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QUESTIONS

No. 240

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

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6349. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Finance

In relation to the engagement of head contractors by Building Management and Works (BMW), for the delivery of the Building the Education Revolution Projects, I ask —

- (1) For each head contractor that has ceased trading, as provided in question without notice No. 781 —
 - (a) what was the budget for each contract;
 - (b) what is left in the budget for each contract;
 - (c) what is the amount which has been kept as ‘retention’ for each contract for —
 - (i) those facilities that are certified to have met Practical Completion, and if monies have been withheld, why;
 - (ii) those facilities at the end of the warranty/maintenance period, and if monies have been withheld, why; and
 - (d) on what date was the last statutory declaration entitled ‘Payment to Subcontractors’ received by BMW from that Head Contractor?
- (2) For each head contractor that is currently trading with the appointment of an external administrator provided in question without notice No. 815, and any others since Tuesday, 16 October 2012 —
 - (a) what was the budget for each contract;
 - (b) what is left in the budget for each contract;
 - (c) what is the amount which has been kept as ‘retention’ for each contract for —
 - (i) those facilities that are certified to have met Practical Completion, and if monies have been withheld, why;
 - (ii) those facilities at the end of the warranty/maintenance period, and if monies have been withheld, why; and
 - (d) on what date was the last statutory declaration entitled ‘Payment to Subcontractors’ received by BMW from that Head Contractor?

6350. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the \$1million assistance fund for former Agriculture Protection Board herbicide sprayers, promised by the Liberal Party in its 2005 election campaign, and I ask —

- (1) Can the Premier explain why, after four years in office, the promised fund has still not been forthcoming?
- (2) Does the Premier believe that the issue of assistance to these former herbicide sprayers is less important now than it was in 2005?
- (3) Does the Premier agree with Professor David Black that ‘the passage of time should make no difference to an ‘ethical’ promise’?

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6351. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance

I refer to the following companies, awarded State Government construction contracts or contracts for projects funded through the State Government programs —

- (a) Sizer Builders (WA) Pty Ltd;
- (b) Midland Constructions Pty Ltd;
- (c) WA Commercial Constructions Pty Ltd trading as KMC Group;
- (d) Dalcon Construction Pty Ltd;
- (e) Oostveen Pty Ltd, previously Niche Construction; and
- (f) Briklay Pty Ltd,

and I ask, for each company —

- (i) on what date did the Government receive complaints or information that the company was not paying sub-contractors, despite signing statutory declarations it had done so; and
- (ii) on what date did the Government receive information the company was facing insolvency, closure or being placed under administration?

6352. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

(1) Since 23 September 2008, have any licences or leases been issued by the Department of Mines and Petroleum to —

- (a) Aragon Resources;
- (b) Empire Oil and Gas;
- (c) Enterprise Metals; or
- (d) Tectonic Resources?

(2) If yes to (1), for each company —

- (a) on what dates were the licences or leases approved; and
- (b) for what projects were the licences or leases approved?

(3) Has the Minister made any other decisions directly relating to these companies, and if so, what were those decisions?

6353. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

Regarding weed management on roads under the management of the Department of Transport (department), I ask —

- (1) What was the annual cost of the weed management program in the past five years?
- (2) How does the department supervise contractors regarding the application of herbicide?
- (3) How much glyphosate has the department used for weed management on main roads and other properties through own employees or contractors in the past five years annually?
- (4) Has herbicide resistance been an issue in the weed management program?
- (5) If yes to (4), please provide details?
- (6) If no to (4), what strategies does the department have to address anticipated future herbicide resistance of weeds?

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- (7) What other herbicides have been used in the past financial year through employees and contractors? (Please provide details to herbicide, amount and cost).
- (8) Given that the application of herbicide on roadsides has a serious negative impact on the biodiversity, what guidelines does the department provide to contractors or own weed management staff for minimising the negative effects on environmental values?
- (9) Please provide details of such guidelines for staff and contractors on the application of herbicide along verges of main roads, for example quantity, width of application, duration, and alternative weed management methods?

