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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 6

Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given ***Thursday, 11 May 2017***

1. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
2. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
3. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
4. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
5. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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6. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
7. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
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9. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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12. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
13. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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Notice Given ***Wednesday, 17 May 2017***

16. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
17. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Minister for Environment
18. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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19. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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20. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the Parliamentary Pension Scheme established under the *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1970*, and ask:

- (a) which current Members of Parliament are members of the scheme; and
- (b) of the current members of the scheme, which Members had the option under transitional provisions to transfer to the new superannuation arrangements which now apply to Members of Parliament?

21. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the impending construction of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) office building in Bunbury, and I ask:

- (a) will the Government complete the construction of the building;
- (b) how many DPAW staff members will the new Government house in this building;
- (c) which sections of the department will be represented; and
- (d) when will staff move in?

22. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the requirement that Department of Health (DoH) employees in child-related work have a Working With Children Check (WWCC), and I ask:

- (a) how many DoH positions are identified as child-related work;
- (b) how many of these employees do not have a valid WWCC; and
- (c) further to (b), how many of these employees do not have an application in process?

23. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the requirement that Department of Education (DoE) teachers, education assistants and non-teaching employees who have contact with children have a Working With Children Check (WWCC), and I ask:

- (a) how many DoE positions are identified as child-related work;
- (b) how many of these employees do not have a valid WWCC; and
- (c) further to (b), how many of these employees do not have an application in process?

24. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

(1) I refer to the Working with Children Check Screening Unit, and I ask, where unit staff are allocated applications of people they know for processing or assessment, are they required to notify their line manager?

(2) If yes to (1), how many such notifications were made in the calendar year 2016?

(3) Further to (1), once a notification has been made, is the application reallocated?

(4) If yes to (3), how many applications were reallocated in the calendar year 2016?

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- (1) I refer to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support Screening Unit, and I ask, is this unit responsible for screening staff and foster carers?
- (2) Is this unit a separate team from the Working With Children Check Screening Unit?
- (3) Does this unit coordinate actions required to ensure compliance in relation to negative notices?
- (4) How many negative notices were brought to the attention of the unit in the calendar year 2016?
- (5) Do any compliance actions remain outstanding from those negative notices from 2016?
- (6) If yes to (5), how many?
- (7) Were any employees or carers, who did not have a valid card or application in process, reported to their line management in the calendar year 2016?
- (8) If yes to (7), do all now have a valid card?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?

26. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the requirement that Department for Child Protection and Family Support employees working with children in the Director General's care are required to have a Working With Children Check (WWCC), and I ask:

- (a) how many departmental positions are identified as child-related work;
- (b) how many of these employees do not have a valid WWCC; and
- (c) further to (b), how many of these employees do not have an application in process?

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