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4625. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the staffing of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of State Development, and ask -

- (1) Are there any former Woodside employees or Board Members currently employed at the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of State Development?
- (2) If yes to (1) -
 - (a) how many former Woodside people are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet;
 - (b) what positions do they hold;
 - (c) when were they appointed; and
 - (d) in which Division do they work?
- (3) If yes to (1) -
 - (a) how many former Woodside people are employed by the Department of State Development;
 - (b) what positions do they hold;
 - (c) when were they appointed; and
 - (d) in which Division do they work?

4626. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

With reference to the Office of State Security and Emergency Coordination, I ask -

- (1) Are there officers from the Office of State Security and Emergency Coordination (OSSEC) stationed at the Kimberley Police Complex in Broome?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many officers are there and what positions do they hold?
- (3) Have Perth based OSSEC officers been dispatched to work in Broome during the past six months?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many OSSEC officers have been based in Broome during the past six months and at what cost to the State?
- (5) If yes to (3), have they been appointed to assist police with controlling the activities of anti-gas protesters based at camps on the Manari Road north of Broome and near James Price Point?

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- (6) If yes to (3), how many times have they been posted to work in Broome during the past six months and for what period of time on each occasion?
- (7) If yes to (3), how often and how many times have these assignments occurred during the past six months?
- (8) If yes to (3), are OSSEC officers currently stationed in Broome to assist police with the control of protester activities?
- (9) Have OSSEC officers been sent to assist police with controlling community protest activity elsewhere in the State?
- (10) If yes to (9), where have they been sent and for what period of time?

4627. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry
With reference to fires on Walling Rock Station on or around Saturday, 4 June 2011, I ask -

- (1) Did the Forest Products Commission issue a permit for the lighting of fires by the Sandalwood contractor?
- (2) If yes to (1), what were the permit conditions?
- (3) If no to (1), does the Minister agree that the contractors are in breach of their contract?
- (4) If yes to (3), what action will the Minister take to ensure compliance of this and other contract conditions?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the contractors rang the Shire of Menzies on 4 June 2011 seeking assistance with putting out a fire that was reportedly out of control?

4628. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With reference to the functions of the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that under the Western Australia *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, the Minister is obliged to receive and consider advice from the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) before making any decision regarding a section 18 application?
- (2) Is it correct that under the Western Australia *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* the ACMC is required to have one member who is a specialist anthropologist appointed in consultation with the tertiary institutions in the State which teach anthropology?
- (3) Has there been a specialist anthropologist(s) on the ACMC in the last 18 months?
- (4) If yes to (3), during what periods was a specialist anthropologist appointed in consultation with the tertiary institutions in the State to the ACMC?
- (5) If there have been periods when there has been no specialist anthropologist on the ACMC, have any section 18 applications been considered during those times?
- (6) If yes to (5) -
 - (a) has the Government of Western Australia breached its obligations under the Western Australia *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*; and

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- (b) are those section 18 application considerations and determinations valid under the Western Australia *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*?
- (7) If no to (5), have section 18 applications been held in abeyance subject to the appointment of a specialist anthropologist?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?

4629. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning I refer to the Baigup Wetland Reserve (Bush Forever Site 313) one of the last remaining wetlands along the Swan River in the City of Bayswater, and I ask -

- (1) Did the Department of Planning and Infrastructure originally intend to restore this site to high environmental condition?
- (2) If yes to (1), is this still the case?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Did the Department of Planning and Infrastructure originally intend to vest this site in the City of Bayswater?
- (5) If yes to (4), is this still the case?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?
- (7) Does the Department still consider restoring this wetland a priority?
- (8) Has the Department provided any funds towards this wetland for maintenance?
- (9) If yes to (8), please specify how much funding has been provided and to whom for this activity for each year since 1995.
- (10) Has the Department provided any funds towards this wetland for restoration?
- (11) If yes to (10), please specify how much funding has been provided and to whom for this activity for each year since 1995.
- (12) Does the Department have funding budgeted for Baigup Wetlands for maintenance?
- (13) If yes to (12), how much for the current and future financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (14) Does the Department have funding budgeted for Baigup Wetlands for restoration?
- (15) If yes to (14), how much for the current and future financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (16) Is the Minister committed to restoring this unique wetland?

