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3166. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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3170. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Thursday, 19 August 2004

3172. Mr M.J. Birney to the Treasurer

Tuesday, 24 August 2004

3173. Mr J.P.D. Edwards to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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3175. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
3177. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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3180. Mr P.G. Pental to the Minister for Education and Training

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3181. Mr T.K. Waldron to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
3182. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

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3183. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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3190. Mr A.J. Dean to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
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3212. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister for the Environment
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3225. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister representing the Minister for Government Enterprises
3226. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Education and Training
3227. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Wednesday, 22 September 2004

3229. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Justice
3230. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Thursday, 23 September 2004

3231. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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3235. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

3236. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer the Minister to the review of criteria for the registration of non-government schools, the answer to question on notice No. 1806 of 2003 and the Estimates Committee hearings of 20 May 2004 and ask -

- (a) what is the reason for the delay in the review of the criteria;
- (b) when will the review be completed; and
- (c) how are applications for registration being progressed in the interim?

3237. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Health

I refer the Minister to *The West Australian* of 10 August 2004 and the article titled 'Mental health chaos: doctors' and ask -

- (a) what services are available for children and adolescents in the northern suburbs, north of Beach Road;
- (b) is the Minister aware that research by 'Young Minds' in the UK has found that an estimated 10% of children have some sort of mental disorder; and
- (c) what are the current guidelines for children and adolescents to access mental health services?

3238. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Health

I refer the Minister to *The West Australian* of 10 August 2004 and the article titled 'Mental health chaos: doctors' and ask -

- (a) in the past twelve months how many youth and adolescents have been referred to mental health specialists;
- (b) of the youth and adolescents referred to mental health specialists how many were suffering from psychoses that was found to be drug induced;
- (c) is the Minister aware of increasing evidence that THC causes mental imbalance that can lead to aggressive and violent behaviour;
- (d) is the Minister aware of increasing evidence that THC is a contributing factor in cases of youth schizophrenia;
- (e) if not, will the Minister make himself aware of this research; and
- (f) if not, why not?

3239. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Do warning signs have to be placed at a premises when a security smoke generator has been installed?
- (2) If yes, then what is the minimum size, and where do they need to be located?
- (3) Does the Government support the use of smoke generators as a theft prevention device?
- (4) If yes, then what Police training, if any, needs to be put in place to ensure that Police officers are capable of adequately responding to a call where Smokescreen activation has taken place?

3240. Mr L. Graham to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

I refer to the \$20 million Pilbara Fund and ask –

- (a) who are the members of the committee;
- (b) on what date was each member of the committee appointed;
- (c) how were the members chosen;
- (d) what are the qualifications each member has to qualify them for the committee;
- (e) on what date and where were the positions on the Fund committee advertised;
- (f) who is the chair of the committee;
- (g) how was the chair of the committee chosen;
- (h) where is the Headquarters of the fund;
- (i) does the fund have an administrative/executive officer;
- (j) if the answer to (i) is no, who administers the fund;
- (k) if the answer to (i) is yes –
  - (i) what is the salary for the position;
  - (ii) do the costs of the administration come out of the \$20 million allocation;
  - (iii) how was the person chosen for the position;
  - (iv) where is the person located;
  - (v) what are the office costs associated with the position;



- (vi) what additional staff does the person holding the position have;
  - (vii) what is the cost of the additional staff;
  - (viii) what are travel entitlements for the position;
  - (ix) if a mobile phone is provided, what is the cost and who is responsible for meeting those costs; and
  - (x) if a laptop computer is provided, what is the cost and who is responsible for meeting that cost;
- (l) what are the terms of reference for the fund;
  - (m) how will funding decisions be made;
  - (n) when will funding decisions be finalised;
  - (o) what is the life of the committee;
  - (p) on what date will the committee's functions cease;
  - (q) is any of the \$20 million contained in the fund already committed;
  - (r) what are the outcomes that the fund is expected to achieve;
  - (s) where in the 2004/5 budget are the details of the fund located; and
  - (t) since its formation -
    - (i) on what dates has the committee met;
    - (ii) what was the location of each meeting;
    - (iii) who attended each meeting; and
    - (iv) from where can copies of any decisions taken by the committee be obtained?

