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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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2863. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Tuesday, 26 February 2008

2966. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Treasurer

2967. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for the Environment

2968. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

2969. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Premier

2971. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

2972. Mr G. Snook to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

2975. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

2976. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Forestry

2978. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

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2980. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Corrective Services

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2984. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Treasurer

- 2987. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2991. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 2992. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister representing the Minister for the Employment Protection
- 2993. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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- 3007. Dr E. Constable to the Attorney General
- 3009. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Small Business
- 3010. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer
- 3011. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Electoral Affairs
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- 3015. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection
- 3016. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Education and Training; South West
- 3017. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Energy; Resources; Industry and Enterprise
- 3018. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel
- 3019. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3020. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations
- 3021. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering
- 3022. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government; Racing and Gaming; Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth
- 3023. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern
- 3024. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Employment Protection; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information

3025. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services  
3026. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Premier  
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3062. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Community Safety  
3064. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training  
3065. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
3066. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Tourism  
3067. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Housing and Works  
3068. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Disability Services

- 3069. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Treasurer
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- 3072. Dr E. Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection
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- 3105. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 3107. Mr R.F. Johnson to the Minister for Corrective Services

Wednesday, 27 February 2008

- 3108. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources
- 3110. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources
- 3112. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- 3113. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3114. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3115. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3116. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 3117. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Housing and Works

Thursday, 28 February 2008

- 3118. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 3119. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 3120. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment
- 3121. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 3122. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Tuesday, 11 March 2008

- 3123. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health
- 3124. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training
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- 3131. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
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- 3144. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 3145. Mr G. Snook to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3146. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Education and Training

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- 3148. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3149. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
- 3150. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3151. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3152. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 3153. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Consumer Protection

Wednesday, 12 March 2008

- 3154. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3155. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training
- 3156. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3157. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 3158. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health
- 3159. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health

Thursday, 13 March 2008

- 3160. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 3161. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 3162. Ms S.E. Walker to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs

I refer to the Auditor General's Report performance examination "Behind the Evidence: Forensic Services Report No. 4 May 2006 which reviewed and examined the efficiency and effectiveness of forensic investigation and analyses conducted by Western Australia Police, PathWest (part of the Department of Health) and Chemistry Centre (part of the Department of Industry and Resources):

- (1) Given that in December 2005, PathWest had 37,307 requests for DNA analyses of crime exhibits waiting to be processed:
  - (a) are there any crime scene forensic evidence backlogs still to examine and profile in Western Australia; and
  - (b) if so how many and what type of crime is involved in each of the backlogs?
- (2) Does any of the backlog include DNA analyses of Mr. Mark Dixie, who lived in Australia between 1993 and 1999, recently convicted of the gruesome murder of a teenage model outside her home in South London?
- (3) Are all profiles from all crimes in Western Australia supplied, as a matter of course, to all states and territories for comparison against criminals in their states?
  - (a) if the answer to (3) is yes, how is this supplied; or
  - (b) if the answer to (3) is no, which crime profiles are supplied?
- (4) What is the turnaround time for DNA profiles taken in Perth?

- (a) Is it the same turnaround time as in the United Kingdom, which I understand is 14 days?
- (5) Has there now been created a single reliable State exhibit register that records exhibit details and tracks movement within and between agencies?
  - (a) if the answer to (5) is yes, where is it held and who is able to have access to the register?
- (6) Has there been an assessment of the capacity of the forensic services to meet future demand?
  - (a) if the answer to (6) is yes, has that document been tabled; and
  - (b) if no assessment has been done yet why not?
- (7) Given that delays in obtaining forensic evidence are adversely affecting the justice system, one of the most significant issues being a large backlog in DNA analyses, resulting in delayed prosecutions and court adjournments:
  - (a) how many accused have remained incarcerated as a result of the lateness of DNA analyses and the delay in trials?
- (8) Has the judiciary, the State Director of Public Prosecutions or the Department of the Attorney General, as a result of the Auditor General's report, seen fit to commence monitoring the number of indictment and trials that are delayed?
  - (a) if yes to (8), where can that information be found?

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