4630. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water I refer to the Department of Water's Baigup Reserve and Remediation Management Plan, and I ask -

- (1) How much money was spent to develop the Baigup Reserve and Remediation Management Plan?
- (2) Has the Department implemented this plan?

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- (3) Has the Department provided any funds towards this wetland for maintenance?
- (4) If yes to (3), please specify how much funding has been provided and to whom for this activity for each year since 1995.
- (5) Has the Department provided any funds towards this wetland for restoration?
- (6) If yes to (5), please specify how much funding has been provided and to whom for this activity for each year since 1995.
- (7) Does the Department have funding budgeted for Baigup Wetlands for maintenance?
- (8) If yes to (7), how much for the current and future financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (9) Does the Department have funding budgeted for Baigup Wetlands for restoration?
- (10) If yes to (9), how much for the current and future financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (11) Is the Minister committed to restoring this unique wetland?

4631. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the \$900,000 the Department of Environment and Conservation had in the 2006-07 State Budget for work in the Baigup Wetlands, and I ask -

- (1) How was this funding spent?
- (2) Has the Department provided any funds towards this wetland for maintenance?
- (3) If yes to (2), please specify how much funding has been provided and to whom for this activity for each year since 2006-07.
- (4) Has the Department provided any funds towards this wetland for restoration?
- (5) If yes to (4), please specify how much funding has been provided and to whom for this activity for each year since 2006-07.
- (6) Does the Department have funding budgeted for Baigup Wetlands for maintenance?
- (7) If yes to (6), how much for the current and future financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (8) Does the Department have funding budgeted for Baigup Wetlands for restoration?
- (9) If yes to (8), how much for the current and future financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14?
- (10) Is the Minister committed to restoring this unique wetland?

4632. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

I refer to my question without notice No. 754 regarding the Wungong Catchment Thinning Trial initially due to run from 2005 to 2017 and the response that the continuation of this trial is now under review, and I ask -

- (1) Why is the continuation of this trial under review?
- (2) What factors are being considered in the review of this trial?

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(3) How much of the original \$20 million budgeted for this trial has been spent?

4633. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to my question without notice No. 754 regarding the cockatoo research being conducted as part of the Wungong Thinning Trial, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Minister considered any other sources of funding for this research?
- (2) Has the Minister sought a briefing from the Western Australian Museum regarding the current status of the cockatoos in the Wungong Catchment?

4634. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the decision to not investigate Matthew Meinck under section 45 of the *Health and Disability Services (Complaints) Act 1995*, and I ask if the advice the Minister has received was legal advice?

4635. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the report into styrene emissions from Riverina Pools and Spas, and I ask -

- (1) When is it expected that this report will be finalised?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a copy of the report to -
 - (a) the City of Bayswater; and
 - (b) the Department of Health?

4636. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy

- (1) How many power supply interruptions have occurred in the Mundaring area in -
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2010; and
 - (c) 2009?
- (2) What was the cause of these interruptions?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that Mundaring has a reliable, quality power supply?
- (4) How many power supply interruptions have occurred in the Parkerville area in -
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2010; and
 - (c) 2009?
- (5) What was the cause of these interruptions?

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(6) What is the Government doing to ensure that Parkerville has a reliable, quality power supply?

4637. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*, and I ask -

- (1) When is the Attorney General intending to present the proposed amendments to this Act?
- (2) Is the Attorney General intending that there will be a Green Paper released to indicate the scope and the specifics of the reforms intended to this Act?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Is the Attorney General intending that there will be a public consultation period as to the intended reforms to the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

4638. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the corella cull held in Maylands at the end of March/start of April 2011, and I ask, what are the criteria that must be met to trigger a cull?

