

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 54

Wednesday, 11 April 2018

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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- 584. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Innovation and ICT
- 585. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
- 586. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
- 587. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 592. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Youth
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- 594. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
- 615. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 616. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage
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735. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
759. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services
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- 905. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Veterans Issues
- 906. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
- 915. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Defence Issues
- 918. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism
- 926. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 930. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 931. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- 932. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety
- 933. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 938. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 940. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 943. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
- 966. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 967. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Defence Issues
- 968. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Small Business
- 969. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 970. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism
- 978. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
- 979. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 980. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage
- 981. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 982. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 983. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services
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993. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
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995. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
996. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Disability Services
997. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment
998. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
1034. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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1037. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1045. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
1046. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
1047. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development

Notice Given **Wednesday, 14 March 2018**

1048. Hon Michael Mischin to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General

Notice Given **Thursday, 15 March 2018**

1050. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
1052. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development

Notice Given **Tuesday, 20 March 2018**

1056. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1057. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1058. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
1059. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1060. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1061. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
1062. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1063. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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1064. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
1065. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations
1066. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
1067. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
1069. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development

Notice Given **Wednesday, 21 March 2018**

1070. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
1071. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1072. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services

Notice Given **Thursday, 22 March 2018**

1074. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
1075. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
1076. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Regional Development
1077. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1078. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Notice Given **Tuesday, 27 March 2018**

1079. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
1080. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry

Notice Given **Wednesday, 28 March 2018**

1081. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1082. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1083. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
1084. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
1085. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
1086. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
1088. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1089. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training
1090. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services
1091. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

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- 1092. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 1093. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 1094. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 1095. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1096. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1097. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
- 1098. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

Notice Given ***Tuesday, 10 April 2018***

- 1099. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
- 1100. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services
- 1101. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 1102. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1103. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1104. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1105. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 1106. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1107. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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1108. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the *Railway and Port (The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Amendment Bill 2018* (the bill), and I ask:

- (a) when did the State start negotiating the Bill with Fortescue Metals Group (FMG);
- (b) why is the parliamentary process being expedited to ratify this Bill;
- (c) has FMG applied pressure on the Premier, Ministers or immediate staff to have this Bill expedited through the Parliament;
- (d) is the Premier aware that Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation has applied to the Supreme Court for a judicial review of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs decision to grant FMG section 18 consent to construct part of the Eliwana railway;
- (e) is the Premier aware that the grounds for the judicial review are based on the Minister's haste to make the decision before considering the information from the native title holders of this highly significant area;
- (f) did the Premier or anyone in his office apply pressure to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to grant section 18 consent to FMG to give the company the regulatory certainty it was seeking;
- (g) is the Premier's deputy Chief of Staff related in any way to FMG's new CEO;
- (h) if yes to (g), how;
- (i) is the Premier concerned about the real or perceived conflicts of interest that arise when the Government is perceived to expedite regulatory processes; and
- (j) is the Premier satisfied that his Government's support for the Eliwana railway project will not unduly influence the environmental approvals process that is about to begin?

1109. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands:

In respect of a proposed purchase of Lot 1522 on deposited plan 186 503, job 1646192, can the Minister confirm that on 1 March 2018 a State Land Officer wrote to the applicant, Mr Peter Green in the following terms, "The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) have considered information and advice pertaining to your application for issue of a lease or to purchase (Part Reserve 18966) Lot 1522 on Deposited Plan 186503. Firstly, there are concerns with the merits and likelihood of success for the development of a commercial plantation of sandalwood in what is a low rainfall zone. It is estimated that it will take 50 years for a plantation in this area to reach commercial potential. Secondly, the proposed area being Lot 1522 forms part of Reserve 18966. Areas of Reserve 18966 are proposed to be included into the adjoining Yellowdine National Park Reserve as per the *Conservation Reserve for Western Australia 1975* report (known as the Red Book report). Based on the above, DPLH is not in a position to issue tenure over Lot 1522. Please be advised that Job 164192 will now be closed.":

- (a) can the Minister explain why the DPLH purports to evaluate the commercial viability of a project when considering an approval;

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- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) can the Minister state what specific qualifications are possessed by the staff of DPLH which might give them the capability to pronounce on such matters;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) can the Minister explain why a buyer should be prevented from making a purchase of land unused for fifteen years on the ground of a four-decades-old report which may never be implemented;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) can the Minister explain why the DPLH is preventing a project which has the potential to bring to Western Australia employment, export income, rail freight and port charges;
- (h) if no to (g), why not; and
- (i) will the Minister personally review this example of bureaucratic overreach?

1110. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) Who is responsible for fire management and ongoing maintenance and fire mitigation activities on unallocated crown land in Western Australia?
- (2) What is the specific budget allocation to the fire management of unallocated crown land in Western Australia and from what department budget(s) is this funding sourced?
- (3) What role do local governments in Western Australia undertake in the fire management of unallocated crown land and what funding mechanisms are provided to local governments from the State?

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