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3875. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to multi-purpose taxi (MPT) services for people who travel in wheelchairs or scooters in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) is planning currently under way to place all of the MPT wheelchair taxis fleet in Western Australia into a single entity;
- (b) if yes to (a), why has the decision been made to reduce the number of service providers of MPT services to one;
- (c) if yes to (a), what consultation has been undertaken within the community to assess the implications of these proposed changes;
- (d) if yes to (a), will the service provider be determined by a competitive tender process and when will the details of the tender process be known; and
- (e) is the Minister aware that concerns are held by the wider community that the proposed changes to MPT will stifle competition, reduce innovation and services and deny choice of provider to people with disability?

3876. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) For the teachers employed by the Department of Education, how much did the Teachers Registration Board Western Australia receive in teachers applications and fees, (including annual, renewal, and movement from provisional registration to full registration) for the 2014-15 financial year?
- (2) What percentage of the fees collected is used for the purposes of grants to non-government schools in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (3) How many school teachers, school principals, school deputies and heads of department are fully registered in government and non-government schools in Western Australia?
- (4) How many school teachers, school principals, school deputies and heads of department are provisionally registered in government and non-government schools in Western Australia?
- (5) How many school teachers are registered as graduates in government and non-government schools in Western Australia?
- (6) How much was the total amount given to non-government schools in grants in the 2014-15 financial year?
- (7) What activities and strategies are undertaken by the Teachers Registration Board Western Australia to promote the teaching profession in Western Australia?

3877. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What were the total full-time enrolments at Western Australian public schools as at the first semester census for 2016?
- (2) Can the Minister please provide a breakdown by each Western Australian public school?

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3878. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How many hectares of post-clearfelling regrowth karri forest were damaged in the O'Sullivan/Northcliffe bush fire in January-February 2015?
- (2) Of this area, how many hectares does the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) propose to be salvage logged?
- (3) Is salvage logging proposed for regrowth karri forest in national parks and/or nature reserves?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many hectares in each of these categories of land is it proposed to be salvage logged?
- (5) Is salvage logging proposed for regrowth karri forest in State forests?
- (6) If yes to (5), how many hectares in this category of land is it proposed to be salvage logged?
- (7) Why is DPaW proposing salvage logging when scientists, who are experts in forest management, Professors David Lindenmayer, Philip Burton and Jerry Franklin, in their publication *Salvage logging and its ecological consequences*, say that salvage logging can have profound negative impacts on ecological processes and biodiversity and will rarely, if ever, contribute in a positive way to ecological recovery?
- (8) Has this salvage logging begun?
- (9) If yes to (8), when?
- (10) If no to (8), when is it proposed to begin?
- (11) What is happening to the salvaged logs?
- (12) Please provide a map showing the regrowth karri forest damaged in the O'Sullivan/Northcliffe bush fire in January-February 2015, the categories of land in which it is found and the post-clearfelling regrowth karri forest to be salvage logged with the proposed date of logging?

3879. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to domestic and other solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in Broome, and I ask:

- (a) how much electricity do solar PV systems provide to the electricity grid in Broome as a percentage of the total annual average energy consumption;
- (b) how many solar PV systems supply electricity to the grid in Broome;
- (c) what is the percentage contribution of electricity to the grid from household solar PV systems;
- (d) how many businesses have solar PV systems that supply electricity to the grid in Broome;
- (e) what is the percentage contribution of electricity to the grid from solar PV systems to businesses;
- (f) what was the cost in dollars per annum for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 to Horizon Power of solar PV systems in Broome from:
 - (i) lost income; and
 - (ii) paying a tariff to solar system owners who supply the grid;

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- (g) what has Horizon Power's policy on private solar power connection to the grid been since 2010;
- (h) for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, how many new solar PV systems have connected to the grid;
- (i) how can Horizon Power customers in Broome obtain relief from rising energy cost through off peak tariff and/or solar, as is available for commercial customers in the metropolitan area;
- (j) is the Minister aware that technology to allow solar power to be connected to the grid is available in Broome;
- (k) can private individuals/households and businesses connect to the grid in Broome now;
- (l) if no to (k), why not; and
- (m) if yes to (k), will the Minister provide a detailed explanation of the process and who to contact?

