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## QUESTIONS

No. 61

Wednesday, May 14 2003

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## POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, August 13 2002**

4.        Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier  
(SO 138(d) response - September 18 2002)

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, March 20 2003**

563.     Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and  
Infrastructure (SO 138(d) response - May 8 2003)

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, April 1 2003**

628.     Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and  
Infrastructure (SO 138(d) response - May 9 2003)

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**Notice Given**                      **Friday, April 4 2003**

642.     Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and  
Infrastructure

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, April 8 2003**

643.     Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, April 9 2003**

644.     Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and  
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- 647. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 650. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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- 672. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 673. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 675. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 679. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 680. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 681. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs
- 682. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 683. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 688. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 689. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

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- 690. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 691. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 692. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 693. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 696. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
- 697. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, May 6 2003***

- 699. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 700. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 702. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 703. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- 704. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 705. Hon Alan Cadby to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 714. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 715. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 716. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 717. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 718. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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- 731. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 732. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 733. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 734. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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735. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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736. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
737. Hon Alan Cadby to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
738. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
739. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
740. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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748. Hon John Fischer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
749. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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750. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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757. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer the Minister to the issue of mineral titles processing and ask -

- (1) How many exploration and mining leases did the Government approve in each of the four years from 1999-2000 to 2002-03 inclusive?
- (2) How many mineral titles applications for prospecting, exploration and mining leases are awaiting to be processed as at the latest available date?
- (3) How do these numbers compare with the status as at February 2001 and can the Minister explain any large variations?
- (4) What are the 'final solutions' concerning native title, referred to in the Budget papers on page 828 of Volume 3, that are expected to result in increased mining industry activity?

758. Hon Dee Margetts to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer the Premier to question without notice No. 175 of June 13 2001 and question without notice No. 199 of June 14 2001 relating to a Cabinet-endorsed recommendation to the former Coalition Government to repeal the *Finance Brokers Control Act*, and ask -

- (1) What is the current status of this recommendation?
- (2) Has the National Competition Council accepted the Labor Government's views relating to the inadequacies of the National Competition Policy legislative review process on this legislation which was followed by the previous Government, and the now clear public interest issues associated with self-regulation within this industry?
- (3) If not, is the *Finance Brokers Control Act* part of any current negotiation with the National Competition Council and the Federal Government regarding National Competition Policy Tranche payments?
- (4) Will the Minister table all communication between the State Government, former and current, the National Competition Council and Federal Government relating to this legislation review?

759. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the quotation for \$74 637.00 provided by Western Power to the Forest Hill Winery, South Coast Highway, Denmark for the supply of 315 KVA Transformer and H/V Conductor and Cable and the concern expressed by the proprietors of the winery and the lack of assistance offered by Western Power in providing an adequate breakdown of the quotation?

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- (2) What action can and will be taken to ensure Western Power, as the monopoly supplier of electricity in this area, is open, accountable and transparent in its dealings with its clients and in particular with Forest Hill Winery?
760. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Did you receive a letter dated May 7 2003 from Geoff Baldwin of Roy Weston and Co addressed to yourself and a number of other Members of Parliament complaining about an alleged bias by Landcorp in the criteria used in determining with which organisations it is prepared to negotiate?
- (2) What is the background of this complaint?
- (3) What action has been taken to ensure Landcorp acts in an open, transparent, equitable and accountable manner in its dealing with licensed real estate agents?
- (4) Has this matter been brought to the attention of the Landcorp board?
- (5) If so, which internal board committee has the governance responsibility covering the issues raised in the complainant's letter?
- (6) Is the board satisfied that procedural fairness is properly applied to licensed real estate agents and other negotiators when making decisions affecting those who seek to deal with Landcorp?
761. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the Government carried out the required review of the Waste Management and Recycling Fund's Grants program?
- (2) If yes, who carried out this review?
- (3) Was this an independent review?
- (4) Were public submissions sought?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) What were the main findings of the review?
- (7) When will these findings be released for public comment?
- (8) When will the Waste Management and Recycling Fund Grants program, suspended for the period of the Review, be reinstated?
762. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the Government recently carried out a review of the levy on waste to landfill in the metropolitan area?
- (2) Who carried out this review?



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- (3) What were the main findings of the review?
  - (4) Where can the public obtain a copy of this report?
763. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the Minister recently approved a grant of \$600 000 from the Waste Management Fund to the South Metropolitan Regional Council for compost trials?
  - (2) What are the specific objectives of this project?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware that this compost is likely to be contaminated with broken glass, batteries and toxic materials?
  - (4) Was the EPA asked to assess this project before funding was approved as it is likely to cause pollution?
  - (5) Who will pay for the decontamination of the sites where these trials are going to take place?
  - (6) What is the Government's preferred strategy for the disposal of municipal solid waste?
764. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Where will the grease trap waste be taken for disposal when the Brookdale plant closes on June 30?
  - (2) What process will be used to dispose of it?
  - (3) Which firms or agencies will be responsible for this work?
765. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the Government now considered the merits of setting up an independent Waste Management Authority as it promised in its 2001 Election Platform?
  - (2) What conclusion has it reached on this issue?
  - (3) Is a report available which contains the analysis and conclusions on this issue?
766. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- Regarding the Port Kennedy Development -
- (1) What actions have taken place under the list of priority public works prescribed as a Ministerial Condition of the developer assignment?
  - (2) Will all the priority public works be completed by the deadline next month?

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- (3) If no, then what action will be taken by the Minister to ensure prompt completion of these works?
- (4) Which companies and persons own shares in PacAsia Holdings Pty Ltd, and other companies providing equity to West Australian Beach and Golf Resort Pty Ltd?
- (5) Did the Government acquire this information before assigning the development to West Australian Beach and Golf Resort Pty Ltd?
- (6) Will you provide timeframes and details of the next phase of public consultation over the Port Kennedy Development?
- (7) Will there be enough water available to maintain a second golf course within the Port Kennedy development area?

767. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- (1) How many contracts of \$50 000 or more (excluding employment contracts) has each department and agency under the Minister's control entered into between April 10 2001 and April 30 2003?
- (2) What was the amount of each contract?
- (3) What is the name of each person/entity with whom the contract has been entered into?
- (4) What is the nature of the work or service required by the contract?
- (5) What is the completion date of each contract?

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