4639. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the thirty-five private psychiatric hostels providing accommodation and support facilities for mentally ill people in Western Australia, and I ask -

- (1) How much money was budgeted by the Western Australian Government to these Private psychiatric hostels in each of the financial years -
 - (a) 2008-2009;
 - (b) 2009-2010; and
 - (c) 2010-2011?
- (2) How much money has the Western Australian Government budgeted for private psychiatric hostels in the 2011-2012 financial year?
- (3) Can the Minister commit the Government to continuing the support for these private psychiatric hostels into the future?

4640. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the registration of psychologists, and ask -

- (1) Which consultant has been appointed to study the issue of specialist registration of health professionals within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme?
- (2) What are the terms of reference of the project?
- (3) Which groups or individuals will be consulted?

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- (4) Will members of the public have an opportunity to provide input to the project?
- (5) When is the project scheduled to be completed?
- (6) Will the final report be made publically available?
- (7) If yes to (6), when?

4641. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services

I refer to the Disability Services Commission (DSC) service users by accommodation type listed in the DSC Annual Report 2010, and I ask -

- (1) Of the DSC Service users in hostels -
 - (a) how many are in hostels that are privately operated; and
 - (b) how many are in hostels that are operated by DSC?
- (2) Of the DSC Service users in Community Residential Living -
 - (a) how many are in Community Residential Living that is privately operated; and
 - (b) how many are in Community Residential Living that is operated by DSC?
- (3) Of the DSC Service users under the Community Living Support Funding strategy -
 - (a) how many are in housing provided through the Community Living Support Funding strategy that is privately operated; and
 - (b) how many are in housing provided through the Community Living Support Funding strategy that is operated by DSC?
- (4) Of the DSC Service users in Supported Community Living how many live in -
 - (a) accommodation that is privately owned, rented or sourced independently by the service user;
 - (b) mainstream housing authority rental housing;
 - (c) housing provided under the Community Disability Housing Program;
 - (d) hostels;
 - (e) Community Residential Living;
 - (f) accommodation provided under the Community Living Support Funding Strategy; and
 - (g) other?
- (5) Of the DSC Service users in Supported Community Living:
 - (a) how many are receiving Supported Community Living services from privately operated service providers; and
 - (b) how many are receiving Supported Community Living services operated by DSC?

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- (6) Please state the average number of people who have applied for accommodation and support services and have not been provided those services in each of the years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and currently for each of the following service types -
- (a) hostels;
 - (b) Community Residential Living;
 - (c) Supported Community Living; and
 - (d) Community Living Support Funding Strategy?

4642. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the outcome of the most recent round of Combined Application Process (CAP) Funding for people with disabilities, and I ask -

- (1) Of the 394 (77 percent) applicants for accommodation support who did not receive the funding for which they applied, how many have been provided with assistance or accommodation support through some other means? Please describe the alternative assistance or support provided.
- (2) Of the 394 persons referred to in (1), how many currently live in -
 - (a) accommodation that is privately owned, rented or sourced independently by the service user;
 - (b) mainstream housing authority rental housing;
 - (c) housing provided under the Community Disability Housing Program;
 - (d) hostels;
 - (e) Community Residential Living;
 - (f) accommodation provided under the Community Living Support Funding Strategy; and
 - (g) other?

4643. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to Teacher Librarians employed in Western Australia government schools, and I ask -

- (1) How many Teacher Librarians were employed by the Department of Education in each of the years -
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010; and
 - (e) 2011?

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- (2) How many Library Technicians were employed by the Department of Education in each of the years -
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010; and
 - (e) 2011?
- (3) How many Library Officers were employed by the Department of Education in each of the years -
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010; and
 - (e) 2011?
- (4) How many school libraries were there in Western Australia government schools in each of the years -
 - (a) 2007;
 - (b) 2008;
 - (c) 2009;
 - (d) 2010; and
 - (e) 2011?
- (5) Are there any requirements for Teacher Librarians to be employed in Western Australia government schools?
- (6) If yes to (5), please provide information on the required ratio of Teacher Librarians to students.
- (7) Does the Minister currently promote the use of Teacher Librarians in schools?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) If yes to (7), in what way?
- (10) Does the Minister have any future plans to promote the use of Teacher Librarians in schools?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?

