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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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### Questions postponed from previous sittings: -

Wednesday, 3 December 2008

325. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services

Tuesday, 10 March 2009

422. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy  
423. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education  
424. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health  
425. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister representing the Minister for Community Services  
426. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development  
427. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Emergency Services  
428. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education  
429. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Police  
430. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education  
431. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Police  
432. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health  
433. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning  
434. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning  
435. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport  
436. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education

- 437. Mr M.P. Murray to the Racing and Gaming
- 438. Mr M.P. Murray to the Premier
- 439. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 442. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 443. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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- 448. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 449. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 450. Mr M.P. Murray to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 451. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 452. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry
- 453. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister representing the Minister for Community Services
- 454. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister representing the Minister for Community Services
- 455. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 456. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 457. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Police
- 458. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 459. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 460. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 461. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 462. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Police
- 463. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
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- 465. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 466. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 467. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 468. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 469. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 470. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Education
- 471. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister representing the Minister for Community Services
- 472. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 473. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Treasurer

- 474. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 475. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 476. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 477. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 478. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 479. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 480. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
- 481. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 482. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 483. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 484. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 485. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
- 486. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 487. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 488. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
- 489. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 490. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- 491. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 492. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 493. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 494. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 495. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Police
- 496. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Police
- 497. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 503. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
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- 506. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

- 507. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning
- 508. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 509. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 510. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 511. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 512. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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- 514. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 515. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 516. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 517. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer
- 518. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning
- 519. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning
- 520. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 521. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 522. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 523. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
- 524. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works
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- 527. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 528. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 529. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 530. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
- 531. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 532. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Police
- 533. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Health
- 534. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Police
- 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
- 538. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for State Development
- 539. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works

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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- 545. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Commerce
- 546. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education
- 547. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 548. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
- 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
- 552. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Road Safety
- 553. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Road Safety
- 554. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
- 555. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 556. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
- 557. 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
- 566. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
- 567. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 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
- 571. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- 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

589. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests

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

601. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

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

- 604. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
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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

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 611. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
  - (1) Has the Premier authorised any changes to the intergovernmental relations unit within Premier and Cabinet; and
    - (a) if not, why not?
  - (2) What proposed treaties has the State Government been consulted on since the Government was formed?
  - (3) What Western Australian officer representation has occurred on the Standing Committee on Treaties?
    - (a) Which officers attended and for what treaties?
  - (4) Is the current State Government preparing a submission for the South Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement; and
    - (a) if not, why not?
- 612. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Premier
 

What are the names of all the State Government boards and committees to which the Premier referred at a business lunch in early March 2009?
- 613. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
  - (1) Does the Minister accept the finding of the 'Inquiry into the cause and extent of lead pollution in the Esperance area' that some children in Esperance were contaminated by Magellan lead concentrate, causing an increase in their blood lead levels?
  - (2) Does the Minister accept the finding of the 'Inquiry into the cause and extent of lead pollution in the Esperance area' that the Environmental Protection Authority assessed the application to vary the Magellan proposal to allow export through the Esperance Port on the basis that Magellan would comply with the conditions?
  - (3) If the Minister accepts the findings mentioned in questions 1 and 2, can the Minister advise what prosecution of Magellan Metals has taken place; and
    - (a) if no prosecution has taken place, why not?
  - (4) Did Magellan Metals make commitments to the people of Esperance that the lead would be transported in a benign form?

- (5) Can the Minister confirm that Magellan Metals will be transporting lead along the railway route which forms a boundary for the Gosnells electorate?
- (6) When will the residents of Thornlie be advised of the route for the transportation of lead to Fremantle Port?
- (7) What plans does the Government have if there is an accident along the rail route in the area of Thornlie?
- (8) What process does the Minister have for ensuring that other companies who fail to comply with their Ministerial environmental conditions are caught before an environmental or public health disaster occurs?
- (9) How many full time equivalent Audit officers are employed by the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (10) How many approved projects require annual auditing by the Department of Environment and Conservation Audit officers?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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