

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 226

Thursday, 23 August 2012

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given **Tuesday, 12 June 2012**

5652. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
(SO107(2) response – 15 August 2012)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 26 June 2012**

5754. Hon Colin Holt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water
5755. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
5757. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection
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5760. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
5761. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
5762. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
5763. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
5764. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
5765. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer

Notice Given **Wednesday, 27 June 2012**

5767. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

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5768. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
 5769. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
 5770. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

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5771. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
 5773. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning
 5774. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
 5776. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
 5777. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Mental Health
 5779. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
 5780. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
 5781. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer
 5783. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Notice Given **Tuesday, 14 August 2012**

5784. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Energy
 5785. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
 5786. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
 5787. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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 5791. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water
 5792. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
 5793. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
 5794. Hon Ed Dermer to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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 5796. Hon Ed Dermer to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
 5797. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
 5798. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister representing the Minister for Housing
 5799. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
 5800. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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- 5802. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 5803. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning
- 5804. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5805. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5806. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5807. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5808. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
- 5809. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5810. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5811. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health
- 5812. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General
- 5813. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
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- 5815. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
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- 5823. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General
- 5824. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services
- 5825. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education
- 5826. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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- 5827. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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- 5830. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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- 5846. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5847. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce
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- 5879. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry
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- 5881. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health
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- 5897. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health
- 5898. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health
- 5899. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5900. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 5901. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5902. Hon Sue Ellery to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police
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- 5911. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
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- 5914. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5915. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5916. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Education
- 5917. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 5918. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 5919. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning

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5920. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

5921. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

5922. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education

5923. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

5924. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

5925. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

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5926. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

Notice Given **Thursday, 16 August 2012**

5927. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

5928. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development

5929. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

Notice Given **Tuesday, 21 August 2012**

5930. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

5931. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services

5932. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services

5933. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General

5934. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy

5935. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

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5937. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

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5939. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

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5940. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General

5941. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Commerce

5942. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

5943. Hon Helen Bullock to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

5944. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

5945. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

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QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY

*Notice Given**Thursday, 23 August 2012***5946. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

I refer to the Minister's announcement of a new 'Aubin Grove' railway station to be located in the suburbs of Atwell and Success, and ask —

- (1) On what date did the Public Transport Authority (PTA) request the preparation of the artists' impression of this proposed station?
- (2) What was the cost of the artists' impression of this proposed station?
- (3) What planning work has the Government undertaken on bus routes to service this station and will the Minister table it?
- (4) How much land is required to be purchased for the car park at this station and who currently owns the land?
- (5) What traffic modelling has the PTA undertaken on the impact of the 2000 bay car park on surrounding roads and will the Minister table it?

5947. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the revelation that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has only achieved 103,000 hectares of its annual prescribed burning target of 200,000 hectares for 2011-12 in the South West, and I ask —

- (1) How many fire-fighter staff will be deployed by DEC in the South West this fire season?
- (2) Of those —
 - (a) how many are seasonal workers;
 - (b) how many are DEC employees who only perform fire-fighter duties on a part-time basis;
 - (c) how many have been recruited in the past six months on a —
 - (i) seasonal basis; and
 - (ii) full-time basis?
- (3) How many fire-fighter personnel have left the employment of DEC in the past six months?
- (4) What is the estimate of the optimal number of fire-fighter's to adequately protect the South West and how is this calculated?

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Questions Asked Today

*Notice Given**Thursday, 23 August 2012***5948. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health**

Referring to the Western Australian Women's Health Strategy 2012–2015 which is currently under development, I ask —

- (1) When will the Women's Health Strategy 2012-2015 be formally endorsed by the Government and released to the public?
- (2) Please update on the current stage of the process?
- (3) How many full time equivalent employees in the department are working on the strategy?
- (4) What budget has the department allocated to this work?
- (5) What additional financial and staffing resources will be allocated to the Women's Health Unit to implement the Women's Health Strategy action plans?
- (6) What resources will be allocated for the evaluation of the Western Australian Women's Health Strategy 2012–2015?
- (7) The Minister has stated that the Strategy will enable the development of a health funding model to address health priorities and include the long term sustainability for women's health centres. What new core funding will be made available to women's health centres to address sustainability and growth to continue to address the State's health priorities for women?
- (8) The National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission drew attention to the dilemma of Australia's poor record in delivery of preventive health care. The Commission pointed out that less than 2 per cent of the Health Budget in 2009 was spent on preventive services, with a disastrous impact on the total cost of hospital and medical care. As the National Primary Health Care Strategy (2009) primary health and the National Preventive Health Task Force (2009) argued, Australia's primary health care system and community-based preventive and outreach services must be strengthened, particularly in low socio-economic communities, if population health is to improve, and I ask —
 - (a) is the Minister aware of these comments;
 - (b) does the Minister agree with these comments; and
 - (c) if yes to (b), how does the Minister intend to address the at risk women in low socio-economic communities, especially in the outer suburbs of the northern corridor?
- (9) Improving population health in Australia is fundamental to relieving the stress on hospital and medical systems, which in turn can save Government large amounts of taxpayer's money by investing in improving population health. As the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has shown, Australia already has very high hospitalisation rates by international standards and high levels of avoidable hospitalisation. Given this, what plans does the Minister have to ensure women are kept out of avoidable high cost hospital care and have better access to community based women's health centre services that work with the preventative model of health care?
- (10) The Minister has previously stated that, the first action plan will be for 2013, and I ask —
 - (a) what strategy is the department following to address women's health in the interim; and
 - (b) in the interim, given that the services provided by community based women's health centres are already oversubscribed, can the Minister give details of how already existing crisis issues that impact on women's health and wellbeing, for example drug and alcohol abuse/domestic violence, will be addressed?

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- (11) The Minister arbitrarily gave \$90,000 for new health services to be provided to culturally and linguistically diverse women who make up 6 per cent of the population in the Clarkson, Merriwa area, and I ask —
- (a) does the Minister acknowledge that the other 94 per cent of women and their families in this same geographical location are at risk because he has not given a proportionate amount of money for their health and wellbeing needs;
 - (b) if no to (a), why not; and
 - (c) if yes to (a), what immediate sustainable funding will the Minister allocate to Women's Healthworks to address mainstream women and their families' health and wellbeing issues given that they cannot respond to demand due to lack of resources?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council