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Tuesday, 14 October 2014

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- 1676. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development
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- 1705. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1706. Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

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- 1707. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1708. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 14 October 2014***1709. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) What would be the maximum time allowed for a controlling agency to be appointed after a nuclear detonation?
- (2) Would the maximum time allowed for a controlling agency to be appointed be different in the event of multiple nuclear detonations?
- (3) What human and material resources will be required to deal with an average nuclear detonation sited at either:
 - (a) Fremantle Port; and
 - (b) Perth CBD?
- (4) How far away from ground zero would the controlling agency be located?
- (5) What is the minimum distance a vessel with a damaged nuclear reactor must be towed from the Western Australian coastline?
- (6) If the minimum distance in (5) varies per vessel and reactor, please table the details?
- (7) In the case of a foreign power, who has control over a vessel experiencing a nuclear reactor incident?
- (8) In the case of a damaged nuclear reactor owned by a foreign power, who has the right to direct the ship's placement out to sea?

1710. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to FIFO workers, shift workers and long shift workers, and workplace support for improving mental health in the workplace, and I ask:

- (a) is there a legislative compliance for industry to implement suicide prevention activities and training in their workplace, and promoting mental health;
- (b) if yes to (a), how does the Mental Health Commission assess the legislative compliance obligations of industry bodies and large companies;
- (c) if no to (a), why not; and
- (d) if there is no legislative compliance and/or assessment process, how does the Mental Health Commission assist industry bodies and large companies to fulfil its duty of care to its workers?

1711. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

Regarding the keeping and breeding of goats on pastoral lands, I ask:

- (a) have any goats been imported and/or introduced onto any of the following stations to enhance breeding stocks during the past 15 years:
 - (i) Quobba;
 - (ii) Gnoraloo;
 - (iii) Warroora;

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- (iv) Cardabia; and
- (v) Ningaloo; and
- (b) if yes to (a), please provide details for each of these stations regarding:
 - (i) how many goats;
 - (ii) in which years;
 - (iii) where did they originate from;
 - (iv) what has been the success of the breeding program;
 - (v) what has been the success of the industry and how has this been measured; and
 - (vi) have there been any problems, such as diseases being unwittingly introduced or environmental harm?

1712. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question without notice No. 812, asked by the Hon Lynn MacLaren on 19 August 2014, and I ask:

- (a) was a study assessing the viability of renewables undertaken at Jigalong;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), by which organisation and when;
- (d) if yes to (a), what was provided as the operating cost based on using diesel and what was the supply cost based on using solar photovoltaics;
- (e) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table the study; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

1713. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question without notice No. 812, asked by the Hon Lynn MacLaren on 19 August 2014, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide information on the number of power supply interruptions in Jigalong, and the aggregate duration of these per year, during the last three years; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

1714. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the large South Hedland New Living billboards in South Hedland, and I ask:

- (a) who sponsored the billboards; and
- (b) was it a conscious decision not to include Aboriginal people amongst the seven people shown:
 - (i) if yes to (b), what was the reasoning behind this decision;
 - (ii) if no to (b), was it a mistake; and
 - (iii) if not to (b), will this now be rectified:

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(A) if no to (iii), why not?

1715. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Pilbara Underground Power Project (PUPP) in Karratha, specifically question on notice No. 977, and the Minister's answer to part (5) on 17 September 2014, confirming that it is not normal practice to bill the community for regional power upgrades, and I ask:

- (a) is the collection of ratepayers' monies by the City of Karratha for the upgrading of the State's high voltage energy assets levied by Horizon Power defined as a recoverable prescribed service charge under section 6.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- (b) where will the City of Karratha ratepayers' 25 percent depreciable assets be recorded; and
- (c) will these figures be reported in the financial reports and assets registers of Horizon Power, Royalties for Regions, Treasury of Western Australia and City of Karratha:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not?

1716. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to question on notice No. 1443, answered on 16 September 2014, and I ask:

- (a) as per the information breakdown provided for course fees in 2014 found at http://webapps.centraltafe.wa.edu.au/fees_list/fees_list.asp, what were the indicative fees for students commencing training in all of the courses listed in the answer to (a), for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2013;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2011; and
 - (v) 2010;
- (b) were any State Government training scholarships funded for any of the course enrolments listed in the answer to (c), and if yes, what was the breakdown by the agency funding and number of placements for the following periods:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2013;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2011; and
 - (v) 2010;
- (c) for any course listed where the enrolment number was zero, was the course offered for enrolment in that period;
- (d) if no to (c), why not; and
- (e) for all courses listed in the answer to question on notice No. 1443, what was the study mode of delivery?