6354. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

Regarding the use of the chemical Reglone (active ingredient Diquat Dibromide) to control aquatic weeds along the Collie River, I ask —

- (1) Has the Department of Water (department) received an application or request for assistance from the Shire of Collie for the use of the chemical Reglone to control aquatic weeds along the Collie River?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what is the outcome of the application process or what assistance has been requested or provided;
 - (b) what stretch of the river is targeted for the use of Reglone;
 - (c) why is the use of Reglone proposed; and
 - (d) what other weed eradication methods have been examined?
- (3) Has a desktop study been conducted into the effects of the herbicide Reglone on aquatic life or any assistance been provided to such study?
- (4) If yes to (3), what was the outcome of the study?
- (5) Have the Department of Environment and/or the Department of Agriculture been consulted on this matter?
- (6) If yes to (5), what was the outcome of the consultation?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?
- (8) Is the department aware that in 2007 the Department of Environment and Department of Agriculture were strongly opposed to the use of Reglone along river ways?
- (9) Is the department aware of any toxic effect of the application of Reglone near riverbanks on the aquatic biosphere?
- (10) If yes to (9), what is such effect?

6355. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance

I refer to the sandstone quarry situated on Irishtown Road near Donnybrook, and the answers given to my question on notice No. 2449 of 29 June 2010 on behalf of the Minister Assisting the Treasurer, and I ask —

- (1) Does the deed referred to in paragraph (2)(a) of the answers to question on notice No. 2449 still exist?
- (2) If yes to (1), has it been varied, and if so, how?

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- (3) If the deed no longer exists, or has been varied, will the Minister please provide full details of the reasons for the change?
- (4) How much of the 12 stones set aside for Government use has been used to date, and what was it used for (please identify any commercial purposes)?
- (5) If the stone has been used partly or wholly for commercial purposes, what royalties have been paid for use of the stone?
- (6) Has the State had to pay for storage of the stone since question on notice No. 2449 was answered, and if so, how much?

6356. Hon Sally Talbot to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

I refer to the sale of land on the Collie–Williams road known as Boronia Gully and identified as AAD site S02103, which was formerly owned by the Water Corporation, and I ask —

- (1) How and why was this land sold?
- (2) At the time of purchase, was the buyer informed that the lot contained an Aboriginal heritage site?

6357. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer to the sale of land on the Collie–Williams road known as Boronia Gully and identified as AAD site S02103, which was formerly owned by the Water Corporation, and I ask —

- (1) Is the Aboriginal heritage site still registered?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) was a caveat placed on the site to preserve the heritage site;
 - (b) what are the rights of access for Aboriginal people;
 - (c) what are the obligations of the new owner towards the Aboriginal site; and
 - (d) are there restrictions on what the new owner is able to do with the land; and, if so, what are those restrictions?

6358. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to a Department of Housing property at Lot 85 on Plan 1547 as shown on certificate of title 2173/253 known as 66 Murray Road, Bicton, and I ask —

- (1) Were construction workers and visitors who attended this site from 15 November 2010, when the Department of Housing received its first notification of possible asbestos contamination at this site —
 - (a) informed of this risk;
 - (b) required to use appropriate protective equipment; or
 - (c) follow any other protocol or standard in relation to asbestos management?
- (2) Has the Department of Housing since notified workers or visitors to this site during this period that they were potentially exposed to asbestos contamination at this site?
- (3) Why was work only stopped at this site on January 12, 2011, and not in November 2010, when the Department of Housing was notified of possible asbestos contamination at this site?
- (4) Did the Department of Housing notify the building contractor that it had been notified by the Department of Environment and Conservation of possible asbestos contamination at this site?

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- (5) If yes to (4), how, and on what date?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?
- (7) Were any earth works, trawling, cut and fill, levelling and so forth done between November 2010 and 12 January 2011, when work was eventually stopped at this site?
- (8) If yes to (7), please list all works done.
- (9) Were proper watering and dust suppression measures put in place at all times between November 2010 and January 2011?