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4644. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the answers provided by the Minister for Mental Health to questions on notice Nos 4420-4434 and 4436-4441, and I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister please state the average number of people on the register of interest who are either yet to be considered for eligibility and compatibility or have been assessed and are considered eligible but have not been provided with a place in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and currently, for each of the following services -
 - (a) Fusion (Aust) Ltd Community Supported Residential Units in Geraldton;
 - (b) Richmond Fellowship of Western Australia Community Supported Residential Units in Bunbury;
 - (c) Richmond Fellowship of Western Australia Community Supported Residential Units in Busselton;
 - (d) St Bartholomew's House Inc Community Supported Residential Units in Kelmscott;
 - (e) St Bartholomew's House Inc Community Supported Residential Units in Bentley;
 - (f) Albany Halfway House Association Community Supported Residential Units in Albany;
 - (g) Richmond Fellowship of Western Australia Community Supported Residential Units in Bunbury;
 - (h) Ngulla Mia supported accommodation in East Perth;
 - (i) Prospect Lodge residential rehabilitation service in Kalgoorlie;
 - (j) Intermediate care accommodation provided by Albany Halfway House in Albany;
 - (k) St Bartholomew's House Inc Community Supported Residential Units in Stirling;
 - (l) St Bartholomew's House Inc Community Supported Residential Units in Middle Swan;
 - (m) Ngatti House supported accommodation in Fremantle; and
 - (n) St Bartholomew's House Inc Community Supported Residential Units in Osborne Park?

- (2) Can the Minister please state the average time it takes to fill vacancies when they occur at -
 - (a) Richmond Fellowship of Western Australia community supported housing in Kelmscott;
 - (b) Southern Cross Care community supported housing in Stirling;
 - (c) Southern Cross Care community supported housing in Bentley;
 - (d) Southern Cross Care community supported housing in Mt Claremont;
 - (e) Intermediate care accommodation provided by the Richmond Fellowship in Queens Park;

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- (f) Intermediate care accommodation provided by the Richmond Fellowship in East Fremantle;
- (g) St Bartholomew's Crisis Accommodation in Cannington;
- (h) St Bartholomew's Crisis Accommodation in Medina; and
- (i) St Bartholomew's Crisis Accommodation in Midland?

4645. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to Table 12 of the 'South West Health and Community Profile - Health Information to Inform Services Planning' June 2008, which provides the Average Daily Bed Days for Nursing Home Types Patients, including care awaiting placement, respite and all flexible care types, and ask -

- (1) What are the average daily bed days for nursing home type patients for the Busselton Hospital for the following periods -
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-2010; and
 - (d) 2010-11?
- (2) What are the average daily bed days for nursing home type patients for the Busselton Hospital for the following months -
 - (a) August 2008;
 - (b) August 2009;
 - (c) August 2010;
 - (d) March 2011;
 - (e) May 2011;
 - (f) July 2011; and
 - (g) August 2011?

4646. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to Table 1 from the research paper by Per Christensen and Ian Abbott titled '*Impact of fire in the eucalypt forest ecosystem of southern Western Australia: a critical review*' and published in Australian Forestry, 1989, 52 (2), 103-121, and ask -

- (1) Of the 42 areas of forest and woodland listed in Table 1 -
 - (a) how many areas remain unburnt; and
 - (b) which areas remain unburnt?

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- (2) Of the 42 areas of forest and woodland listed in Table 1 -
- (a) what areas have been burnt since 1989;
 - (b) was the fire in each area -
 - (i) a planned prescribed burn; or
 - (ii) an escape from a prescribed burn; and
 - (c) if no to (a) and (b) for a particular area, what was the cause of the fire?
- (3) Of the 10 listed as numbers 33 to 42 -
- (a) for each area, when was the area last burnt;
 - (b) which areas, by year and season, are planned to be included on a prescribed fire plan within the next three years;
 - (c) which areas are included on a current prescribed fire plan; and
 - (d) for each area, included on a current prescribed fire plan, what is the season and year that the prescribed burn is intended to be conducted?