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1717. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to question on notice No. 1442, answered on 16 September 2014, and I ask:

- (a) as per the information breakdown provided for course fees in 2014 found at http://webapps.centraltafe.wa.edu.au/fees_list/fees_list.asp, what were the indicative fees for students commencing training in all of the courses listed in the answer to (a), for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2013;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2011; and
 - (v) 2010;
- (b) were any State Government training scholarships funded for any of the course enrolments listed in the answer to (c), and if yes, what was the breakdown by the agency funding and number of placements for the following periods:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2013;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2011; and
 - (v) 2010;
- (c) for any course listed where the enrolment number was zero, was the course offered for enrolment in that period;
- (d) if no to (c), why not; and
- (e) for all courses listed in the answer to question on notice No. 1442, what was the study mode of delivery?

1718. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to question on notice No. 1444, answered on 16 September 2014, and I ask:

- (a) as per the information breakdown provided for course fees in 2014 found at http://webapps.centraltafe.wa.edu.au/fees_list/fees_list.asp, what were the indicative fees for students commencing training in all of the courses listed in the answer to (a), for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2013;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2011; and
 - (v) 2010;

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- (b) were any State Government training scholarships funded for any of the course enrolments listed in the answer to (c), and if yes, what was the breakdown by the agency funding and number of placements for the following periods:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2013;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2011; and
 - (v) 2010;
- (c) for any course listed where the enrolment number was zero, was the course offered for enrolment in that period;
- (d) if no to (c), why not; and
- (e) for all courses listed in the answer to question on notice No. 1444, what was the study mode of delivery?

1719. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) How many dangerous sexual offenders were subject to GPS tracking in:
 - (a) 2012–13;
 - (b) 2013–14; and
 - (c) 2014 to date?
- (2) How many dangerous sexual offenders subject to GPS tracking breached parole conditions in:
 - (a) 2012–13; and
 - (b) 2013–14?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that an additional \$8 million has been allocated in the 2014–15 State Budget to fund the expansion of GPS tracking to apply to domestic violence offenders?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is the breakdown of the \$8 million over the forward estimates?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

1720. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General:

I refer to questions on notice Nos 700 and 709, and more generally the danger to motor vehicle operators and passengers from straying livestock on our major haulage roads and highways, and I ask:

- (a) how many times has the Pastoral Lands Board issued default notices for failure to maintain infrastructure, including fences, during the past ten years:
 - (i) how many pastoralists were issued with these notices;
- (b) of the default notices issued in (a):
 - (i) what was the average time allowed for pastoral lessees to comply;
 - (ii) how many times were the pastoral lessees liable for payment of the \$50,000 penalty and/or the daily penalty of \$1,000 for failure to comply; and
 - (iii) how many of the breaches resulted in forfeiture of the pastoral leases;
- (c) how much time were pastoral lessees given to rectify outstanding compliance issues;

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- (d) what follow-up will occur, and by whom, to ensure pastoral lessees comply with orders to maintain fences and other infrastructure prior to their pastoral leases being renewed; and
- (e) how many pastoral properties along the Great Northern Highway and North West Coastal Highway are unfenced:
 - (i) how many head of cattle do each of these unfenced properties have?

1721. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to questions on notice Nos 700 and 709, and more generally the danger to motor vehicle operators and passengers from straying livestock on our major haulage roads and highways, and I ask:

- (a) how many times has the Pastoral Lands Board issued default notices for failure to maintain infrastructure, including fences, during the past ten years:
 - (i) how many pastoralists were issued with these notices;
- (b) of the default notices issued in (a):
 - (i) what was the average time allowed for pastoral lessees to comply;
 - (ii) how many times were the pastoral lessees liable for payment of the \$50,000 penalty and/or the daily penalty of \$1,000 for failure to comply; and
 - (iii) how many of the breaches resulted in forfeiture of the pastoral leases;
- (c) how much time were pastoral lessees given to rectify outstanding compliance issues;
- (d) what follow-up will occur, and by whom, to ensure pastoral lessees comply with orders to maintain fences and other infrastructure prior to their pastoral leases being renewed; and
- (e) how many pastoral properties along the Great Northern Highway and North West Coastal Highway are unfenced:
 - (i) how many head of cattle do each of these unfenced properties have?

1722. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to questions on notice Nos 700 and 709, and more generally the danger to motor vehicle operators and passengers from straying livestock on our major haulage roads and highways, and I ask:

- (a) how many times has the Pastoral Lands Board issued default notices for failure to maintain infrastructure, including fences, during the past ten years:
 - (i) how many pastoralists were issued with these notices;
- (b) of the default notices issued in (a):
 - (i) what was the average time allowed for pastoral lessees to comply;
 - (ii) how many times were the pastoral lessees liable for payment of the \$50,000 penalty and/or the daily penalty of \$1,000 for failure to comply; and
 - (iii) how many of the breaches resulted in forfeiture of the pastoral leases;
- (c) how much time were pastoral lessees given to rectify outstanding compliance issues;

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- (d) what follow-up will occur, and by whom, to ensure pastoral lessees comply with orders to maintain fences and other infrastructure prior to their pastoral leases being renewed; and
- (e) how many pastoral properties along the Great Northern Highway and North West Coastal Highway are unfenced:
 - (i) how many head of cattle do each of these unfenced properties have?

