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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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- 3233. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management
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- 3269. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection
- 3270. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health
- 3271. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3272. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Wednesday, 2 April 2008

- 3273. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3274. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3275. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection
- 3276. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 3277. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 3278. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Energy
- 3279. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3280. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information
- 3281. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection
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- 3283. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management
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- 3295. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 3298. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health
- 3299. Mr G. Snook to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government

Thursday, 3 April 2008

- 3300. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment
- 3301. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 3302. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Attorney General
- 3303. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 3304. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Tuesday, 8 April 2008

- 3305. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
- 3306. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 3307. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Elective Surgery Wait List Report for February 2008 in which (on page 3) it is noted that the total number of admissions for February was 4,799 and (on page 9) that the number of Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI) cases undertaken was 958. I also refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 3140, dated 11 March 2008, in which the Minister advised that the surgery waiting list in 2007 had been significantly reduced, largely by a dramatic rise in Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI) procedures, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise if the number of 'admissions' in the monthly report include ASI figures?

- 3308. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Treasurer

I refer to Question Without Notice No. 103, asked on 20 March 2008, referring to the Treasurer's October 2006 delegation to Europe and the nearly \$100,000 this trip cost, and I ask:

- (a) what hotels or other accommodation did the delegation stay in, and on which dates; and
- (b) what is the breakdown of the expenses of the trip into:
  - (i) flights;

- (ii) accommodation (rooms only); and
- (iii) other expenses?

3309. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources

I refer to Question on Notice No. 3110 on infill sewerage, asked on 27 February 2008, and I ask:

- (a) did the Minister, the Water Corporation, or the Minister's Department brief the Member for Collie-Wellington on the question or the issue;
- (b) if yes to (a), when did this occur; and
- (c) if yes to (a), did this briefing occur as a result of the Question on Notice, or for the benefit of the Member for Collie-Wellington?

3310. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) How often are smoke and fire alarms in Government schools checked and tested, and who carries out this work?
- (2) How often are smoke alarms in Government schools cleaned, and who carries out this work?

3311. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Is it compulsory for teachers working at the Government's remote community schools (RCSs) to complete four-wheel drive vehicle training prior to taking up their placement?
- (2) If yes to (1), how often are courses held?
- (3) If yes to (1), are 'refresher' courses also offered, and if so:
  - (a) are all RCS teachers required to complete them; and
  - (b) how often are teachers required to complete them?
- (4) If no to (1), can the Minister list the number of teachers at each of the 43 RCSs, who have access to Government-owned vehicles and who have undertaken four-wheel drive vehicle training?
- (5) Who conducts the four-wheel drive vehicle training courses?
- (6) Where is the training held?
- (7) What specific activities are carried out during the training course?

3312. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer

In relation to the 40 passenger four-wheel drive vehicles in the Government fleet that were written off during the period from 15 March 2006 to 15 February 2008, to which Government department were they allocated?

3313. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Government Enterprises

With reference to passenger four-wheel drive vehicles only within the Government fleet:

- (a) how many vehicles have been involved in serious crashes that have involved injury or death for each year between 2001 and 2007 inclusive;
- (b) what was the location, including the road name, of each of these crashes; and
- (c) of those crashes outlined in (a), how many have resulted in either workers' compensation or insurance claims made against the Government or its insurers?

3314. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection  
With reference to passenger four-wheel drive vehicles within the Government fleet:

- (a) how many, if any, people have been injured or killed in each year between 2001 and 2007 inclusive; and
- (b) in which Government department did they work?

3315. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to the planned traffic lights for the intersection of the South Western Highway / Abernethy Road / Beenyup Road, and ask:

- (a) is it true that three different dates have previously been set for the completion of these lights and that all three dates have passed; and
  - (i) if no to (a), what was the original date for completion;
  - (ii) if yes to (a), what are the reasons for the delay; and
- (b) by what date will these traffic lights be completed and what is the Minister's department waiting on until they complete these works?

3316. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister's recent statements concerning the extension of the Tonkin Highway and the completion of the Perth to Bunbury Highway and ask:

- (a) does the Minister stand by his previous statement that the residents of Byford will have to wait for the Tonkin Highway extension to reduce the traffic through Byford before major modifications can be carried out on the South Western Highway, such as lane and speed limit reductions; and
- (b) if, as the Minister recently claimed, the Perth to Bunbury Highway is going to make a big difference to the traffic flow through Byford, will the South Western Highway modifications begin when the Perth to Bunbury Highway is completed?

3317. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister's statement on the upgrading of Orton Road made in the *Comment News* in March, and ask:

- (a) how is upgrading Orton Road expected to improve Byford's traffic problems; and
- (b) can the Minister explain how \$55 million spent on upgrading this road as a temporary solution is of greater value for money than extending the Tonkin Highway, which can allow traffic to entirely bypass Byford?

3318. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Tourism

In regard to Question on Notice No. 3066, can the Minister advise for what period or periods the variable message sign on the Burswood Footbridge across the Great Eastern Highway has displayed an advertisement for [westernaustralia.com](http://westernaustralia.com) since it was established in 2006?

3319. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With reference to Kalamunda Police Station:

- (a) is any consideration being given to closure or amalgamation with another station;
- (b) if yes to (a), why and what are the details;



- (c) if no to (a), will the Minister guarantee that the station will remain open for at least the next five years; and
- (d) when will a new police station in Kalamunda be constructed?

3320. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regards to the petition presented to the Lower House on 28 February 2008 requesting the Public Transport Authority restructure the school bus services between Donnybrook and Bunbury to include one direct bus service from Donnybrook and Ocean Forrest Lutheran College, I ask:

- (a) has the Public Transport Authority investigated this request; and
  - (i) if not, why not; and
- (b) is it going to occur; and if so when; and
  - (i) if not, why not?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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