4647. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the clearing of forest under clearing permits for mineral and petroleum activities granted by the Department of Minerals and Petroleum and its predecessors, and ask -

- (1) How many hectares of forest have been cleared for mineral and petroleum activities in each of the past five years?
- (2) What quantity of forest products (by product type and species) has been generated as a result of this clearing in each of the past 5 years?
- (3) Are the permit holders required by law or any condition of the clearing permit to do anything specific with the forest products from mine site clearing?
- (4) If yes to (3), what are the stipulations?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) What amount of forest products from mine sites has been sold in each of the five years, from what companies' operations and to which entities?

4648. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to my question on notice No. 4248 regarding prescribed burn DP008 in Flybrook Block - Greater Hawke National Park and the resulting wildfire in the adjacent D'Entrecasteaux National Park in spring and summer 2010, and ask -

- (1) Given that the burn area has been mapped and the number of hectares burnt has been determined, can the Department for Environment (DEC) please provide details of the percentage of the burnt area that was crown scorched as a result of the prescribed burn and resulting wildfire?

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- (2) Can DEC please provide details of the post fire flora assessment conducted on 9 February 2011, in terms of what floristic communities were assessed and how they were impacted by the fire?
- (3) Were plans put in place prior to the fire to protect the quokka populations and their known and potential habitats?
- (4) If yes to (3), what were these plans and how were they enacted?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) Have any post fire assessments of the response of the quokka populations and their habitat been conducted to date?
- (7) If yes to (6), can DEC please provide details about the results of these assessments?
- (8) If no to (6), why not?
- (9) Were fires within DP008 lit on 20 and/or 28 December?
- (10) If yes to (9), when and how many hectares were intended to be burnt?
- (11) If no to (9), was the advice posted on the DEC website of proposed new fires within DP008 on 20 and 28 December 2010 incorrect or withdrawn?
- (12) If the advice was withdrawn, was public notification given?

4649. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment Further to question on notice No. 4456 asked on 9 August 2011, in relation to the flora and fauna that has moved to a higher category of threat since the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013 came into operation, I ask -

- (1) On what date (day, month and year) did each of the 12 species of flora and five species of fauna move to a higher category of threat?
- (2) How many species of flora and fauna have moved to a higher category of threat since March 2009?

4650. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

- (1) Did the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) conduct a prescribed burn in Monadnocks National Park in or about August 2010?
- (2) If yes to (1) -
 - (a) what is the official identification of the burn;
 - (b) what is the total area of the National Park;
 - (c) how many hectares were planned to be burnt -
 - (i) in the Park; and
 - (ii) outside the Park;

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- (d) how many hectares were burnt -
 - (i) in the Park; and
 - (ii) outside the Park;
- (e) how many hectares were burnt in total;
- (f) when was the planned burn area last burnt;
- (g) on what date did the burn begin;
- (h) on what date was the burn fully completed;
- (i) was any part of the Bibbulmun Track impacted;
- (j) if yes to (2)(i), in what way(s);
- (k) what were the primary and secondary purposes and objectives of the burn;
- (l) what was the success criterion for percentage of burn treatment area being burnt;
- (m) was that criterion achieved;
- (n) if no to (2)(m), in what way(s) was it not achieved;
- (o) what was the success criterion for percentage of the total forested area being fully crown scorched;
- (p) was that criterion achieved;
- (q) if no to (2)(p), what percentage was fully crown scorched;
- (r) what was the estimated cost of the prescribed burn; and
- (s) what was the actual cost of the prescribed burn and managing any escape from the prescribed burn?

4651. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

How many applications have been made by the Department for Child Protection pursuant to section 18(2)(a) or 25(2)(a) of the *Restraining Orders Act 1997* for a restraining order for a child in the following years, and how many orders were granted in each of those years -

- (a) 2007;
- (b) 2008;
- (c) 2009;
- (d) 2010; and
- (e) to date in 2011?