6359. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to a Department of Housing property at Lot 85 on Plan 1547 as shown on certificate of title 2173/253 known as 66 Murray Road, Bicton, and I ask —

- (1) What action did the Department of Housing take to after it received notification of possible asbestos contamination on this site from a resident on 22 October 2010?
- (2) Did the Department of Housing notify the Department of Environment and Conservation of these concerns?
- (3) If yes to (2), on what date?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?
- (5) Did the Department of Housing notify WorkSafe of these concerns?
- (6) If yes to (5), on what date?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?
- (8) Why was the first notification from the Department of Housing to nearby residents about possible asbestos contamination at this site dated 18 April 2011, when the Department of Housing itself was first aware of possible contamination in October 2010 from a resident, and then from the Department of Environment and Conservation in November 2010 and February 2011?
- (9) Does the Department of Housing consider that it followed correctly all internal policies and procedures in relation to asbestos management from the moment it was notified of potential asbestos contamination concerns by a resident in October 2010?
- (10) Does the Department of Housing consider it followed correctly all policies and procedures as prescribed by external agencies and Acts, such as WorkSafe, Contaminated Sites guidelines, Health and so on?
- (11) If yes to (10), how did it meet each of these requirements?
- (12) If no to (10), where did it fail to meet these requirements?

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6360. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

As at 27 September 2012 —

- (a) how many applicants are on the priority Homeswest waitlist;
- (b) how many people are associated with the priority waitlist;
- (c) how many applicants are on the (wait turn) waitlist;
- (d) how many people are associated with this waitlist;
- (e) what is the average wait for applicants on the priority waitlist; and
- (f) what is the average wait time for applicants on the (wait turn) waitlist?

6361. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

- (1) Has KPMG made any further briefings, reports or findings following its first internal audit report into the Head Contractor Maintenance Model?
- (2) If no to (1), when is the report due?
- (3) How much has (or will) the further advice/report cost?

6362. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to two Homeswest properties – 18 and 20 Butson Street, in Hilton, and I ask —

- (1) On what date was the property at 18 Butson Street, Hilton last vacated?
- (2) On what date was the property at 18 Butson Street, Hilton put up to the Strategic Asset Management Group (SAMG)?
- (3) For how long was the property at 18 Butson Street, Hilton with the SAMG?
- (4) On what date was the property at 18 Butson Street, Hilton sold?
- (5) On what date was the property at 20 Butson Street, Hilton last vacated?
- (6) For how long was the property at 20 Butson Street, Hilton with the SAMG?
- (7) On what date was the property at 20 Butson Street, Hilton put up to the SAMG?
- (8) On what date was the property at 20 Butson Street, Hilton sold?

6363. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Department of Housing's 'Opening Doors to Affordable Housing' Shared Equity home ownership plan, and I ask —

- (1) When did this scheme/program commence?
- (2) How many houses will be built, by region?
- (3) How many houses will be built, by region, in —
 - (a) 2012-13;
 - (b) 2013-14;
 - (c) 2014-15; and
 - (d) 2015-16 and beyond?
- (4) How many properties have been built as at 27 September 2012?
- (5) How many properties that have been purchased as at 27 September 2012?

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- (6) How many houses are currently available for purchase, and where are they located?
- (7) What is the median purchase price of properties delivered under this plan?

6364. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the KPMG 'Internal audit report Head Contractor Maintenance Model' released in March 2012, and I ask —

- (1) Has the recommendation to include key performance indicators (KPIs) for cost, timeliness and quality been accepted?
- (2) As at 27 September 2012, has any work been done within the Department of Housing to implement these KPIs?
- (3) If yes to (2), when did this work commence?
- (4) When are these new KPIs expected to be implemented?
- (5) Why has it taken some seven months to implement this recommendation?

6365. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the KPMG 'Internal audit report Head Contractor Maintenance Model' released in March 2012, and I ask —

- (1) What measures have been undertaken/implemented to address 'control weakness in the process to record the job order completion time by the head contractor'?
- (2) If none, why not?

