

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 40

Tuesday, 26 November 2013

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383. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
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602. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
603. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
604. Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
605. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services

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606. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
607. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
608. Hon Samantha Rowe to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
609. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services

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610. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection

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612. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
613. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
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635. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the reference, in the *Main Roads Western Australia Annual Report 2012* on page 7, to road infrastructure damaged by natural disasters over the last twelve months, and I ask:

- (a) which roads were damaged and what natural disasters caused each instance of damage;
- (b) what was the extent of the damage in each case; and
- (c) the report says \$41 million was provided to reinstate and re-open roads after natural disaster, yet on page 115 the report says the average cost of network maintenance per kilometre of road network target was not met largely due to excessive unfunded expenditure arising from declared natural disasters, what was the total cost of damage caused to roads by natural disasters referred to in the report?

636. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the references to community satisfaction with cycle ways and pedestrian facilities in the *Main Roads Western Australia Annual Report 2012*, and I ask:

- (a) what is the reason for the sharp drop in community satisfaction with cycle ways and pedestrian facilities from 90 per cent last year to just 76 per cent this year;
- (b) is information available to distinguish between the reasons for this dissatisfaction in regional areas from those in the metropolitan area;
- (c) if yes to (b), will the Minister provide this information; and
- (d) what action is being undertaken to halt the decline of community satisfaction with cycle ways and pedestrian facilities?

637. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the wear and tear on road networks caused by trucks, and I ask:

- (a) the closure of tier three railways will result in additional grain trucks using the Coalfields Highway, what measures are in place to deal with the resultant increased maintenance needs of the highway;
- (b) the Government secures road maintenance contributions from the resources sector, will similar contributions be sought from the agricultural sector or grain transporters; and
- (c) if no to (b), how will additional maintenance for our roads be funded?

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638. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to page 61 of the *Main Roads Western Australia Annual Report 2012*, and I ask:

- (a) the report states there were nine instances of environmental non-compliance on Main Roads projects in 2009, can the Minister please provide the location and details of each instance of non-compliance;
- (b) the report states there were 12 instances of environmental non-compliance on Main Roads projects in 2010, can the Minister please provide the location and details of each instance of non-compliance; and
- (c) the report states there were four instances of environmental non-compliance on Main Roads projects in 2011, can the Minister please provide the location and details of each instance of non-compliance?

639. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to page 63 of the *Main Roads Western Australia Annual Report 2012*, and I ask:

- (a) under the heading *Climate Change, the Risk to Road Infrastructure*, the report states there is a prioritised list of highways and major roads at risk as a result of climate change factors such as rising sea levels, will the Minister provide a full copy of this list;
- (b) the report states these roads require closer assessment, what assessment work is being undertaken and when will it be complete; and
- (c) the report says “a pilot study will be undertaken at one of the highest priority sites to identify remedial or intervention treatments to mitigate the risk”, has the site of the pilot study been confirmed:
 - (i) if yes to (c), what is the site and has the pilot study commenced;
 - (ii) when is the pilot study expected to be completed; and
 - (iii) if no to (c), when will the pilot study site be confirmed?

640. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

The *Main Roads Western Australia Annual Report 2012* provides a performance scorecard which shows in multiple areas of Main Roads responsibilities, including Road Safety, Road Efficiency and Management, and State Development very low percentages of contracts being completed on time were recorded, can the Minister please explain why there was such a decline in the number of Main Roads projects being completed on time?

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641. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the decision of the Environmental Protection Authority not to subject the Margaret River Perimeter Road to the environmental assessment process, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please detail the reasons for the decision that an environmental impact assessment was not necessary;
- (b) has an appeal has been lodged against this decision, and has the outcome of the appeal been determined;
- (c) if yes to (b), when was it determined; and
- (d) if no to (b), when is a determination expected?

642. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the *2012-13 Annual Report* of the South West Development Commission and its references to the Margaret River Perimeter Road, and I ask:

- (a) exactly what work was completed on stage one of the Margaret River Perimeter Road during 2012-13;
- (b) when is stage two expected to commence; and
- (c) will the funds for stage two be administered by the South West Development Commission?

643. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the South West Development Commission endorsed expense limit and note that the 2012-13 budget estimate was exceeded by more than \$1.5 million in the reported actual cost of services for 2012-13, what was the cause of this cost blow out?

644. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the South West Development Commission's key efficiency indicators for service to regional development as detailed in the *South West development Commission's 2012-13 Annual Report*, and I ask:

- (a) 2012-13 shows a 22 per cent decrease in staff project/service hours from 2011-12, what was the cause of this decrease;
- (b) if the staff engaged in far less project and servicing work, to what alternate activities was their time committed;
- (c) how many projects did the South West Development Commission play a direct role in the delivery of in 2011-12;
- (d) how many projects did the South West Development Commission play a direct role in the delivery of in 2012-13; and
- (e) the total operating cost of the Commission decreased by approximately six per cent from 2011-12 to 2012-13, yet staff project hours decreased by 22 per cent over the same period, can the Minister please explain this discrepancy?