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4652. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to the new *National Occupational Licensing regulations* (NOLS) for gas fitters, and ask -

- (1) What processes are in place to ensure that people with a gas fitting Certificate of Competency are aware of the need to convert their certificate to a gas fitting permit?
- (2) What methods of correspondence have been used to communicate the changes to gas fitters?
- (3) How many letters from the Department of Commerce (Energy Safety) have been sent to gas fitters with a Certificate of Competency advising them of the upcoming change?
- (4) Of the letters sent, how many have been returned, marked as return to sender?
- (5) What process is followed after a letter is returned as a result of incorrect address details?
- (6) Will Certificates of Competency of a gas fitter be terminated if they have not obtained a NOLS approved gas fitting permit by 1 July 2012?
- (7) If yes to (6), how many fitters does the department expect will no longer be licensed gas fitters at that date?

4653. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) Which company does Western Power lease its fleet of vehicles from and how many vehicles does Western Power lease from this company?
- (2) Of the vehicles leased by Western Power, what is the breakdown between light vehicles and commercial vehicles?
- (3) What was Western Power's fleet expenditure in each of the past three financial years for -
 - (a) lease;
 - (b) maintenance; and
 - (c) fuel costs?
- (4) Of the light vehicles, how many last year travelled -
 - (a) between 0 and 4999 kilometres;
 - (b) between 5000 and 9999 kilometres;
 - (c) between 10,000 and 19,999 kilometres;
 - (d) between 20,000 and 29,999 kilometres;
 - (e) between 30,000 and 49,999 kilometres;
 - (f) between 50,000 and 99,999 kilometres; and
 - (g) above 100,000 kilometres?
- (5) What are the collective monthly costs associated with the vehicles in each of groupings in (4)?
- (6) Of the commercial vehicles, how many last year travelled -
 - (a) between 0 and 4999 kilometres;

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- (b) between 5000 and 9999 kilometres;
 - (c) between 10,000 and 19,999 kilometres;
 - (d) between 20,000 and 29,999 kilometres;
 - (e) between 30,000 and 49,999 kilometres;
 - (f) between 50,000 and 99,999 kilometres; and
 - (g) above 100,000 kilometres?
- (7) What are the collective monthly costs associated with the vehicles in each of groupings in (6)?

4654. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) What checks does Horizon Power make to ensure their network contractors -
- (a) are adequately trained in health and safety regulations;
 - (b) are adequately skilled in the work they are being hired to undertake; and
 - (c) complete their work properly, and that completed projects are of a proper standard?
- (2) What training and/or qualifications are required for Horizon Power to engage a suitable person to perform service connection work?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any occasion where these requirements were not met, yet contractors were still engaged to do the work?

4655. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) Has Horizon Power completed any report into to the power supply of Laverton since September 2008?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table these documents?

4656. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the undergrounding of power and replacement of power poles along Walcott Street, and ask -

- (1) Was any consideration given to installing black streetlight poles rather than the now installed galvanised iron poles in order to match the poles of the adjoining Heritage Protection Area and the eastern end of Walcott Street?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) What cost differential exists for galvanised iron streetlight poles compared with poles with a black coating?
- (4) Will streetlight poles to be installed in the adjoining Coolbinia Area as part of Stage Five of the State Underground Power Program in galvanised iron or will they be installed with a black coating?

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- (5) Has the Minister received any representations from the Member for Mount Lawley regarding the colour of street light poles in the Mount Lawley electorate?

4657. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Synergy's billing system and charges, and ask -

- (1) How many residential customers had not been issued a bill for more than 90 days as at -
- (a) 1 February 2011;
 - (b) 1 March 2011;
 - (c) 1 April 2011;
 - (d) 1 May 2011;
 - (e) 1 June 2011;
 - (f) 1 July 2011;
 - (g) 1 August 2011; and
 - (h) 1 September 2011?
- (2) Since the introduction of the new billing system -
- (a) how many bills have been issued late by Synergy; and
 - (b) how many customers have had a bill issued late at one time or another?
- (3) What was Synergy's total revenue from credit card transaction fees and total expenditure on credit card merchant service fees for -
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2010-11; and
 - (d) 2011-12 to 1 September?