3241. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the issue of the 30 to 50% cuts to Regional Road Funding due to election commitments in health, education and community, the resulting delays to regional road projects, the answer to question on notice No. 1315 of 2003 and that the Government budget surplus is approximately \$800 million and ask -

- (a) will the Minister make a commitment to use some of the available funds to restore the original funding allocation to the Regional Roads program;
- (b) if so, when will the Minister allocate this funding; and
- (c) if not, will the Minister explain why funding to ensure the safety of Western Australia's regional roads is a lower priority than the \$1.8 million allocated to send WA school children free to the 2004 Royal Show?

3242. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the complaints that I have received regarding the condition of the entrance to the South Yunderup Canal, and that the waterways of the Harvey/Peel estuary system are becoming difficult to manage by the many homeowners located along the canals in the area and ask -

- (a) when was the condition of the waterways in the Harvey/Peel estuary system, and specifically the mouth of the South Yunderup Canal, last assessed;
- (b) what was the result of that assessment;
- (c) is there a regular process of maintenance for this waterway to ensure that it does not deteriorate due to either silting or lack of maintenance;

- (d) if so, when was this work last carried out;
- (e) if this work was carried out recently, will the Minister explain why residents are lodging these complaints;
- (f) if there is no regular process of maintenance in place, when will the Minister instigate the necessary works to restore the waterways to an acceptable condition; and
- (g) if the Minister believes her Department is not responsible for these works, will she advise why not, since the waterways were constructed by her Department?

3243. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Has a tender been allocated to an overseas company to provide online professional development for Western Australian teachers?
- (2) When were tenders called for this service?
- (3) How many companies tendered for the service?
- (4) Who won the tender?
- (5) What is the estimated cost of the tender, and over what duration?
- (6) When will the service be available to Western Australian teachers?
- (7) Did any Australian companies tender for the contact?
- (8) If so, why were they not successful?

3244. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to Main Roads advice that future planning proposes duplicating a new bridge to the east of the existing Stirling Bridge to provide three lanes for a southbound carriageway, and that the existing Stirling Bridge would be used for the three lane northbound carriageway and ask -

- (a) when is this building program planned for;
- (b) what is the estimated cost;
- (c) what advance studies have been done to indicate that this project is necessary; and
- (d) in view of the enormous expenditure on the South West Metropolitan Railway, will the Minister review the necessity for this project?

3245. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) Does the State Government have a policy for the standard of physical care and treatment provided to dementia patients in publicly funded dementia facilities?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), does the policy allow nursing staff to use physical restraints to control the movements of patients?

3246. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many in patient dementia facilities exist in the Perth metropolitan area?
- (2) What are the names of each facility in (1)?
- (3) How many beds does each facility in (1) have?
- (4) How much funding does each facility in (1) receive from the State Government?
- (5) How many FTE staff are employed to care for patients in each facility in (1)?

(6) Which dementia facilities in (1) cater specifically for patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

3247. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Osborne Lodge has used physical restraints on patients overnight to prevent mobility?
- (2) Is the treatment of patients in (1) consistent with any customer service charter or mission statement that applies to Osborne Lodge?

3248. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Will the Minister advise if it is standard practise to advise an individual when his or her vehicle registration is due?
- (2) If so, how can the Minister be sure that the person in question has not moved house?
- (3) Will the Minister confirm that an individual can have his or her drivers license cancelled as a result of not handing in license plates for a vehicle with an expired registration?
- (4) If so, is the Government required to advise that person that his or her license has been cancelled?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) If yes, by what method of communication will a person be advised of this?
- (7) If the method of communication is by post, does the Minister concede that as a result of a change of abode, an individual may not actually learn about the cancellation of their license?
- (8) If yes, will the Minister review this?

3249. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for Education and Training

When will the covered assembly area for the Brunswick Primary School be built?

3250. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the need for repairs and renovations to the Harvey Primary School?
- (2) When can the students and staff expect the repairs and renovations to take place?

3251. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the drastic need for repairs, renovations and expansion of the Pinjarra Senior High School?
- (2) When can the students and staff of the Pinjarra Senior High School expect the repairs, renovations and expansion to take place?

3252. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the drastic need for repairs, renovations and expansion of the Pinjarra Primary School?
- (2) When can the students and staff expect the repairs, renovations and expansion to take place?

3253. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How many complaints have been received at all stations on the northern line since the Clarkson Station opened?

