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- 1604. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health
- 1605. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1606. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

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- 1607. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Treasurer
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1613. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Agriculture and Food
1614. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
1615. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

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1616. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
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1618. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer

Questions listed for this sitting: -

1619. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Premier

I refer to the policy of claiming reimbursement for a cost occurred, and I ask –

- (1) Why has the State Government changed its policy to pay a maximum reimbursement amount even when clear evidence of accrual expenditure is presented to a higher amount?
- (2) Will this new policy impact on country people and public servants more than city-based people?

1620. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Has a principal for Northam Senior High School been appointed?
- (2) How many applicants were there for the position?
- (3) What were the key requirements for the applicants in regards to the school, community and student requirements?
- (4) Who is the principal of Northam Senior High School?

1621. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer

I refer to Figure 5 on page 27 of the 2005-2006 Annual Report on State Finances and ask –

- (1) What was the value of Gross State Product (GSP) used to determine General Government Taxation Revenue as a share of GSP?
- (2) How was this value calculated and from where was the relevant data sourced?

1622. Dr E. Constable to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

What was the exact date in 2001 of Ms Jane Brazier's appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Community Development?

1623. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to Gardennote No. 1 of August 2003, concerning the white cedar moth, a serious pest of Cape lilac trees, I ask –

- (1) Has the Department updated its informative information on this dangerous pest in the inner-city?
- (2) Does the Department have any information regarding the numbers of people affected, including the Member for Perth, with serious skin reactions from the caterpillars' hairs?
- (3) Does the Department's advice that the berries are extremely toxic, the leaf, bark and flowers are also poisonous, and smoke from burning wood contains toxic fumes indicate that the Government should consider declaring this tree and/or caterpillar an environmental or an agricultural pest?

1624. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Will the Minister release all maps and descriptions held by the Environmental Protection Authority identifying all conservation category wetlands in the South West land division of Western Australia?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister release all maps and descriptions held by either the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Environment and Conservation identifying wetlands to be protected under the now defunct Swan Coastal Plains Wetland Environmental Protection Policy?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister release all maps and descriptions held by the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Environment and Conservation identifying buffer zones to be placed around wetlands under any environment policy?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Minister send or allow to be sent by these departments this required information to the Member for Capel?

1625. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) What is the total level of funding from each of the South West Catchment Council, Swan Catchment Council and Avon Catchment Council that has been awarded by tender or otherwise paid to State Government Departments in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years?
- (2) What is this figure as a percentage of the total contracts awarded for each of these councils?
- (3) How much of these monies were awarded to the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Department of Environment and Conservation?

1626. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

What was the average number of motorists caught driving whilst using a mobile phone per month for the last three years leading up to the introduction of this activity being made an offence?

1627. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer

In reference to the Minister's answer to question without notice number 815 (31 October 2006) I ask –

- (1) What date were the latest common-use contracting arrangements finalised for –
 - (a) the reams of standard copy paper referred to in the Minister's answer;
 - (b) the toner cartridges referred to in the Minister's answer; and
 - (c) the Pentium III laptop computers referred to in the Minister's answer?

- (2) What was the average cost to agencies of reams of copy paper for the following years –
- (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (3) What was the average cost to agencies of toner cartridges for the following years –
- (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (4) What was the average cost to agencies of Pentium III laptop computers for the following years –
- (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (5) How many reams of copy paper were purchased by agencies for the following years –
- (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (6) How many toner cartridges were purchased by agencies for the following years –
- (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?
- (7) How many Pentium III laptop computers were purchased by agencies for the following years –
- (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005; and
 - (e) 2006?

- (8) To what brand of paper was the Minister referring when he said that in 2002 agencies paid around \$6.29 for a ream?
- (9) Who was the Government's principal supplier of these \$6.29 reams of paper in 2002?
- (10) What brand of paper was the Minister referring to when he said that under current common-use contracting arrangements, agencies can buy a ream for as little as \$3.68?
- (11) Who is the Government's principal supplier of \$3.68 reams of paper?
- (12) For what brand and model printer did toner cost \$159.91 in agencies in 2002?
- (13) To what brand and model printer does the Minister's quoted \$42.50 toner refer?
- (14) Is the toner to which the Minister's answer referred a genuine or a generic brand? If generic, what brand is that toner?
- (15) When was the last Pentium III laptop computer purchased by the public sector, how much did it cost and who was the supplier of that machine?
- (16) When was the last known request made by any agency to purchase a Pentium III laptop computer and which agency made that request?
- (17) With whom is the current common-use contract agreement to supply \$1,498 Pentium III laptop computers made?

1628. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer

Can the Minister advise what funds were specifically allocated to be spent by the Western Australian State Government on projects and works in the 2005-06 budget in the following electorates –

- (a) Albany;
- (b) Avon;
- (c) Bassendean;
- (d) Yokine; and
- (e) North West Coastal?

1629. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many convicted sex offenders have been located into Homeswest properties in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (2) What suburbs have these offenders been located in?
- (3) How many convicted child sex offenders have been located into Homeswest properties in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (4) What suburbs have these offenders been located in?

1630. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many Western Australian offenders appear on the Australian National Child Offender Register (ANCOR)?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of this number as per each police district?