6366. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the classification of housing maintenance job orders, and I ask —

- (1) What classification of maintenance is repair of security lighting (emergency, priority, routine)?
- (2) Has this classification been changed since 1 July 2010?
- (3) If yes to (2), on what date, and why?
- (4) Is this classification under review?
- (5) How many over 55's Homeswest complexes are there in Western Australia?
- (6) Do all of these over 55's complexes have security lighting?
- (7) If no to (6), how many have security lighting?

6367. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Department of Housing's head contractor maintenance model and I ask, what the total cost was —

- (a) by maintenance trade category; and
- (b) by region,

for the following financial years —

- (i) 2010-11;
- (ii) 2011-12; and
- (iii) year to date 2012?

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6368. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to findings in both the KPMG internal audit of the Head Contractor Maintenance Model (March 2012) that found ‘the risk of human error and fraud still exists’ and also to the Auditor General’s report some seven months later that made the same conclusion, adding ‘housing needs to strengthen its processes and abilities in this area to address the perception of, and the potential occurrence of fraudulent activity’ and I ask —

- (1) Has a structured fraud risk analysis ever been done in relation to the head contractor housing maintenance model?
- (2) If yes to (1), what date was this analysis done, and by whom?
- (3) Does the Department of Housing have a fraud policy?
- (4) Is there a specialised fraud policy or guideline/framework to assist auditing and compliance staff in identifying and referring potential fraud within the housing maintenance model?
- (5) Is there any commitment within the Department of Housing to implement fraud risk strategies?
- (6) If yes to (5), by what date?

6369. Hon Kate Doust to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

- (1) How many police officers were retired ‘medically unfit’ in each of —
 - (a) 2002;
 - (b) 2003;
 - (c) 2004;
 - (d) 2005;
 - (e) 2006;
 - (f) 2007;
 - (g) 2008;
 - (h) 2009;
 - (i) 2010;
 - (j) 2011; and
 - (k) 2012?
- (2) Are officers who are retired ‘medically unfit’ as standard practice offered any form of redundancy, compensation or ex-gratia payment?
- (3) If yes to (2), how much?
- (4) Since 2002, how many police officers retired ‘medically unfit’ did so for reasons related to —
 - (a) physically impairment or injury;
 - (b) mental impairment, stress, depression, post-traumatic stress or other psychological impairment; or
 - (c) disease or illness other than (4)(b)?

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6370. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What services will need to be relocated to allow for construction of an additional lane on the Mitchell Freeway from the exit of the Graham Farmer Freeway to Hutton Street?
- (2) What is the estimated cost to move these services?
- (3) What is the estimated cost of the entire project?

6371. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Is fibre optic cable currently located in the median or rail reserve running up the middle of the Mitchell Freeway?
- (2) If yes to (1), is it located on the east or west side of the railway line?
- (3) When was this cable laid?
- (4) What is the purpose of the cable?
- (5) What was the cost of installing the cable?

6372. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) When will work commence on the widening of the Mitchell Freeway?
- (2) When will the successful tenderer be announced?

6373. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What is the standard used by Main Roads WA to determine the termination point of an auxiliary lane (merging taper) when entering a freeway?
- (2) Does the merging taper at the widened section of the southbound lane at Roe Highway meet —
 - (a) the Main Roads WA standard; and
 - (b) the Australian Standard?

6374. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Minister advise the last time a vehicle inspection audit was done on authorised vehicle inspectors?
- (2) Did this audit involve a physical inspection of vehicles that have been approved by an authorised vehicle inspector?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

6375. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Minister's announcement on 12 October 2012 regarding an upgrade for the Mitchell Freeway and Reid Highway interchange, and ask —

- (1) Is the \$5.2 million allocation for an interim plan contained in the current State Budget?
- (2) If yes to (1), under which line item and in which financial years is the money listed in the Budget?
- (3) If no to (1), has new money been allocated?
- (4) If yes to (1), in which forward estimates will it be spent?

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6376. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Minister's announcement on 11 October 2012 regarding a plan to ease congestion in Mount Lawley and Maylands, and ask —

- (1) Is the \$16 million allocated for bridge upgrades contained in the current State Budget?
- (2) If yes to (1), under which line item and in which financial years is the money listed in the Budget?
- (3) If no to (1), has new money been allocated?
- (4) If yes to (1), in which forward estimates will it be spent?