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645. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the South West Development Commission's key efficiency indicators for service to regional development as detailed in the *South West Development Commission's 2012-13 Annual Report*, and I ask:

- (a) the average cost per hour of service for regional development for 2012-13 was estimated to be \$178 but the actual figure was \$202, what was the cause of the 13.5 per cent increase in this cost;
- (b) page 75 of the annual report suggests the decrease in project hours and the increase in the average cost per hour is the result of a reduction in staff, yet the 2013-14 Budget papers indicate there were 24 full time equivalents at the South West Development Commission in both 2011-12 and 2012-13, are these two documents not at odds with one another; and
- (c) please detail the reductions in staff as cited in the *2012-13 Annual Report*?

646. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the *South West Development Commission 2012-13 Annual Report* and the references it contains to the capacity building blueprint, and I ask:

- (a) what is the capacity building blueprint;
- (b) the report states that \$192,500 was spent on this in 2012-13, is the blueprint now complete;
- (c) if yes to (b), has it been publicly released and if it hasn't, when will it be;
- (d) if no to (b), when will it be complete and will any further costs be incurred to complete it; and
- (e) how does the capacity building blueprint relate to the South West regional blueprint?

647. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the *South West Development Commission 2012-13 Annual Report* and the references it contains to the regional investment blueprint, and I ask:

- (a) what is the regional investment blueprint;
- (b) the report states that \$118,641 was spent on this in 2012-13, is the blueprint now complete;
- (c) if yes to (b), has it been publicly released and if it hasn't, when will it be;
- (d) if no to (b), when will it be completed and will any further costs be incurred to complete it;
- (e) how does the regional investment blueprint relate to the South West regional blueprint;
- (f) what is the total cost of the South West regional blueprint; and
- (g) what is the total cost of all blueprints being produced by the South West Development Commission?

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648. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to land lots along the Australind Bypass nearby roads in Bunbury, and I ask:

- (a) in relation to each of the following parcels of land (properties), was the South West Development Commission (SWDC), at any time, the registered owner of:
 - (i) Lot 9 DP 2571 Newton Road;
 - (ii) Lot 8 DP 2571 Newton Road;
 - (iii) Lot 7 DP 2571 Newton Road;
 - (iv) Lot 6 DP 2571 Newton Road;
 - (v) Lot 5 DP 2571 Newton Road;
 - (vi) Lot 4 DP 2571 Newton Road;
 - (vii) Lot 205 DP 30712 Australind Bypass;
 - (viii) Lot 12 DP 2571 Australind Bypass;
 - (ix) Lot 25 DP 61124 Thomson Road;
 - (x) Lot 52 DP 1856 Australind Bypass;
 - (xi) Lot 17 DP 2571 Australind Bypass;
 - (xii) Lot 26 DP 61124 Australind Bypass; and
 - (xiii) Lot 25 DP 61124 Thomson Road; and
- (b) if yes, in relation to each property specified in (a):
 - (i) what was the date of purchase;
 - (ii) what was the purchase price;
 - (iii) what was the purpose for which the property was purchased;
 - (iv) what was the zoning of the property at the time of purchase;
 - (v) what date did SWDC dispose of or sell the property;
 - (vi) why did SWDC dispose of or sell the property;
 - (vii) what was the zoning of the property at the time of disposal or sale;
 - (viii) was the property sold or disposed of by public tender;
 - (ix) if yes to (viii), will the Minister please detail the process and tenderers;
 - (x) if no to (viii), why not;
 - (xi) what was the SWDC or the State paid for the property;
 - (xii) to whom was the property sold;
 - (xiii) if conditions applied to the sale or disposal of the property, please specify the conditions;
 - (xiv) will the Minister please table the Cabinet Minutes and the SWDC Board Minutes relating to the purchase and sale of the property; and
 - (xv) if no to (xiv), why not?

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649. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Education:

- (1) I refer to the Boarding Away from Home Allowance, and ask how many students accessed this fund in the following years, within each region of Western Australia:
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11;
 - (e) 2011-12; and
 - (f) 2012-13?
- (2) How many kilometres away do students need to reside from their nearest school in order to qualify for the allowance?
- (3) How many additional year seven students is it anticipated will apply for the allowance with the changes to transition to high school over the following years:
 - (a) 2014-15;
 - (b) 2015-16; and
 - (c) 2016-17?
- (4) What was/is the budgetary funding allocated to the Boarding Away for Home allowance for the following years:
 - (a) 2011-12;
 - (b) 2012-13;
 - (c) 2013-14;
 - (d) 2014-15; and
 - (e) 2015-16?
- (5) What percentage of funding for the Boarding Away from Home allowance for the following years is made up of Royalties for Regions money:
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10;
 - (c) 2010-11;
 - (d) 2011-12;
 - (e) 2012-13;
 - (f) 2013-14;
 - (g) 2014-15; and
 - (h) 2015-16?

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650. Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

For each of Western Australia's prisons, how many unauthorised mobile telephones have been found in each of the following years:

- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12;
- (c) 2012-13; and
- (d) 2013 (to date)?

651. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Will the Minister for Transport table copies of all the evidence he relied upon in making the decision to no longer require people over the age of 85 years to have annual driving tests?
- (2) If not, why not?

652. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer:

I refer to question on notice No. 351 answered on 19 November 2013 in which the Treasurer advised that the total dollar amount of the general damages deductible/threshold not paid on claims either settled without the need for a judgment after trial or finalised by judgment after trial for the financial year ending 30 June 2013 was \$42,212,583.81, and I ask what was that same figure in each of the preceding financial years since the introduction of the general damages deductible/threshold?

NIGEL LAKE

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council