1631. Mr S.R. Hill to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

- (1) Would the Parliamentary Secretary please provide information regarding the conditions imposed on the State Government Grant to the RSPCA of \$1 million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) announced on 9 January 2006?

- (2) Would the Parliamentary Secretary please provide the same information for the previous State Government Grant to the RSPCA for the financial year 2001-2002 where the final payment was made on 26 November 2004 for \$250,000?
- (3) Was one of the conditions placed on this money that it be used to increase Inspectors in regional Western Australia?
- (4) If so, what additional Inspectors have been engaged and where have they been placed?
- (5) If not, will this funding be used to engage additional Inspectors in regional Western Australia?

1632. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Energy

With regard to existing older homes being converted to the Underground Power Program, could the Minister please advise –

- (1) How many houses were converted to underground power in Rounds 1, 2 and 3, and how many homes will be converted under the current Round 4?
- (2) What was the total cost for –
 - (a) Round 1;
 - (b) Round 2; and
 - (c) Round 3.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of Round 4?

1633. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Could the Minister please advise the following –

- (1) How much has the Government spent on graffiti removal from its property since 1 January 2006?
- (2) How many graffitied Government sites in the electorate of Murdoch have been cleaned up by Government appointed contractors since 1 January 2006?
- (3) Who are the Government contractors operating in the area and how much have they been paid?
- (4) What are the major Government sites from which graffiti has been removed in the electorate of Murdoch?
- (5) What is the percentage of recurrence i.e. graffiti removed then reappeared?
- (6) How many graffiti vandals have been charged since 1 January 2006?

1634. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) How many unannounced spot checks on child care centres were conducted by the Child Care Licensing Unit during the 2005-06 financial year?
- (2) How many unannounced spot checks on child care centres were conducted by the Child Care Licensing Unit during each of the following months –
 - (a) July 2006;
 - (b) August 2006;
 - (c) September 2006; and
 - (d) October 2006?

- (3) How many pre-announced annual site visits to child care centres were undertaken by the child care licensing unit during the 2005-06 financial year?
- (4) How many pre-announced annual site visits to child care centres were undertaken by the Child Care Licensing Unit during each of the following months –
 - (a) July 2006;
 - (b) August 2006;
 - (c) September 2006; and
 - (d) October 2006?

1635. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Can the decision to exclude the Leeming Newsagency from the outlets selling smart rider cards be reviewed on the basis of its potential sales when the new Murdoch Railway station is operational?
- (2) Can the Minister provide copies of Newcol correspondence to multi-rider agents of June 2004 and any other communication advising of the smart rider arrangement?
- (3) What is the cost per outlet of the equipment needed to sell smart riders and what are the financial obligations of the outlet?
- (4) What commission is payable to the outlets selling smart rider cards?

1636. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

With reference to a complaint made to the Ombudsman (ref 12254) about the Department of Agriculture and Food, I ask –

- (1) In light of the findings of the Ombudsman will the Minister or the Department of Agriculture be in a position to offer Mr Sweet a written apology?
- (2) Can you advise of the procedural changes that have occurred within the Department of Agriculture in relation to this matter?

1637. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Why were the titles for lots 150, 151, and 152 on deposited plan 24982 of Plantation Road Capel issued without building envelopes?
- (2) When can the owners of these lots expect building envelopes to be approved?
- (3) Will the Minister release the environmental reports related to the giving of the titles for lots 150, 151, and 152, which occurred during the last three years?
 - (a) If not why not?
- (4) If environmental concerns are being raised to question the building of dwellings on these lots why were these concerns not raised when the titles were issued?

1638. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Disability Services

In relation to the provision of accommodation for disabled people can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many families were given funding for an accommodation option for their disabled relative in the last round?
- (2) How many of these applications did the Assessment Committee examine in that round?
- (3) How many people were on the Assessment Committee to review those applications?

- (4) How many complaints have carers made to the Carers Advisory Council, with regard to service providers not complying with the Carers Charter under the Carer's Recognition Act 2004, and what was the nature of those complaints?
- (5) How many non-compatible accommodation groupings have been implemented by non-government organisations?
- (6) Have those non-compatible accommodation groupings complied with the Disability Services Standards?
- (7) What Communities Aids Equipment Program (CAPE) funding is available for disabled people who require services such as therapists or the provision of equipment?
- (8) Have any families been knocked back for CAPE funding and if so, why?
- (9) What recognition has the State Government given to the carer families who work hands-on with people with disabilities?
- (10) Why has the Minister instigated a "Sector Health Check" to be undertaken internally by the Director General of the Disability Services Commission (DSC), with assistance from the DSC board and its committee, instead of establishing an independent and transparent review of the DSC?

1639. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) What environmental studies have been used to justify the proposed change of the route of the new Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline?
- (2) Will the Minister table those studies?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation vetoed or opposed the use of the existing pipeline route or expansion of that corridor?
 - (a) If so, will the Minister table that advice?
- (4) Has the previous pipeline construction produced significant environmental damage?
 - (a) If so, what damage?
- (5) Why is it appropriate to put the pipeline on farm land but apparently inappropriate to have it under pine plantations?
- (6) Is the Government's policy generally to shift development off public land onto private land to minimise the impact on Government departments?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
