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QUESTIONS

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3426. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

3427. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

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3431. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water

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3432. Hon Sue Ellery to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

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3434. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

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3435. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Housing

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3437. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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3439. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning

3440. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection

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3441. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

Will the Minister please table all notes relating to agenda item 3.10 (Roe 8 extension Sect 18 application), taken by Department of Aboriginal Affairs staff who attended the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee meeting on 13 February 2013?

3442. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

For the year July 2014 to June 2015, what was the percentage of offences against a person that were finalised within one month for:

- (a) the Metropolitan region;
- (b) the Central Metropolitan district;
- (c) the South East Metropolitan district; and
- (d) the South Metropolitan district?

3443. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the use of pipelines to supply water for irrigation in the Pilbara, and I ask:

- (a) is the department aware of the distance at which pumping water through pipelines for irrigated agriculture becomes financially unviable;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), what is the distance at which piping water is financially unviable for irrigated agriculture;
- (d) if yes to (a), will the Minister table the report that details this; and
- (e) if no to (d), why not?

3444. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Minister's public statement that there are around five million hectares suitable for agriculture in the West Kimberley and the Minister's reference to this information being sourced from the *State Water Strategy - Irrigation Review* (2005), and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the figure of five million hectares referenced in the *State Water Strategy - Irrigation Review* is in turn referenced to the Wright (2004) report, *Interim report on water use for irrigated agriculture in WA*;
- (b) is the Minister aware that the *Interim report on water use for irrigated agriculture in WA* does not mention five million hectares;
- (c) can the Minister explain the methodology that identified the five million hectares suitable for agriculture in the West Kimberley;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) is the Minister aware of the recommendations made in the *State Water Strategy - Irrigation Review* (2005), specifically those at section 8.6.3, recommending the accelerated formulation of legally binding statutory water management plans;

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- (f) given the Government's current promotion of potential large scale water extraction from groundwater and surface water sources in the Fitzroy River catchment, will the Government undertake a statutory water management plan for this iconic river system;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) if the Government will not commit to a statutory water management plan for the Fitzroy prior to new large scale allocations, does the Government intend that each project will be considered on an ad hoc basis without assessing cumulative impacts; and
- (i) if yes to (h), how does this ad hoc approach comply with the Government's statutory and policy obligations including under the National Water Initiative, the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?

3445. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Water for Food program, and I ask:

- (a) how many sites have been identified in the West Kimberley as potentially suitable for agriculture;
- (b) how many hectares have been identified for each site that is potentially suitable for agriculture;
- (c) how many of the sites identified in (a), have been identified as agricultural areas that could be developed by:
 - (i) private interests; and
 - (ii) the Government;
- (d) will the Minister name the private companies or groups that have expressed an interest in developing agricultural areas in the West Kimberley;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) has the Minister or the Department of Water or any other department involved in the Water for Food program discussed the possible acquisition of land surrounding the Curtin airbase for agricultural purposes with the Federal Government;
- (g) if yes to (f), has the Federal Government expressed an interest in selling the land;
- (h) is the Minister aware of cotton being grown on any pastoral lease in the Kimberley for commercial or research purposes;
- (i) if yes to (h), is the cotton a genetically modified (GM) variety;
- (j) if the cotton being grown in the Kimberley is a GM variety, does the grower have a licence for this from the GM regulator;
- (k) if the cotton being grown in the Kimberley is not a GM variety, what evidence does the Minister have that this is the case;
- (l) will the Minister rule out cotton, either GM or non-GM being grown in the West Kimberley; and
- (m) if no to (l), why not?

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3446. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to pastoral stations in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) how many have management plans that detail how environmental values are to be protected;
- (b) how does the Department of Lands assess whether pastoral leases are ecologically sustainable, in compliance with the requirements of the *Land Administration Act 1997*;
- (c) what principles does the Department of Lands use to determine whether a pastoral lease is operating in an ecologically sustainable manner; and
- (d) what action is taken when the department finds a pastoral lease is not operating on an ecologically sustainable basis?

3447. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

For the year July 2014 to June 2015, what was the percentage of domestic assault offences that were finalised within one month for the:

- (a) metropolitan region;
- (b) central metropolitan region;
- (c) south east metropolitan region; and
- (d) south metropolitan region?

3448. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the train disruptions to the Mandurah and Joondalup rail line on 24 September 2015, and I ask:

- (a) what time did the delays first occur;
- (b) what were the technical issues responsible;
- (c) when did services resume; and
- (d) how many services were affected?

3449. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the situation raised in an ABC article on 23 July 2015 titled *Mental health patients clogging Perth emergency departments due to 'complex case'*, and I ask:

- (a) how long did it take to allocate a mental health bed to each of the 20 patients who were held in the Royal Perth and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospitals; and
- (b) were any patients discharged from the Royal Perth or Sir Charles Gairdner Hospitals before a mental health bed could be found for them?

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