6377. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Does the Department of Transport issue regular invoices for leasing a government taxi plate?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If the department fails to provide a lessee with regular invoices, are there any arrangements in place for the invoice to be paid off over an extended period of time?

6378. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Does the Department of Transport provide a psychological counselling service to taxi drivers who are assaulted in the course of their work?
- (2) If yes to (1), when was the last time this counselling service went to tender?

6379. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many infringements have been issued to motorbikes or mopeds at each rail station across the rail network for not parking in an allocated bay in —
 - (a) 2010; and
 - (b) 2011?
- (2) At the time they were fined, were all motorcycle bays full?

6380. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the current system for renewal of motor vehicle registration, and ask —

- (1) How long before a registration is due is a renewal notice sent to a vehicle owner?
- (2) If a driver fails to pay their renewal before the due date, when is a reminder notice sent?
- (3) Are there fees associated with a reminder notice, and if yes, what are the fees?
- (4) If a driver fails to pay their renewal, when must they return the vehicle plates?
- (5) If the driver wants to renew their vehicle registration after the due date, what is the process and associated fees?

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6381. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

How many vehicles required an inspection at a Vehicle Licensing Centre in each of the following years because registration was not been renewed —

- (a) 2009;
- (b) 2010;
- (c) 2011; and
- (d) 2012 to date?

6382. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

In each month of 2011, which bus routes received the most late notices?

6383. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Has the Public Transport Authority identified any areas on the Midland to Fremantle Rail Line currently in need of additional supply?
- (2) If yes to (1), what are they and at what times of the day do they occur?
- (3) Is there a need for additional supply of railcars on the Midland to Fremantle Line to address these areas?

6384. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Has the Public Transport Authority identified any areas on the Thornlie to Armadale Rail Line currently in need of additional supply?
- (2) If yes to (1), what are they and at what times of the day do they occur?
- (3) Is there a need for additional supply of railcars on the Thornlie to Armadale Line to address these areas?

6385. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Has the Public Transport Authority identified any areas on the Mandurah to Clarkson Rail Line currently in need of additional supply?
- (2) If yes to (1), what are they and at what times of the day do they occur?
- (3) Is there a need for additional supply of railcars on the Mandurah to Clarkson Line to address these areas?

6386. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Were any issues experienced by bus routes 98 and 99 on Thursday, 5 April 2012?
- (2) If yes to (1), what were the issues?
- (3) How often are people left at bus stops on the 98/99 bus route due to overloaded buses?
- (4) Is there an ongoing issue with the 98/99 bus having to drive past bus stops because it is full or overloaded?
- (5) If yes, what is the Public Transport Authority doing to address this issue?

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6387. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

For each of the following projects, what line item(s) of the Budget is this money allocated from —

- (a) Great Northern Highway to Wyndham spur: \$3 million over three years to improve drainage and widen seal to 8.0 metres;
- (b) Broome Highway (Great Northern Highway to Fong Road): \$5 million over the next two years to construct 1.0 metre sealed shoulders and install audible edge lines;
- (c) Broome to Cape Leveque Road: \$9.21 million for Stage 3 upgrade;
- (d) Brookton Highway: \$4.4 million in 2012-13 for re-alignment and widening works;
- (e) Albany Highway (south of Williams): \$6.5 million over two years for overtaking lanes, seal shoulders and install audible edge line;
- (f) Williams to Narrogin Highway: \$200,000 in 2012-13 to install audible edge line;
- (g) Northam to Cranbrook Road (Cuballing to Narrogin): \$4.2 million to build 1.0 metre wide sealed shoulders and install audible edge line;
- (h) York to Merredin Road: \$10.5 million to widen seal between York to Quairading;
- (i) Indian Ocean Drive: \$3.5 million over two years to build southbound passing lane;
- (j) Brand Highway: \$4.6 million over two years to construct, seal, widen seals, improve separation between large and small vehicles;
- (k) Mimegarra Rd: \$5 million upgrade over three years;
- (l) Bencubbin-Kellerberrin Rd (Shire of Kellerberrin): \$2 million upgrade in 2012-13;
- (m) Bussell Highway: \$13.2 million over two years to continue upgrade from Vasse to Margaret River;
- (n) South Western Highway: \$7.3 million over two years to continue upgrade from Donnybrook to Vasse Highway;
- (o) Pinjarra to Williams Road: \$1.5 million to widen and seal shoulders, as part of the upgrade from Marradong to Quindanning;
- (p) Caves Road: \$3.1 million over two years to build roundabout at the Cape Naturaliste Road intersections in Dunsborough, widen lane, and seal and widen shoulders;
- (q) Forrest Highway: \$1.65 million to build right turn acceleration lane at Raymond Road intersection and install audible edge line;
- (r) Mowen Road: \$8.6 million to complete the upgrade of the project; and
- (s) Old Coast Road: \$8.6 million over three years for maintenance on Old Mandurah Bridge?