3880. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Broome Turf Club and the use of waste oil on the track as reported on ABC Kimberley on 13 August 2015, and I ask:

- (a) how long has the Minister or the department been aware of waste oil being used on the Broome Turf Club track;
- (b) how long has the practice been taking place;
- (c) where does the waste oil come from;
- (d) has the waste oil been scientifically tested;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) what are the components/elements of the waste oil used;
- (g) does the supplier of the waste oil have a licence that allows the disposal of waste oil on a race track;
- (h) if yes to (g), will the Minister table the licence;
- (i) did the Broome Turf Club have permission or a licence to spread waste oil on the race track;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) if the Broome Turf Club has permission, will the Minister table the licence or conditions;
- (l) if no to (k), why not;
- (m) is the Minister aware of the sensitive surrounding environmental features such as the aquifer and ocean;
- (n) has the Department of Environment Regulation undertaken any monitoring of the soil and groundwater at the Broome Turf Club;
- (o) if yes to (n), will the Minister table the results of the monitoring;
- (p) if no to (n), and or (o), why not;

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- (q) is the Broome Turf Club registered as a contaminated site;
- (r) if yes to (q), when was it registered;
- (s) if the Broome Turf Club is registered as a contaminated site, will the Minister table the contaminated site report detailing any remediation required;
- (t) if no to (s), why not;
- (u) will the soil contaminated by waste oil be removed;
- (v) if no to (u), why not;
- (w) if yes to (u), when will it be removed and where will it be taken to be treated/disposed of properly;
- (x) has the Government offered the Broome Turf Club an alternate/temporary solution to treatment of the contaminated track so that the Broome race round can go ahead during 2016;
- (y) if yes to (x), what will this treatment be and how long will it last;
- (z) will the Broome Turf Club be required to remove all the contaminated soil after the Broome Race round 2016 and by what date;
- (aa) who will pay for the remediation;
- (bb) is the Minister aware of how much funding has been provided to the Broome Turf Club over the past five years, including from the Department of Racing and Gaming; and
- (cc) has the waste oil been a risk to any animals, jockeys and other personnel associated with the race track?

3881. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development:

Could the Minister please table a list of all mining act tenements granted pursuant to a State Agreement Act stating:

- (a) the company holding the tenement;
- (b) the resource involved with the tenement;
- (c) whether the tenement contributes funds to the Mining Rehabilitation Fund Levy or whether they have bonds;
- (d) what the rehabilitation plan is for the tenement pursuant to the Agreement Act;
- (e) who is responsible for the rehabilitation;
- (f) how this rehabilitation plan is funded;
- (g) where the funding for the plan comes from;
- (h) whether rehabilitation responsibilities are maintained if the tenement opts out, defaults, abandons their mine or sells to another company; and
- (i) who will become responsible for the mines rehabilitation if the tenement opts out, defaults, abandons their mine or sell to another company?

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3882. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) I refer to the report of September 2012 prepared by the Legislative Assembly's Education and Health Standing Committee titled *Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: the invisible disability*, and I ask:
- (a) which Ministers hold responsibility for recommendations 9, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 21; and
 - (b) have recommendations 9, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 21 been fully implemented and, if not, why not?
- (2) Page (v) of the Executive Summary states, "In accordance with Standing Order 277(1) of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, the Education and Health Standing Committee directs that the Premier, the Minister for Health, the Attorney General, the Minister for Disability Services, and the Minister for Racing and Gaming report to the Assembly as to the action, if any, proposed to be taken by the Government with respect to the recommendations of the Committee", and I ask:
- (a) can the Premier advise if this direction has been actioned; and
 - (b) if no to (2)(a), why not?