4658. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to a media article on 4 June 2011, when the Minister for Transport was quoted as saying that '... guidance had been sought from the Public Sector Commission' in relation to the actions of the former employee of the Esperance Port Authority, and ask -

- (1) Has the Minister sought guidance from the Public Sector Commissioner?
- (2) What advice has the Public Sector Commissioner provided the Minister with on this matter?
- (3) What actions has the Minister taken in regards to the issues raised in this article?
- (4) Has any investigation been conducted into the issues referred to in this article?
- (5) If yes to (4), what was the outcome of the investigation?

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- (6) If no to (4), why has this matter not been investigated?
- (7) Has any action been taken against any current or former employees of the Esperance Port Authority as a result of the issues raised in the article of 4 June 2011?
4659. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) When a commuter fails to tag off correctly, why is the default fare charged - the cash fare not the smartrider fare?
- (2) If a complaint is raised and it is identified that technology was at fault, are other users of the service refunded automatically?
- (3) Can technology identify people who normally exit at a particular station?
4660. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
Why can people not report a Smartrider fault and have a claim dealt with on the same day the fault occurred?
4661. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Have problems been identified with the laminate peeling off the Smartrider cards?
- (2) If yes to (1), how long is a Smartrider card expected to last with normal usage?
4662. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) What is the average number of Smartrider equipment failures per day?
- (2) Have problems been identified with the gates not opening as commuters tag off?
- (3) If yes to (2), how often does this occur?
- (4) Can a gate close before a commuter can exit through them?
- (5) If yes to (4), why and how often does this occur?
4663. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
In the 2010 and 2011 financial years -
- (1) How much was collected each year due to commuters not tagging off?
- (2) How many people requested refunds?
- (3) How many refunds were granted?
- (4) How many commuters called the Department of Transport and were advised to call back later regarding a refund?

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4664. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
In relation to temporary road works, is there any policy or legal requirement for signage at the beginning and end of road works?

4665. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
In relation to temporary speed restrictions due to road works, I ask –

- (1) What are the legal requirements for signage at the beginning and end of road works?
- (2) Is there a Government policy regarding this signage and the contractors who erect it?
- (3) How are these legal requirements or policies enforced?
- (4) What requirement is there regarding signage at the end of road works?

4666. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many school bus services pick-up school students before 7.00am?
- (2) How many school bus services drop-off school students after 5.00pm?

4667. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Minister provide a list of all new school bus services introduced to schools in the Vasse, Collie-Preston and Bunbury electorates since 1 Jan 2010?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of all variations to school bus services since 1 January 2010 in the Vasse, Collie-Preston and Bunbury electorates?

4668. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question without notice No. 396 and your answer on 25 May 2011, and ask -

- (1) With respect to part 2, why is the Minister not prepared to confirm or deny whether such advice was received from the Department of Transport?
- (2) Does the Minister accept that providing a full and complete answer is part of being an open and accountable Government as Mr Barnett promised to the electorate?
- (3) Will the Minister now advise what advice the Department of Transport gave the Government with respect to the privatisation of motor vehicle inspections?

4669. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What upgrades are required at wheat bins along the Albany to Avon rail line and the Northam to Merredin rail line to implement the Government's strategy as part of the decision to close the Tier 3 Grain Freight Rail Lines?
- (2) Who will be required to pay for these upgrades?

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- (3) When does the Government expect this work to occur?
- (4) What is the current cost per tonne to transport grain by rail from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal?
- (5) What does the Government expect the cost per tonne to transport grain by rail from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal will be following these upgrades?
- (6) What is the current cost per tonne to transport grain by road from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal?
- (7) What does the Government expect the cost per tonne to transport grain by road from the Brookton wheat bin to the Kwinana Grain Terminal will be following these upgrades?