- (2) What changes to scheduling have been made to the northern line since the Clarkson Station opened?
- (3) Have these changes had a detrimental affect on commuters catching trains to the city from Warwick, Stirling, Glendalough and Leederville?
- (4) If so, will the Minister reverse the new timetable to ensure that these commuters are able to access an efficient train service as was previously the case?
- (5) What are the time lines for the new rolling stock to meet the demands of commuters on the northern line?

3254. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer to the *Sunday Times* articles of 19 September 2004 that reported on doctors working in the workers' compensation system and ask -

- (a) are individuals seeking workers' compensation entitled to select a doctor of their own choice to perform a medical assessment of their injuries; and
- (b) if not, why not?

3255. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer to the *Sunday Times* articles of 19 September 2004 that reported on doctors in the workers' compensation system and ask -

- (a) how many doctors who perform assessments of workers' compensation claimants' injuries for Risk Cover sit concurrently on WorkCover medical assessment panels that rule on workers' compensation medical disputes;
- (b) does the Minister regard it as a conflict of interest that doctors may sit on WorkCover medical assessment panels to determine medical disputes in the workers' compensation jurisdiction and concurrently perform injury assessments of claimants for insurance companies;
- (c) if not, why not;
- (d) has the Minister considered allowing claimants in the workers' compensation system to appeal decisions made by medical panels about their level of impairment to a merits review tribunal; and
- (e) if not, why not?

3256. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer to the *Sunday Times* articles of 19 September 2004 that reported on doctors in the workers' compensation system and ask how many workers' compensation claimants have taken their own lives prior to their claim being settled in each of the past ten years?

3257. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer

- (1) What amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue did the State Government receive from the Commonwealth Government in each of the following financial years -
  - (a) 2000-2001;
  - (b) 2001-2002;
  - (c) 2002-2003; and
  - (d) 2003-2004?

- (2) What is the projected amount of goods and services tax revenue that Western Australia is expected to receive from the Commonwealth Government in each of the following financial years -
- (a) 2004-2005; and
  - (b) 2005-2006?

3258. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer

- (1) How much revenue did the Office of State Revenue collect for the State Government from stamp duty charges in each of the following financial years -
- (a) 1996-1997;
  - (b) 1997-1998;
  - (c) 1998-1999;
  - (d) 1999-2000;
  - (e) 2000-2001;
  - (f) 2001-2002;
  - (g) 2002-2003; and
  - (h) 2003-2004?
- (2) How much revenue is the Office of State Revenue projected to collect for the State Government from stamp duty charges in the next two financial years?

3259. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer

- (1) How much revenue did the Office of State Revenue collect for the State Government from the levying of land tax in each of the following financial years -
- (a) 1996-1997;
  - (b) 1997-1998;
  - (c) 1998-1999;
  - (d) 1999-2000;
  - (e) 2000-2001;
  - (f) 2001-2002;
  - (g) 2002-2003; and
  - (h) 2003-2004?
- (2) How much revenue is the Office of State Revenue projected to collect for the State Government from land taxes in the next two financial years?

3260. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer

- (1) How much revenue did the Office of State Revenue collect for the State Government from the levying of payroll tax in each of the following financial years -
- (a) 1996-1997;
  - (b) 1997-1998;
  - (c) 1998-1999;
  - (d) 1999-2000;

- (e) 2000-2001;
  - (f) 2001-2002;
  - (g) 2002-2003; and
  - (h) 2003-2004?
- (2) How much revenue is the Office of State Revenue projected to collect for the State Government from payroll taxes in the next two financial years?

3261. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer

- (1) How much revenue did the Office of State Revenue collect for the State Government from the levying of debits tax in each of the following financial years -
- (a) 1996-1997;
  - (b) 1997-1998;
  - (c) 1998-1999;
  - (d) 1999-2000;
  - (e) 2000-2001;
  - (f) 2001-2002;
  - (g) 2002-2003; and
  - (h) 2003-2004?
- (2) How much revenue is the Office of State Revenue projected to collect for the State Government from debit taxes in the next two financial years?

3262. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister for Health

- (1) What evidence exists to support the claim in *The West Australian* newspaper of 11 October 2004, by Health Department medical entomologist Dr Mike Lindsay, that 'man-made wetlands' could be significant for the breeding of mosquitoes?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that, with the Vasse electorate being most severely affected by Ross River virus in the 2003-2004 year, there are few man-made wetlands in the electorate when compared with highly urbanised areas such as in most of Perth?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that several species of native and exotic fish are recognised as consuming mosquitoes during their aquatic larval stage of development, such that well designed and managed artificial wetlands should carry only very low numbers of mosquitoes?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that most south west mosquitoes breed in natural wetland areas and in winter-flooded farmland, with the result that towns like Busselton must rely on a combination of public education and larvicide controls applied to such breeding areas as the best way of reducing the risk of Ross River virus infections?

