

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Question on Notice

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1607. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Treasurer

- (1) Why has the Office of Shared Services operated for over twelve months without meeting the requirements of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985*?
- (2) Why does the Office of Shared Services have such a negative attitude towards establishing mission statements, Performance Indicators, Key Performance Indicators and other like measures required for internal audit?
- (3) Will the Office of Shared Services continue with its current state of being unaccountable?

1608. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Statements of Corporate Intent (S.C.I.) for the following –

- (i) Albany Port Authority
- (ii) Broome Port Authority
- (iii) Bunbury Port Authority
- (iv) Dampier Port Authority
- (v) Esperance Port Authority
- (vi) Fremantle Port Authority
- (vii) Geraldton Port Authority
- (viii) Port Hedland Port Authority

- (1) When did each of the above complete their S.C.I.?
- (2) When was the S.C.I. delivered to the Minister's office?
- (3) Why has the Government decided not to accept the contractual agreement between the Port and the State?
- (4) When will the Minister detail the nature of dispute between the parties?
- (5) What are the administrative consequences of the current lack of agreement?
- (6) If the above is not correct, why has the Minister decided to drop this measure of accountability that has been strongly pushed by the Government?

1609. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Water Resources

- (1) When was the Water Corporation's Statement of Corporate Intent completed by the responsible Water Corporation employees?
- (2) When was it delivered to the Minister's office?
- (3) What were the matters of dispute that caused the delay in tabling the document?

1610. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Forestry

- (1) When was the Statement of Corporate Intent (S.C.I.) for the Forest Products Commission completed by the agency?
- (2) When was the S.C.I. delivered to the Minister's office?
- (3) Why has the Minister decided not to agree with the directions of the document?

- (4) Will the Minister make the details of the dispute public immediately?

1611. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Treasurer

Why has the Government decided not to require a Statement of Corporate Intent from the following –

- (a) Horizon Power;
- (b) Synergy;
- (c) Verve Energy; and
- (d) Western Power?

1612. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Premier

The Premier has personally administered and overseen the development of Synergy, Verve Energy, Western Power and Horizon Power, formally Western Power. The Premier has threatened to increase electricity prices to compensate for what can be best defined as extremely predictable losses under most business modelling.

- (1) Will the Premier explain and justify why such electricity reform was essential to deliver Western Australians –
 - (a) better prices;
 - (b) improved service standards including customer service;
 - (c) wider consumer choice; and
 - (d) a more reliable electricity supply?
- (2) Will the Premier immediately release the Office of Energy and Treasury projected financial outcomes for the 2006-2007 and 2011-2012 financial years, for the following –
 - (a) Synergy;
 - (b) Verve;
 - (c) Western Power; and
 - (d) Horizon Power?
- (3) How is the Office of Energy's financial modelling producing a \$100 million plus shortfall in projected profit for the 2006-2007 financial year alone?
- (4) How can four separate utilities with a current 50% increase in overall running costs operate as successfully as a single entity in any given financial year?
- (5) How can four separate businesses provide cost efficiencies by reducing the duplication of services?
- (6) How can four separate businesses operate successfully while facing a chronic shortage of skilled labour?
- (7) How and when will the Office of Energy and Treasury be held accountable for the abject failure of their financial modelling that borders on criminal negligence?
- (8) Please explain why the former Minister for Energy should not be held accountable for the incompetence of the Office of Energy and Treasury.

1613. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Treasurer

I refer to the decision not to proceed with the construction of a saleyard at Muchea, due to unacceptable cost increases in its development, and I ask –

- (1) What are these unacceptable cost increases?
- (2) Exactly how much are these increases?

- (3) Have they been caused by the minimum three-year delay in the Minister's decision-making process?
- (4) Have they been caused in any way by Muchea being –
 - (a) a sensitive environmental water catchment area; and
 - (b) in an area that will cause greatly increased numbers of large livestock transport vehicles accessing metropolitan roads?
- (5) Have these increases been caused in any way by the following –
 - (a) lack of close proximity to an adequate supply of livestock;
 - (b) lack of adequate roads for their delivery;
 - (c) lack of ability to provide co-located feedlots;
 - (d) lack of population;
 - (e) lack of public facilities; and
 - (f) lack of essential services?
- (6) Is the Treasurer aware that most Eastern States saleyards –
 - (a) are in regional areas;
 - (b) are a rural industry where they should be i.e. located in rural areas; and
 - (c) have a major component of private investment?
- (7) How long will it be before the Treasurer decides to argue for the additional funding required –
 - (a) to develop the Muchea saleyard; or
 - (b) to relocate the saleyard to a more economically, geographically, demographically and environmentally acceptable location to save capital cost?
- (8) How much will this delay cost the taxpayer?

1614. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) For each year since 2001 through to 2006, what funding has been made available for maintenance at each of the following schools –
 - (a) Applecross Senior High School;
 - (b) Applecross Primary School;
 - (c) Ardross Primary School;
 - (d) Attadale Primary School;
 - (e) Bicton Primary School;
 - (f) Booragoon Primary School;
 - (g) Melville Primary School;
 - (h) Melville Senior High School;
 - (i) Mount Pleasant Primary School; and
 - (j) Palmyra Primary School?
- (2) For each of the schools in (1), what items from the Education Department's 2004 Building Condition Assessment are yet to be completed?

- (3) Under the \$65 million Fixing Our Schools program, what amounts have been spent to date for each of the schools in (1)?
- (4) Under the \$65 million Fixing Our Schools program, what amounts are still to be allocated to each of the schools in (1) and when will those amounts be made available?
- (5) In the case of Bicton Primary School, which suffered extensive damage to its buildings because of a tornado in 2005, what funding was spent on –
 - (a) tornado repairs; and
 - (b) what buildings or items were specifically repaired or replaced as a result of the tornado?
- (6) Where did the funding come from for the tornado repairs for Bicton Primary School?
- (7) Have all of the repairs from the tornado been completed at Bicton Primary School and if not, what still needs doing and what is the reason for the delay?

1615. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

- (1) Can the Minister please confirm that the Incontinence Subsidy Scheme as announced on 4 May 2006 will commence on 1 January 2007?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise how the Incontinence Subsidy Scheme will be implemented and administered?
- (3) Can the Minister please advise the amount in dollars sufferers will be able to claim per annum?
- (4) Can the Minister please advise what the criteria for eligibility to claim?
- (5) Can the Minister please advise what the process will be for persons making a claim?
- (6) Can the Minister please advise how the Incontinence Subsidy Scheme will be promoted to the community and to the service industry?