many 'small bar' licences have been granted and what are their names?
- (2) How many 'small bar' licences have been applied for; and
  - (a) will the Minister list them?
- (3) How many restaurants have been granted a licence to sell liquor without a meal and what are their names?
- (4) How many restaurants have applied for a licence to sell liquor without a meal and what are their names?

649. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to the Country Housing Authority and ask:

- (a) what is the current location of the staff of this Authority;
- (b) what has been the annual budget for the Authority for the following years;
  - (i) 2004–2005;
  - (ii) 2005–2006;
  - (iii) 2006–2007;
  - (iv) 2007–2008; and
  - (v) 2008–2009;
- (c) has this Budget recently been cut and, if so, what is the new budget;
- (d) has the Authority and its staff been amalgamated into Keystart;
- (e) does the Government have legal advice on the Country Housing Authority operating within Keystart; and
- (f) if yes to (e), does the legal advice authorise the transferral of the Country Housing Authority into Keystart?

650. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

I refer to the arrangement whereby environmental matters relating to the company Woodside are to be dealt with by the Minister for Planning, due to a potential conflict of interest involving the occupation of the Environment Minister's husband and I ask:

- (a) has the Minister for Planning met with Woodside employees or Woodside representatives since the Premier announced the arrangement outlined above; and
- (b) have any Woodside employees or Woodside representatives requested a meeting with the Minister for Planning since the Premier announced the above arrangement and been refused an appointment with the Minister?

651. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the safety concerns of passengers travelling along the Armadale train line?
- (2) How many incidents have the Public Transport Authority attended at Gosnells Station from 1 October 2008 to 27 February 2009?
- (3) How many incidents have the Public Transport Authority attended at Seaforth Station from 1 October 2008 to 27 February 2009?

- (4) What strategies has the Minister discussed with the Public Transport Authority and the Minister for Police to decrease the number of assaults along the Armadale train line?

652. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many Public Transit Authority guards are stationed at the Gosnells Station during the following hours:
- (a) 6am to 9am;
  - (b) 9am to 12pm;
  - (c) 12pm to 3pm;
  - (d) 3pm to 6pm;
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- (a) every working day;
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- (4) How many passengers use the Gosnells Train Station from the suburbs of:
- (a) Gosnells;
  - (b) Huntingdale; and
  - (c) Southern River;
- (i) every working day;
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- (7) On average, what is the total number of cars parked at Gosnells Train Station on the weekend?

653. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Premier

- (1) Does the Premier acknowledge the biodiversity conservation values of the Banded Ironstone Formation ranges?
- (2) Does the Premier recognise that Banded Ironstone Formation ranges, including Blue Hills, Mungada Ridge and Mt Karara, are a critical part of Western Australia's natural heritage?

- (3) Does the Premier acknowledge that the areas mentioned above are completely unprotected from mining and exploration activities?
- (4) Does the Premier accept the major findings of the *Strategic Review of the Conservation and Resource Values of the Banded Iron Formation (BIF) of the Yilgarn Craton* produced by the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Industry and Resources?
- (5) What action has been taken to implement the major findings presented in *Strategic Review of the Conservation and Resource Values of the Banded Iron Formation (BIF) of the Yilgarn Craton* produced by the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Industry and Resources?

654. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister ensure the Government continues the 50 percent concession for all emergency ambulance services and medically necessary non-urgent ambulance services for seniors aged 65 years and older; and
  - (a) if not, why not?

655. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Local Government

- (1) Can the Minister name any Boards or Committees in his portfolio area that have any bearing on canine matters?
- (2) Are members of the Canine Association of Western Australia represented on these committees; and
  - (a) if not, why not?

656. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Commerce

Further to Question on Notice No. 541 asked of the Minister on 11 March 2009, and given the recent reports in *The West Australian* on Wednesday 18 March 2009 highlighting the trend of workers to remain in the workforce beyond the age of 65, I ask:

- (a) can the Minister detail how the Government intends to protect these workers' income if they injure themselves in the workplace?

657. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) How many electricity power poles have been condemned in the suburbs of:
  - (a) Nollamara;
  - (b) Mirrabooka;
  - (c) Koondoola;
  - (d) Westminster; and
  - (e) Alexander Heights?
- (2) How many poles have been inspected since 1 September 2008 in the suburbs of:
  - (a) Nollamara;
  - (b) Mirrabooka;
  - (c) Koondoola;
  - (d) Westminster; and
  - (e) Alexander Heights?

658. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) What are the current wait list numbers and listing dates being allocated for Department of Housing (Homeswest) accommodation in each of the following suburbs:
  - (a) Nollamara;
  - (b) Mirrabooka;
  - (c) Koondoola;
  - (d) Westminster; and
  - (e) Alexander Heights?
- (2) What funds will be allocated to the above suburbs for 2009-2010 to increase Department of Housing (Homeswest) housing stock?
- (3) What number of Department of Housing (Homeswest) houses will be built in each of the above suburbs in:
  - (a) 2008-2009; and
  - (b) 2009-2010?

659. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Health

- (1) How much land is owned by the Department for Health on Mirrabooka Drive?
- (2) Where is the land?
- (3) What is the intended use of the land?

660. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing and Works

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  - (a) 2008-2009; and
  - (b) 2009-2010?

661. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Minister aware that under the scope of the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013), there is a specific sustainable yield mentioned of jarrah and karri logs available to be sourced from the native forest ecosystem to supply existing timber contracts from now and until 2013, and not as bio-logs or bio-fuel for biomass plants; and
  - (a) if yes, will the Minister advise if the Forest Products Commission (FPC) is breaching the allowable cut clearly stated in the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013) by up to

60%, considering the amount set by the previous state government was recommended by experts to be ecologically sustainable;

- (b) if yes, is the Minister aware that already there is a strong community backlash against the logging of the Jarrah and Karri forest ecosystem specifically for logs as bio-fuel; and
- (c) if no, when will the Minister, on behalf of the community, request that the Minister for Forests, the Honorable Terry Redman, request the FPC to stop logging the Jarrah and Karri forest ecosystem specifically for bio-fuel?

662. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Has the Minister or any of the Minister's agencies ever received a written application or request from the Forest Products Commission (FPC) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* or section 19(2) of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* requesting that the jarrah and karri forest ecosystem be logged specifically to supply biomass plants with bio-fuel so that biomass plants and coal-fired power stations can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme?
- (2) Has the Minister or any of the Minister's agencies ever given the FPC approval or permission to log the jarrah forest ecosystem specifically to supply the energy sector with logs as bio-fuel so the energy sector including coal-fired power stations can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme; and
  - (a) if yes, what agency or agencies gave that approval, including how and when;
  - (b) if no, is the FPC currently logging the jarrah forest ecosystem specifically for whole logs to supply the energy sector, without appropriate approval and outside the scope of the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013); and
  - (c) if no, why are the Minister's agencies in charge of protecting the natural environment not informing the Minister on such an important issue that will have serious environmental ramifications for the jarrah and karri forest ecosystem?
- (3) Is it correct that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) in Bunbury and Collie were aware of a FPC biomass logging trial site in the Yabberup state forest near Collie, including several breaches to logging guidelines under the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013), during the biomass logging trial operations?
- (4) What Environmental Impact Studies (EIS) on behalf of the Minister and the Minister's agencies were carried out on the ecological effects of specifically logging the jarrah forest ecosystem to supply whole logs to the biomass industry as bio-fuel; and
  - (a) if none, when will the Minister direct the Minister's agencies to carry out a formal EIS on the ecological effects of sourcing whole Jarrah and Karri logs from the forest ecosystem specifically for bio-fuel?

663. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Minister aware that an intensive scientific study done by the Australian National University (2007) on the amount of carbon stored in old eucalyptus forests has stated that natural forests are an important part of the global carbon cycle therefore soaking up excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and storing it in the biomass of trees and in the soil?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that forests that are commercially logged store about 30-40% less carbon than an un-logged forest?
- (3) What is the Government's environmental policy relating to carbon stored in old growth forests?

664. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Is the Forest Products Commission (FPC) tendering whole logs from the jarrah and karri forest ecosystem outside the scope of the Forest Management Plan (2004-2013) to supply biomass plants with bio-fuel so that the energy sector including coal-fired power stations can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme?
- (2) Is the jarrah forest ecosystem now specifically being logged to supply biomass plants with whole logs as bio-fuel so that the energy sector including coal-fired power stations can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme?
- (3) Is the FPC tendering whole jarrah and karri logs from the native forest ecosystem to supply the energy sector specifically with logs as a bio-fuel so that biomass plants including coal-fired power stations can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme; and
  - (a) if so, what date was the Minister and the Minister's agencies aware that the jarrah forest ecosystem was being specifically logged to supply biomass plants with whole logs as bio-fuel so they can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme?
- (4) What are the names of the energy companies that have been offered tenders by the FPC to source whole logs from the jarrah and karri forest ecosystem?
- (5) What other jarrah and karri forest blocks are proposed to be logged by the FPC to supply biomass logs to the energy sector?

665. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Police

In light of a policy to not replace police officers when on annual leave, sick leave, long service leave or training exercises, Donnybrook Police Station is often manned by only three officers and an administration assistant, and I ask:

- (a) what plans does the Minister have to address this staff issue;
- (b) will the Minister allocate an extra officer to this station;
- (c) why are there no replacements for Police officers when on all types of leave; and
- (d) are there plans to divert Officers from other stations around the Donnybrook area to cover "hot spots"?

666. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) How much energy would 8-hectares of a jarrah forest ecosystem generate in a biomass plant at any one time?
- (2) If jarrah logs from the Yabberup forest 8-hectare biomass trial site were the only source of fuel for a biomass plant generator, how long would 8-hectares of jarrah forest provide all of Perth with electricity during peak periods?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that there is enough plantation timber available in the South West to supply all the bio-fuel required to power several biomass plants without having to source any bio-fuel from the native forest ecosystem?
- (4) Does the Minister endorse and support the destruction of the jarrah and karri forest ecosystem to supply whole logs to the biomass industry as bio-fuel so they can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme?
- (5) Will the native jarrah and karri forest ecosystem continue to be sold off indefinitely to the energy sector to supply biomass plants with bio-fuel so that biomass plants and coal-fired power stations can claim carbon credits under the Federal Government's Emissions Trading Scheme?

667. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Treasurer

- (1) Will the Treasurer's office be making a submission on the draft version of the Major Development Plan for Perth Airport?

668. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

- (1) How much cash is the East Perth Redevelopment Authority holding from developers who have contributed to compulsory Per Cent for Art schemes which has yet to be spent?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that some developers' contributions from over three years ago remain unspent?
- (3) Can the Minister detail the individual amounts and the dates they were levied which remain unspent?
- (4) What other agencies within the Minister's portfolio hold cash for services or capital items which have not been delivered within 12 months?
- (5) What individual amounts and on what dates were they levied for these other agencies?
- (6) Can the Minister guarantee that interest has been accrued and will only be spent on Per Cent for Art projects?

669. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for State Development

- (1) As at 23 March 2009 how many official briefings from Perth Education City (PEC) has the Minister had?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that international students provide the third-largest source of export income for Australia?
- (3) Why is the PEC website still out of date and operating under the disbanded Department of Industry and Resources?
- (4) What efficiency cuts are proposed to be made to services within PEC; and
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (5) What overseas roadshows or student fairs has PEC attended since 1 January 2009, and which events will they be attending for the remainder of 2009?
- (6) Will the Premier's 3 per cent efficiency drive impact on the number or intensity of events which PEC can attend?
- (7) Has Treasury provided any advice to the Minister on the economic benefits of PEC and international students to the Western Australian economy; and
  - (a) if yes, what is that advice?
- (8) In percentage terms, how many international students have chosen to come to Western Australia in comparison with other States in the current and previous financial years?

670. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

- (1) By the leading 50 postcodes, (including central business district post-box codes in Perth 6000, and Northbridge PO Box in 6003) where are the majority of mining and petroleum companies in Western Australia headquartered?



671. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

- (1) What are the full and itemised costs of the consultancy, advertising and other expenses for the Department of Culture and the Arts to engage a consultant to assess the effectiveness of the Premier's Book Awards and the Australia-Asia Literary Award?
- (2) Has the Department already included cuts to both awards in the 3 per cent efficiency dividend?
- (3) Will the Minister support both awards for ongoing funding?

672. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water

I refer to the proposed East Rockingham waste water treatment plant and ask:

- (a) what other sites are available for this treatment plant;
- (b) why has the Government chosen not to select another site for the treatment plant, other than the East Rockingham site; and
- (c) is the Government irrevocably committed to the initial East Rockingham site selected?

673. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier

- (1) In relation to additional Infrastructure Australia funding, will the Premier release the full plans and costings for the development of Central Park and associated works in the Northbridge Link project, and;
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) Given the East Perth Redevelopment Authority have completed a master plan for the Northbridge Link project, can the Premier indicate whether the plan for a new, extensive Central Park with associated lakes and canals, has been costed by East Perth Redevelopment Authority and incorporated into their master plan, and;
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) Why won't the Premier meet the needs of inner-city West Australians by prioritizing the Northbridge Link project?
- (4) Has the Premier consulted stakeholders, including the City of Perth and the local MLA, on the revised master plan and its costing of Northbridge Link; and
  - (a) if not, why not?

674. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of the public regarding payments to executives and the recent announcement by the Federal Government to examine executive remuneration?
- (2) How does the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) ensure their investment portfolios are managed actively to ensure good governance through participating in shareholder voting?
- (3) Is GESB a member of the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors; and
  - (a) if not why not?

675. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Why has the mutualisation of the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB) not been finalized and the capacity for Public Servants to be able to choose their superannuation fund not been introduced?

- (2) Given comments that GESB mutualisation has ceased because of declining reserves and tax status concerns, will the Government proceed to implement choice of fund legislation; and
  - (a) if not why not?
- (3) If mutualisation is not proceeding, has the GESB Mutual Board been suspended; and
  - (a) if not how many meetings has the GESB Mutual Board had and what are they working on?
- (4) What payments have been made to the GESB Board?

676. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Commerce

- (1) Can the Treasurer please list the organisations of which the Government Employees Superannuation Board is a member?

677. Mr M.P. Whitely to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) What are the findings and recommendations of the Review of the Environmental Health Foundation undertaken in March 2008?
- (2) Will the Minister table a copy of this review; and
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) Has the Environmental Health Foundation finalised their report, commissioned in October 2006, to undertake an International Literature Review on the current knowledge of emissions from the brickworks and their potential health impacts; and
  - (a) if not why not?
- (4) Will the Minister table a copy of this review; and
  - (a) if not why not?
- (5) How have the recommendations from the International Literature Review on the Current Knowledge of Emissions from the Brickworks Industry and their Potential Health Impacts been adopted into the Brickworks Industry Review and associated Environmental Assessment Reports and associated licences; and
  - (a) can the Minister please provide details?
- (6) How have the recommendations from this Literature Review informed the Midland Background Air Quality Study and what are the outcomes?

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