1723. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Road Safety:

I refer to questions on notice Nos 700 and 709, and more generally the danger to motor vehicle operators and passengers from straying livestock on our major haulage roads and highways, and I ask:

- (a) how many times has the Pastoral Lands Board issued default notices for failure to maintain infrastructure, including fences, during the past ten years:
 - (i) how many pastoralists were issued with these notices;
- (b) of the default notices issued in (a):
 - (i) what was the average time allowed for pastoral lessees to comply;
 - (ii) how many times were the pastoral lessees liable for payment of the \$50,000 penalty and/or the daily penalty of \$1,000 for failure to comply; and
 - (iii) how many of the breaches resulted in forfeiture of the pastoral leases;
- (c) how much time were pastoral lessees given to rectify outstanding compliance issues;
- (d) what follow-up will occur, and by whom, to ensure pastoral lessees comply with orders to maintain fences and other infrastructure prior to their pastoral leases being renewed; and
- (e) how many pastoral properties along the Great Northern Highway and North West Coastal Highway are unfenced:
 - (i) how many head of cattle do each of these unfenced properties have?

1724. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

With regards to the answer to question on notice No. 1466, on 16 September 2014, will the Minister:

- (a) provide the names of the persons, and/or companies, that were paid from the \$190,600 that was spent on specialist contract staff and operational support costs;
- (b) provide details of what the specific tasks, and/or projects, these specialist contract staff were engaged to undertake;
- (c) provide details of how much each of these persons, and/or companies, were paid from the \$190,600 that was spent on specialist contract staff and operational support costs;
- (d) provide details of departmental expenditure under the operational costs that were included in the \$190,600;
- (e) list and describe the specialist skills that these specialist contract staff possessed had that were not readily available in the department;
- (f) provide a list of all available reports and maps prepared by these specialist contract staff; and
- (g) advise where each of these reports can be obtained by members of the public?

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1725. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the latest Department of Water annual compliance report entitled *Environmental management of groundwater from the Gnamptara and Jandakot Mounds*, the Government's *Water for Growth* report released in May 2014, and a graph on the department's website which shows that current superficial groundwater levels on the Gnamptara mound are similar to the past five years, with these years being the worst since 1997, and ask:

- (a) what action is the Government taking to reduce abstraction by private licensed users, who are now collectively the biggest users by volume of water from the superficial aquifer on the mound;
- (b) can the Minister advise when the Government expects to start consulting publicly on the next phase of Gnamptara groundwater allocation planning, which was a 2013 priority for the Department of Water;
- (c) according to the Department of Water, garden bore users took 30 gigalitres of water annually from the superficial aquifer in 2011–12 and 2012–13, yet the department states that there has been a significant reduction in the volume of water abstracted by garden bores on the mound due to regulations restricting use, can the Minister provide evidence of this reduction; and
- (d) can the Minister provide an update on the Perth regional confined aquifer capacity study, which the Government has stated will be central to the strategy of moving public water abstraction away from sensitive surface wetland areas and lakes?

1726. Hon Sue Ellery to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) How many Western Australian government schools failed to pay an electricity account by the due date in each of:
 - (a) 2012;
 - (b) 2013; and
 - (c) 2014 to date?
- (2) Of the schools in (1), and for each year in (1), how many failed to pay on more than one occasion?

1727. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) How many Western Australian government schools failed to pay a water account by the due date in each of:
 - (a) 2012;
 - (b) 2013; and
 - (c) 2014 to date?
- (2) Of the schools in (1), and for each year in (1), how many failed to pay on more than one occasion?

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- (1) Is the Western Australian Government planning to sell the Totalisator Agency Board (TAB) and/or Lotterywest?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will this occur?
- (3) If no to (1), has the possibility of the sale been discussed?
- (4) If yes to (3), what were the outcomes of this discussion?
- (5) If yes to (3), who were these discussions with?

1729. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Finance:

- (1) Is the Western Australian Government planning to sell the Totalisator Agency Board (TAB) and/or Lotterywest?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will this occur?
- (3) If no to (1), has the possibility of the sale been discussed?
- (4) If yes to (3), what were the outcomes of this discussion?
- (5) If yes to (3), who were these discussions with?

1730. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the address and price of all properties purchased by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in the last five years?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the address and sale price of all properties sold by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support for the last five years?
- (3) Can the Minister please provide a list of all properties currently held by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support?
- (4) Can the Minister advise if any of the properties held by the department have been vacant for more than four weeks during the past five years?
- (5) If yes to (4), which properties were vacant, for what period and for how long?

