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- 3959. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
- 3960. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Wednesday, 8 September 2010

- 3961. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
- 3962. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 3963. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

Thursday, 9 September 2010

- 3964. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
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Wednesday, 15 September 2010

- 3979. Ms L.L. Baker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 3980. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- 3981. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
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- 3988. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Treasurer

Thursday, 16 September 2010

- 3989. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Regional Development
- 3990. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
- 3991. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 3992. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
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- 3995. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Heritage
- 3996. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Treasurer

Tuesday, 21 September 2010

- 3997. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Treasurer

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 3998. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

As at 31 August 2010:

- (a) how many patients awaited surgery longer than the clinically recommended time for their category of surgery;
- (b) please list a breakdown for each surgical category and the number of patients operated on;
- (c) what was the longest time period a patient had waited for surgery;
- (d) how many patients has the Department of Health paid to have surgery undertaken in a private hospital; and
  - (i) please provide a breakdown of each procedure that was referred to a private hospital; and
- (e) what was the average additional cost per operation to the Department of Health of having a public patient have surgery in a private hospital?

- 3999. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

As at 31 July 2010:



- (a) how many patients awaited surgery longer than the clinically recommended time for their category of surgery;
- (b) please list a breakdown for each surgical category and the number of patients operated on;
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  - (i) please provide a breakdown of each procedure that was referred to a private hospital; and
- (e) what was the average additional cost per operation to the Department of Health of having a public patient have surgery in a private hospital?

4000. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise the date/s during August 2010 that the following hospitals had active ambulance diversion/bypass:
  - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
  - (b) Royal Perth;
  - (c) Fremantle;
  - (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
  - (e) Swan District;
  - (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
  - (g) Joondalup?
- (2) For each hospital with active ambulance diversion/bypass, what was the average time the Emergency Department was on diversion/bypass?
- (3) For each hospital Emergency Department, what was the longest period of time that the emergency was on diversion/bypass?

4001. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise for each day in August 2010, what the average Accident and Emergency waiting times were per patient at the following hospitals:
  - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
  - (b) Royal Perth;
  - (c) Fremantle;
  - (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
  - (e) Swan District;
  - (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
  - (g) Joondalup?

4002. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

- (1) How many extra flights from overseas has the Minister negotiated with Singapore, Emirates, Thai, Garuda or other airlines to bring in tourists exclusively for the One Movement Festival next month?

- (2) How many full-paying cultural tourists did the Minister's \$3 million commitment attract last year?
- (3) What has the Minister done to ensure that the Western Australian taxpayer can transparently assess this year the real number of full-paying overseas and interstate tourists travelling into Perth to attend the Festival?

4003. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Health

In relation to Government support for the Royal Agricultural Show through Healthway sponsorship, I ask:

- (a) does the Minister support WA Healthway funding being used for exhibitions, prizes or awards that condone plagiarism or copyright violation;
- (b) has the Minister's department any guidelines or contract conditions regarding plagiarism or copyright violation;
- (c) has the Minister or his department provided any guidance or advice to Lotterywest, Tourism Western Australia, the Royalties for Regions Division of the Department of Regional Development and Lands or any other government department and/or agency regarding plagiarism or copyright violation; and
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (d) does the Minister support as best practice the Royal Agricultural Show Open Art Award's current 'Open Art Exhibition Application for Entry' form which includes a signed declaration that the submitted artwork is entirely the work of the submitting artist, has not been previously exhibited and is not a direct copy of published photos or other artists' work;
- (e) is the Minister aware of plagiarism allegations, first detailed in the 'Inside Cover' column in *The West Australian* newspaper earlier this year surrounding the winning entry in the 2008 prize Royal Agricultural Show (RAS) Open Art Award, 'Going to Town' by artist Mirella Pica which was found to be a copy of another artist's work, which had been previously published in 2007;
- (f) what is the Minister's vision for artists who feel they have been victims of plagiarism and publicly funded bodies who award prizes to plagiarised work;
- (g) as the RAS receives public funding through Healthway, will the Minister recommend to the Government that future RAS funding, regardless of which agency is the conduit, be conditional on respect for copyright and ethical intellectual copyright;
- (h) has the Minister made formal or informal contact with the RAS over the issue of the 2008 prize and will he demand that the RAS adhere to its own art award guidelines; and
- (i) can the Minister table all correspondence on this issue received and sent within his ministerial and electorate office, and his Department?

4004. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

For each elective surgery category:

- (a) outline the daily total of surgeries cancelled for the months of June, July and August for 2010; and
- (b) outline in this breakdown the daily totals for each hospital in regards to the cancellation of elective surgeries for each category?

4005. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Local Government

In relation to animal testing conducted for the purposes of scientific research in Western Australia and statistics kept by the Department of Agriculture and Food, I ask the Minister:

- (a) how many individual animals, and of what species, had scientific tests conducted upon them in Western Australia in 2008, 2009 and to date in 2010;
- (b) what were the types of scientific tests which were conducted on each species of animal;
- (c) which organisations have carried out scientific research tests; and
- (d) what was the scientific purpose of these tests?

4006. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Local Government

I refer the Minister to the article published in *The West Australian* newspaper on 5 March 2009, titled *One million animals a year in tests*, and ask:

- (a) has the Department of Local Government continued – past the date of December 2007 – to collect statistics regarding scientific testing conducted on animals for the purposes of research; and
  - (i) if yes, why has this information not been released publicly and will the Minister consider releasing it; and
  - (ii) if no, why not?

4007. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water

What are the dates and salinity level measurements for all water salinity tests of the Wellington Dam since January 2001, which are readily available to the Department of Water?

4008. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for State Development

- (1) Has the Minister for State Development taken any action to address the lack of capacity in the Onslow water supply; and
  - (a) if so, what has actually been done, including all associated financial commitments?
- (2) Has any agency of the State Government acted to address the lack of capacity in the Onslow water supply; and
  - (a) if so, what are the specifics of that action, including all associated financial commitments?

4009. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Corrective Services

In reference to the Minister's Media Statement 'State Government to target at-risk youth' from 9 September 2010, I ask:

- (a) was a Family Intensive Team operating either:
  - (i) at Mirrabooka Police Station;
  - (ii) at West Metropolitan District Police Office; or
  - (iii) with offenders in the Nollamara electorate; and
- (b) will the Killara Youth and Family support program be offered to kids at risk and young offenders in the Nollamara electorate?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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