4670. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question on notice No. 508 and your answer on 29 June 2011, and ask -

- (1) Why is the Minister not prepared to give a specific answer to the question?
- (2) Does the Minister believe the public has the right to know whether the Liberal Party has abandoned its '*A Vision for the Port of Fremantle*' document launched on 18 December 2007?
- (3) Why will the Minister not explain to people why the Government has changed its view?

4671. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

For each of the following financial years; 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 -

- (1) How many claims were made under the *Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act 1943* and what was the total value?
- (2) How many of the claims were for vehicles that were unlicensed?
- (3) How many claims were paid out and what was the total value?
- (4) How many claims paid out were for unlicensed vehicles and what was the value?
- (5) How many claims did the Commission seek to recoup the payout from a driver or other person and what was the value?
- (6) How many of the claims the Commission sought to recoup were because the vehicle was unlicensed, and what was the value?

4672. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Department of Transport provide the Minister for Transport with a draft answer to questions on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?
- (2) Did the draft answer include a list of the fees and charges that been identified as being above cost recovery?

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4673. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Department of Transport provide the Minister for Transport with a draft answer to question on notice No. 4479 answered on 8 September 2011?
- (2) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of the tariffs, fees and charges that have been increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index?
- (3) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of all new tariffs, fees and charges that have been implemented?

4674. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Public Transport Authority provide the Minister for Transport with a draft answer to question on notice No. 4479 answered on 8 September 2011?
- (2) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of the tariffs, fees and charges that have been increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index?
- (3) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of all new tariffs, fees and charges that have been implemented?

4675. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did Main Roads provide the Minister for Transport with a draft answer to question on notice No. 4479 answered on 8 September 2011?
- (2) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of the tariffs, fees and charges that have been increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index?
- (3) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of all new tariffs, fees and charges that have been implemented?

4676. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did any Port Authority provide the Minister for Transport with a draft answer to question on notice No. 4479 answered on 8 September 2011?
- (2) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of the tariffs, fees and charges that have been increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index?
- (3) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of all new tariffs, fees and charges that have been implemented?

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4677. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Western Australian Coastal Shipping Commission provide the Minister for Transport with a draft answer to question on notice No. 4479 answered on 8 September 2011?
- (2) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of the tariffs, fees and charges that have been increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index?
- (3) Did any draft answer provided to the Minister for Transport include any details of all new tariffs, fees and charges that have been implemented?

4678. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise each agency in the Transport portfolio that they should not provide the information requested in question on notice No. 4479 answered on 8 September 2011?

4679. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Department of Transport that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4680. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise Main Roads Western Australia that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4681. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Public Transport Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4682. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Albany Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4683. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Broome Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

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4684. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Fremantle Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4685. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Esperance Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4686. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Dampier Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4687. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Geraldton Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4688. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

On what date did the Minister for Transport advise the Port Hedland Port Authority that they should not provide the information requested in parts (3) to (5) of question on notice No. 4478 answered on 8 September 2011?

4689. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Department of Transport increase any tariff, fee or charge by an amount greater than the consumer price index to maintain or achieve cost reflectivity in the 2010-11 financial year?
- (2) If yes to (1), did the Department of Transport highlight this tariff, fee or charge to the Department of Treasury and Finance through the annual budget process?
- (3) If yes to (2), what details about the tariff, fee or charge are required to be provided to the Department of Treasury and Finance?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

4690. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Department of Transport introduce any new tariff, fee or charge in the 2010-11 financial year?

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- (2) If yes to (1), did the Department of Transport highlight this new tariff, fee or charge to the Department of Treasury and Finance through the annual budget process?
- (3) If yes to (2), what details about the new tariff, fee or charge are required to be provided the Department of Treasury and Finance?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

4691. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer

- (1) What details are Departments required to provide to the Department of Treasury and Finance during the budget process regarding -
 - (a) new tariff, fees or charges; and
 - (b) tariff, fees and charges increased by an amount greater than the consumer price index to maintain or achieve cost reflectivity?

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