1731. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

On the subject of water bores in the Great Artesian Basin, I ask:

- (a) how many artesian bores remain uncapped and unused, or under-utilised, in Western Australia;
- (b) what volume of water is wasted as a result of uncapped bores;
- (c) what volume of water is used and what is it used for; and
- (d) is the technology available such that water from artesian bores can be available for use without the current wastage?

1732. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to question on notice No. 1320, answered on 12 August 2014, regarding combined site file numbers 5848, 5849 and 21899 at the Wallcliffe rock shelters, and a photograph of a piece of modern art work (item) now located in one of those rock shelters, see <http://www.robinchapple.com/wallcliffe-cave>, and I ask:

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- (a) has the Department of Aboriginal Affairs now completed its investigation into the item and related activities in and around this rock shelter;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister now please answer questions (a) to (k) of question on notice No. 1320;
- (c) if no to (a), why not; and
- (d) if no to (b), why not?

1733. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) Of all the local government councils in Western Australia, what is the rate base in terms of minimum grant entitlements?
- (2) How many Western Australian councils are currently receiving the minimum grant entitlement?
- (3) Can the Minister name each of the councils in (2)?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) How many Western Australian councils are close to the threshold of the minimum grant entitlement?

1734. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

With reference to an article entitled *New Power for Pilbara* in the quarterly Department of Mines and Petroleum *Prospect* magazine, I firstly welcome the proposal for a combined cycle power plant at South Hedland, I ask:

- (a) will the combined cycle functionality of the proposed South Hedland gas power plant be included from inception;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if no to (a), are there provisions for the inclusion of combined cycle functionality at the proposed South Hedland gas power plant;
- (d) if yes to (c), what are the provisions for the inclusion of combined cycle functionality at the proposed South Hedland gas power plant;
- (e) has the combined cycle functionality of the proposed South Hedland gas power plant been factored into the projected power demand outlook for the Pilbara;
- (f) will all waste heat from the proposed South Hedland gas power plant be redirected into a combined cycle system;
- (g) if no to (f), why not; and
- (h) what guarantee can the Department of Mines and Petroleum provide that the combined cycle functionality of the proposed South Hedland gas power plant will indeed be built?

1735. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What are the 166 standard routes on which accessible buses are always used?
- (2) What are the major corridors on which a bus service frequency of 15 minutes or better is provided all day?

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- (1) How many new buses are expected to be delivered in each year of the Volvo bus contract?
- (2) How many of these buses are for:
 - (a) the Perth public transport area;
 - (b) regional town bus services; and
 - (c) other, please specify?
- (3) How many of these are additional buses and how many are replacement of existing buses?
- (4) How many buses are expected to be retired in each year of the Volvo contract?
- (5) How many new depots will be required over the life of the Volvo contract and in which year will they be required?
- (6) How many existing depots will need to be expanded over the life of the Volvo contract and in which year will they be required?
- (7) What is the estimated cost of the:
 - (a) new depots; and
 - (b) depot expansions?
- (8) What funding is currently allocated in the budget, or the forward estimates, for new depots or depot expansions?
- (9) What funding is currently allocated in the budget, and in each year of the forward estimates, for new buses:
 - (a) to replace existing buses; and
 - (b) to provide additional capacity?

1737. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Does the contract with Volvo allow for the Public Transport Authority to require new buses to meet Euro6 emissions standards?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will new buses be required to meet Euro6 emissions standards?
- (3) If no to (1) or (2), why not?

1738. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Public Transport Authority done any assessment on the lifecycle costs of hybrid or fully electric buses compared to diesel buses?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the outcome of the study and what are the lifecycle costs of:
 - (a) diesel;
 - (b) hybrid electric; and
 - (c) fully electric buses?
- (3) What was the time period over which the lifecycle costs were calculated?

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1739. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) When did the Public Transport Authority (PTA) conduct their last survey of parking at train stations?
- (2) Will the Minister please table the results and if not, why not?
- (3) When did the PTA last map the location of vehicle registrations?
- (4) Will the Minister please table the maps produced?

1740. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

How will the Public Transport Authority prevent unauthorised entry into the Forrestfield-Airport Rail Link tunnel?

1741. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to page 8 of the Forrestfield-Airport Rail Link brochure of the project definition plan titled *Selecting the route for Perth's new rail line* and in particular the statement 'in the longer term, the potential for future connection of the Forrestfield end of the new rail line to the broader rail network to the south', and I ask what connection to the rail network to the south is being considered?

1742. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Will the Government make provisions for a future rail line to Ellenbrook as part of the detailed planning for the Forrestfield-Airport Rail Link?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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