3263. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister for Health

- (1) Why does Healthways insist that incorporated community groups seeking funding grants must carry public liability insurance?
- (2) If a project for which a community group seeks funding does not involve members of the public but only members of the group, why does Healthways nonetheless require public liability insurance when group members have accepted the risks associated with activities organized by the group?

- (3) For community group projects involving members of the public who are not members of the group, why are Healthways' concerns about public liability not resolved by a requirement that such members of the public must sign a legal liability disclaimed form, as is now becoming common practice for small community groups?
- (4) How does the Minister justify a requirement for community groups to have public liability insurance when such insurance can cost several hundreds of dollars, sometimes equal to 20% or more of the amount of money being sought as a grant from Healthways?

3264. Mr B.K. Masters to the Premier

- (1) What evidence is available to support the Premier's claim, made in his media statement of 5 October 2004, that 'Since becoming protected from old growth logging, our South-West forests have become a major tourist attraction'?
- (2) Is it not true that, as a result of opposition to the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) from anti-logging activities, tourism to the South-West forests dropped significantly in the lead-up to the 2001 State election?
- (3) What factual data such as tourist visitations, overnight stays at accommodation providers in the South-West forest region and expenditures exist to show that current tourism levels are significantly higher than tourism levels prior to the start of the RFA dispute?
- (4) What influence has international terrorism such as September 11 in New York had on domestic tourism and has there been a downturn in international tourism by Australians such that more are staying at home and visiting domestic tourism areas such as the South-West forests?

3265. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister for Tourism

- (1) What evidence is available to support the Premier's claim, made in his media statement of 5 October 2004, that 'Since becoming protected from old growth logging, our South-West forests have become a major tourist attraction'?
- (2) Is it not true that, as a result of opposition to the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) from anti-logging activities, tourism to the South-West forests dropped significantly in the lead-up to the 2001 State election?
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- (4) What influence has international terrorism such as September 11 in New York had on domestic tourism and has there been a downturn in international tourism by Australians such that more are staying at home and visiting domestic tourism areas such as the South-West forests?

3266. Mr B.K. Masters to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Mr Ralph Barraclough, captain of the Licola Country Fire Authority fire crew in Gippsland, Victoria, recently set his fire truck alight using a single piece of lighted toilet paper to show that the fibreglass heat shielding on CFA trucks was highly flammable and hence of little protection to its fire crews?
- (2) Is Mr Barraclough correct when he stated in a media statement on 5 October 2003 that 'West Australian fire fighters began phasing out the use of fibreglass on their trucks last year'?
- (3) If yes, how many trucks still have fibreglass heat shielding and when will removal of the fibreglass be completed?

- (4) If no, for what reasons does the Minister believe that the fibreglass heat shielding does not pose a significant danger to fire truck crew?

3267. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Is the Minister aware that people have to wait up to 45 minutes to get served at the Mandurah Licensing Centre?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that people leave in despair because of the wait involved at the Mandurah Licensing Centre?
- (3) Will the Minister re-open the Pinjarra Licensing Centre to take the pressure off the Mandurah Licensing Centre?
- (4) Will the Minister return all licensing services into Mandurah and Pinjarra instead of some people having to go to Perth for certain truck licences, which cannot now be obtained in the Mandurah/Pinjarra area?

3268. Mr J.L. Bradshaw to the Minister for State Development

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the disruption to the Pinzone farming operations by Alcoa's blasting and extraction of minerals at Waroona?
- (2) Does the Minister support the fact that the Pinzone family should be able to farm without fear of injury when blasting unsettles the cattle in the dairy?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the Pinzone family have been Artificially Inseminating their cattle and requested Alcoa not to blast within four (4) kilometres of their farm as the blasting unsettles the cattle and can result in a poor conception rate?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that this blasting has also caused cattle at another nearby dairy to become unsettled when blasting took place at milking time?
- (5) Is there no protection for adjoining businesses, which are adversely affected by Alcoa's blasting and mining activities adjacent to their private property?
- (6) Has any investigation been undertaken into the allegations made by the Pinzone family?
- (7) What are the results of these investigations?

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