3883. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer the Minister to the report in the *West Australian* regarding the domestic violence crisis in Perth, and I ask:

- (a) how many beds were in the Perth women's refuge system as at:
 - (i) 1 January 2015; and
 - (ii) 31 December 2015; and
- (b) how many women and children were turned away from refuges in Perth between:
 - (i) 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015; and
 - (ii) 1 January 2016 and 19 February 2016?

3884. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Minister's media statement, dated 27 November, *Wheatbelt contractors to deliver water upgrades*, and I ask, of the local contractors appointed to the four pipe replacement projects, what is the value of each contract?

3885. Hon Adele Farina to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to Existing Worker Trainees, and I ask:

- (a) what percentage of Existing Worker Traineeships courses subsidised by the Government in the South West are:
 - (i) Certificate IV courses;
 - (ii) Diploma courses; and
 - (iii) Advanced Diploma courses;

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- (b) will Existing Worker Trainees undertaking a Certificate IV be charged at the same hourly rate as those undertaking Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas; and
- (c) will Existing Worker Trainees undertaking a Certificate IV be eligible for Vocational Education and Training (VET) FEE HELP loans?

3886. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposal for a marina in the Shire of Broome, and I ask:

- (a) is the Department of Transport developing plans for a marina or in the process of selecting a site to build a marina development in the Shire of Broome;
- (b) if yes to (a), when did this deliberative process begin;
- (c) who made the decision to develop plans for a marina or select a site in the Shire of Broome;
- (d) has the department consulted with any stakeholders;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) if yes to (d), will the Minister list the stakeholders that have been consulted to date;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) has there been any private or other contributions to the project;
- (i) what is the department's current budget for this project;
- (j) how much has the department spent on this project so far;
- (k) what is the department's forward budget for the project;
- (l) what studies have been commissioned by the department to date;
- (m) how much have these studies cost;
- (n) will the Minister table these studies;
- (o) if no to (n), why not;
- (p) why has the department not made its plans to develop a marina in the Broome Shire public;
- (q) is the Minister aware of a group calling itself the Broome Marina Working Group;
- (r) if yes to (q), has the Minister or the department met with this group;
- (s) if yes to (q), will the Minister table the minutes or notes of meetings with this group; and
- (t) if no to (s), why not?

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3887. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to staffing within the Disability Services Commission, and I ask:

- (a) page 39 of the *Disability Services Commission 2014-2015 Annual Report* states that the target number of approved full time equivalent (FTE) staff was 1,683 and that the actual FTE number was 1,534, a variation of 150, can the Minister advise:
 - (i) what was the reason for the variation;
 - (ii) how many of the positions remained unfilled as a result of a substantive redundancy;
 - (iii) where were any regional staffing positions located that remained vacant; and
 - (iv) what was the FTE variation by service summary;
- (b) the *2015-2016 State Budget* details funding for 1,683 FTE, can the Minister advise as at 25 February 2016:
 - (i) what the current actual number of FTE is;
 - (ii) how many of the positions remained unfilled as a result of a substantive redundancy;
 - (iii) where were any regional staffing positions located that remained vacant; and
 - (iv) what was the FTE variation by service summary;
- (c) have any positions been affected by the recruitment freeze announced by the Treasurer in the *2015-16 Mid-Year Review*; and
- (d) as a result of the Mid-Year Review recruitment freeze, has the commission submitted any exemption requests to the Department of Treasury and, if so, what are the details of the request?

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3888. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation sponsored by the Department for Communities, and ask:

- (a) how much funding does the foundation receive from the department each year:
 - (i) has the Government cut any funding to the foundation in 2015 and/or 2016; and
 - (ii) if yes to (a)(i), what was the reason behind this;
- (b) what is the role of the foundation's Board and Governors;
- (c) what is the process for becoming a member of the foundation's Board;
- (d) what is the process for becoming one of the foundations Governors;
- (e) how far in kilometres did the STS Leeuwin II travel in 2015:
 - (i) was this more or less than previous years; and
- (f) has the ship travelled to Darwin in 2015 or 2016:
 - (i) if no to (f), why not?

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