6388. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) In the 2011-12 financial year, what projects were constructed under the 'safer roads and bridges' program?
- (2) How much was spent on each project?
- (3) In the 2012-13 financial year, what projects have been committed to under the 'safer roads and bridges program'?
- (4) How much has been allocated to each project?

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(5) In the 2013-14 financial year, what projects have been committed to under the safer roads and bridges program?

(6) How much has been allocated for each project?

6389. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

(1) Does the Minister have any plans to upgrade the South Coast Highway?

(2) If yes to (1), what are the plans and when will works commence?

(3) What is the estimated cost of works?

(4) Has traffic increased on this highway in the last five years?

(5) If yes to (4), by how much?

6390. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

(1) In each of the following financial years, how many incidents have occurred on trains where passengers have collapsed or fainted —

(a) 2008-09;

(b) 2009-10;

(c) 2010-11; and

(d) 2011-12?

(2) In each of the following financial years, how many trains have been delayed because of passengers fainting or collapsing —

(a) 2008-09;

(b) 2009-10;

(c) 2010-11; and

(d) 2011-12?

6391. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

(1) Has the Public Transport Authority completed their review of regional services as detailed in the 2011-12 State Budget, and if yes, what was the outcome of the review?

(2) If no to (1), when will the review be completed?

(3) Has or will any changes be made to any services as a result of this review?

(4) Will the Minister table the final report of the review, and if not, why not?

6392. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

(1) What is the current waiting list for approvals for VSB6 authorise vehicle examiners?

(2) How many applications are currently waiting for approval?

(3) What is the current length of time for VSB6 applications to be approved?

6393. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

(1) Does the Department of Transport record whether a VSB6 plate has been issued by an independent vehicle examiner or by an employee of the referring company?

(2) If yes to (1), how many VSB6 have been issued by —

(a) employees of the referring company; and

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- (b) an independent vehicle examiner?

6394. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

Where a VSB6 modified vehicle identification plate has been issued by a Department of Transport authorised examiner, what audits are carried out by the Vehicle Standards Branch of Department of Transport on authorised signature approved VSB6 plates on the vehicles themselves?

6395. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many vehicles, with weight over 4500kg or with a chassis that have had modification(s), have been presented to Department of Transport vehicle inspection centres in the following financial years —
- (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11; and
 - (e) 2011-12 to date?
- (2) How many vehicles, with weight over 4500kg or with a chassis that have had modification(s), have been presented to private Department of Transport authorised vehicle inspection signatories in the following financial years —
- (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11; and
 - (e) 2011-12 to date?

6396. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many motor vehicle traders are authorised to issue vehicle licenses in bulk?
 - (2) How many motor vehicle traders in Western Australia are authorised to issue Vehicle Safety Bulletin 6 (VSB6) plates?
 - (3) How many public or private companies have staff authorised to issue VSB6 plates?
 - (4) How many authorised VSB6 examiners operate as sole-traders?
 - (5) How many audits on VSB6 plates issued by authorised examiners have been conducted for each financial year —
- (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09;
 - (c) 2009-10;
 - (d) 2010-11; and
 - (e) 2011-12 to date?

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