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Questions listed for this sitting: -

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the \$1.5 million allocation for public art to the City of Perth under Labor's Ignite Package; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the funding for two public art projects has now been combined into one high calibre public art sculpture?
- (3) Does the Minister recognise the increasing cost of art materials, supplies and labour toward combining the two public art projects into one; and
 - (a) if so, will the Minister commit to funding a second public arts project in the upcoming financial year?
- (4) How much money has the Liberal Government committed to public art in the Perth Metro area and in the regions for 2009–2010?

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the calculation of workers' compensation premiums does not take into account the worker's age and, as a consequence, employers are currently paying premiums for workers aged over 65?
- (2) Does the Minister accept that by reason of section 56 of the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* employers are paying the same premium for workers who are entitled to full weekly payments of compensation as they are for workers who are affected by section 56; and
 - (a) if yes, does the Minister agree that employers are therefore paying for cover which the workers are not entitled; and
 - (b) does the Minister intend to introduce legislation in 2009 to address this inequity?
- (3) Does the Minister agree with the 2007 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission report that the current age limits in the Act are discriminatory?
- (4) Is the Minister concerned that in this period of financial crisis and the impact on retirement incomes those workers compelled to remain in the workforce after 65 do not have full workers' compensation coverage?

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

Further to Question on Notice 409 and the answers on 2 February 2009 that WorkCover Western Australia is currently assessing the potential impact on the workers' compensation scheme of removing the current age limits, and the Minister's authorization that WorkCover Western Australia investigate options for changing or removing the age limits in the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* I ask:

- (1) Has WorkCover Western Australia made recommendations to the Minister or his department on changing or removing the age limits in the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* as set out in section 56; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister please table any minutes of the meetings of WorkCover Board where the issue of section 56 was discussed or part of the agenda?
- (3) Can the Minister please list and table the previous reports, actuarial and otherwise, that WorkCover Western Australia has acquired on removing the age limits in the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*?

- (4) Do these reports conclude that there will be little to no cost implications in removing the age limits; and
- (a) if the Minister does not consider that those reports conclude that there will be little to no cost implications, could the Minister please state what he considers to be the conclusions of those reports?

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

- (1) How are the 3% efficiency dividend cuts being applied to Worksafe Western Australia?
- (2) Can the Minister list the current Occupational Safety and Health campaigns being undertaken by Worksafe Western Australia?
- (3) Is Worksafe Western Australia currently undergoing a safety and health blitz on the seafood industry; and
- (a) if so, where are the inspections being undertaken; and
- (b) which regional towns are being visited?

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

- (1) Has there been any direction to make reductions on the travel expenses to undertake health and safety inspections because of the 3% efficiency dividend cuts?
- (2) How many Occupational Safety and Health inspectors are employed at Worksafe Western Australia?
- (3) Can the Minister please list the number of inspectors employed in September 2008?
- (4) Can the Minister please list the number of inspectors employed as of February 2009?
- (5) How many Occupational Safety and Health inspector positions are currently vacant at Worksafe Western Australia?
- (6) How many Occupational Safety and Health inspector positions are being filled currently at Worksafe Western Australia?

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

- (1) How many full time equivalent (FTE) positions were allocated to the Worksafe Library in September 2008?
- (2) Given the decision by the Government not to abolish the Worksafe Library, how many FTE positions will be allocated to the Library in 2009?
- (3) How many publications both hard copy and online were subscribed to for the Worksafe Library in September 2008?
- (4) Given the decision by the Government not to abolish the Worksafe Library will the same number of publications both hard copy and online continue to be available?

546. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education

Following a meeting of the Property Asset Rationalisation Committee in December 2008 can the Minister please advise what plans have been put in place for the disposal of the land at the recently closed Blackmore Primary School?

547. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

- (1) I refer to the Indigenous Implementation Board and ask:

- (a) what is the total annual budget allocation for this committee;
- (b) what is the sitting fee that will be paid for each ordinary member of this committee;
- (c) what is the annual allowance that will be paid to the Chairperson;
- (d) what is the itemised operational budget of this committee (eg. other costs of operating this committee in addition to sitting fees);
- (e) what is the schedule of meeting dates for 2009;
- (f) how many of these meetings will be held in regional Western Australia; and
- (g) how many FTEs or equivalent have been allocated from the Department of Indigenous Affairs to support the work of this committee?

548. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

- (1) How many passive drug detection dogs does the Western Australia Police Service currently have?
- (2) Is it planned to acquire any such dogs?
- (3) What is the timetable for the acquisition of the dogs?
- (4) From where will dogs be sourced and is it contemplated that a breeding and training program be developed?
- (5) What is the cost *per* dog (including handler)?

549. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

- (1) What is the list of capital works to be undertaken, (commenced or completed) by the Western Australia Police Service in the 2009–2010 financial year?
- (2) Can the Minister please list all capital works projects originally planned to commence in 2009 but have now been deferred?

550. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

- (1) Has the Western Australia Police made an application or submissions to the Director of Liquor Licensing to suspend, cancel or remove any licence in respect of premises under the *Liquor Control Act 1988*?
- (2) If so, what is the status of that application/s and can the Minister list the premises currently under consideration by the Director or the Minister?

551. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

- (1) Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff personally met with or had correspondence or representations from the following by or on behalf of NMH Pty Ltd t/a Halls Creek Store:
 - (a) NCS Group Pty Ltd;
 - (b) David Christison; or
 - (c) Chris Codrington?
- (2) If so, when did any meeting occur and who was present?
- (3) If representations were in writing, when were they received, and who was the author?
- (4) Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff met with or had correspondence or representations from the principals of NMH Pty Ltd t/a Halls Creek Store; and

- (a) if so, when did any meeting occur and who was present; and
- (b) if representations were in writing, when were they received and who was the author?

552. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Road Safety

- (1) Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff personally met with or had correspondence or representations from the following by or on behalf of Tenix Group Pty Ltd:
 - (a) Liam Bathgate;
 - (b) Jeanne Bathgate; or
 - (c) Belman Consulting?
- (2) If so, when did any meeting occur and who was present?
- (3) If representations were in writing, when were they received and who was the author?
- (4) Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff met with or had direct correspondence or representations from Tenix Group Pty Ltd; and
 - (a) if so, when did any meeting occur and who was present; and
 - (b) if representations were in writing, when were they received and who was the author?

553. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Road Safety

- (1) Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff personally met with or had correspondence or representations from the following by or on behalf of Tenix Solutions:
 - (a) Daniel Smith;
 - (b) John Preston;
 - (c) Joeley Petit-Scott; or
 - (d) Peter Quinn?
- (2) If so, when did any meeting occur and who was present?
- (3) If representations were in writing, when was it received and who was the author?
- (4) Has the Minister or any of his ministerial staff met with or had direct correspondence or representations from Tenix Solutions; and
 - (a) if so, when did any meeting occur and who was present; and
 - (b) if representations were in writing, when was it received and who was the author?

554. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

- (1) How many of the inaugural school of Custody Officers are indigenous?
- (2) How many of the group currently being trained as Custody Officers are indigenous?
- (3) How many Custody Officers graduated in March 2009?
- (4) How many Custody Officers are currently being trained?
- (5) What measures have been taken to recruit and attract Australian indigenous persons to the role of Custody Officer?

555. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in the recent bushfires in Bridgetown, volunteer firefighters worked ten hours straight without relief or the provision of food or drink?

- (2) What measures have been put in place to ensure that both volunteers and career fire fighters are not required to combat fires for unreasonable lengths of time without being relieved?
- (3) Was a formal debrief conducted following the Bridgetown fires and was a reason given for failure to relieve firefighters; and
 - (a) if so, what was it?

556. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

- (1) Are discussions currently being held between the Western Australia Police Service and the Department of Corrective Services with a view to the Department of Corrective Services taking over the role of transport of juvenile offenders; and
 - (a) if so, what stages have discussions reached and when is it anticipated that they will conclude?

557. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

- (1) Are there any plans to reduce the State's \$12 million Emergency Services Levy (ESL) contribution and, if so, what are they?
- (2) Is the \$31.1 million State Government's contribution to the Fire and Emergency Services Authority budget (over and above the \$12 million ESL) subject to the 3% budget efficiency dividend?
- (3) If so, what measures are being taken to ensure that frontline service delivery is not affected?

558. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Has a chronology of factual events and report prepared by GHD Pty Ltd following the fire at Boorabin National Park in December 2007 been provided to the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) for its information; and
 - (a) if so, what were the conditions under which the report and chronology were provided; and
 - (b) if so, to whom were those documents provided at FESA?
- (2) Do protocols exist between FESA and the Department of Environment and Conservation for the management and fighting of bushfires?
 - (a) What are those protocols and guidelines?
 - (b) How were these protocols prepared and when was the last time they were reviewed and revised and by whom?
- (3) Following the Boorabin fire in December 2007 was there a debriefing of personnel and did this include any representatives from Western Australia Police or FESA?
- (4) As a result of this debrief were any changes to protocols or guidelines changed and implemented; and
 - (a) if so, what were those changes?

559. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Minister for State Development

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Premier met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Premier's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?

- (2) How many times has the Premier met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Premier's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Premier prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Premier's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Premier's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

560. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Deputy Premier met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Deputy Premier's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
- (2) How many times has the Deputy Premier met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Deputy Premier's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Deputy Premier prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Deputy Premier's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Deputy Premier's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

561. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
- (2) How many times has the Minister met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Minister's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

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

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?

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 - (a) if so, how many?

563. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education; Tourism

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

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 - (a) if so, how many?

564. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

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565. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

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- (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
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566. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

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- (a) if so, how many?

567. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

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568. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

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- (a) if so, how many?

569. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
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 - (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
- (a) if so, how many?

570. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Attorney General met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Attorney General's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
 - (2) How many times has the Attorney General met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Attorney General's portfolios?
 - (3) Has the Attorney General prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Attorney General's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Attorney General's portfolios; and
- (a) if so, how many?

571. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

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572. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Water; Mental Health

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
- (2) How many times has the Minister met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Minister's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

573. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
- (2) How many times has the Minister met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Minister's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

574. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
- (2) How many times has the Minister met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Minister's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

575. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Director Generals/Chief Executive Officers of the Departments and Agencies within the Minister's portfolios to specifically discuss the three per cent efficiency dividend?
- (2) How many times has the Minister met with the Treasurer to specifically discuss the ways in which the efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments or Agencies within the Minister's portfolios?
- (3) Has the Minister prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Minister's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments or Agencies under the Minister's portfolios; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

576. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

I refer to the three per cent efficiency dividend that the Treasurer has imposed upon all Government Departments, and I ask:

- (1) How many times has the Treasurer met with each Minister within Cabinet to specifically discuss ways in which the three per cent efficiency dividend could be applied to Departments and Agencies within their portfolios?
- (2) How many times has the Treasurer met with Director Generals/Chiefs Executive Officers of each of the Departments and Agencies to which the three per cent efficiency dividend will be applied to specifically discuss ways in which the efficiency dividend will be met?
- (3) Has the Treasurer prepared any submissions to the Economic and Expenditure Review Committee setting out the Treasurer's recommendations by which the efficiency dividend will be met within the Departments and Agencies under the aegis of the State Government; and
 - (a) if so, how many?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
