#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## **QUESTIONS**

## No. 45

## Thursday, 5 December 2013

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered. When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

## POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice	Given Thursday, 31 October 2013
517.	Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health
537.	Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health
541.	Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
549.	Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
Notice	Given Tuesday, 19 November 2013
587.	Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
588.	Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police
590.	Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
591.	Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
592.	Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
593.	Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education
594.	Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education
595.	Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education
596.	Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education
597.	Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health
598.	Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
599.	Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services
600.	Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency

Services

2

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## **Postponed Questions**

- 601. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- 602. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 604. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 605. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services

## Notice Given Wednesday, 20 November 2013

- 606. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 607. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 608. Hon Samantha Rowe to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 609. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services

#### Notice Given Thursday, 21 November 2013

- 610. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 611. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 612. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 613. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 614. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 615. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 616. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 617. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 618. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 619. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 620. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- 621. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 622. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 623. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 624. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 625. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 626. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 627. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 628. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 629. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 630. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection
- 631. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

#### **Postponed Questions**

Nonce Given	Tuesaay, 26 November 2013

- 635. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 636. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 637. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 638. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 639. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 640. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 641. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 642. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 643. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 644. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 645. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 646. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 647. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 648. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 649. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Education
- 650. Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 651. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 652. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Treasurer

## Notice Given Wednesday, 27 November 2013

- 653. Hon Sue Ellery to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 654. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry

#### Notice Given Thursday, 28 November 2013

655. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

#### Notice Given Wednesday, 4 December 2013

- 656. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 657. Hon Samantha Rowe to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

## QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY

Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

### 658. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta, in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme for October 2013:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

#### 659. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta, in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme for November 2013:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

#### 660. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in October 2013, please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

#### 661. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in November 2013, please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;

## **Questions Asked Today**

## Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (i) Mid West?

#### 662. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in October 2013, please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

#### 663. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) By district, how many children were under the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support during the month of November 2013?
- (2) By district, how many of these children were placed in non-government group facilities?
- (3) By district, how many of these children were placed in non-government group facilities?
- (4) By district, how many of these children were in placements with non-government organisation foster carers?

### 664. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in November 2013, please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

#### **Questions Asked Today**

## Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

#### 665. Hon Kate Doust to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Finance:

- (1) I refer to the Minister for Finance's answer given to question without notice No. 637, which states that planning for the implementation of the recommendations in the subcontractor investigation report will be completed by 15 November 2013, and ask if the planning and implementation of the report's recommendations has been finalised yet?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) what are each of the implementations; and
  - (b) what is the time-frame for all the implementations to come into effect?
- (3) If no to (1):
  - (a) why has the Government been unsuccessful in reaching its own deadline; and
  - (b) when will the planning for the implementation be completed?

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

With regard to the new agriculture development proposed for Derby in the so-called Knowsley Agriculture area, as reported by ABC Rural on Friday, 29 November 2013, and the Department of Water's *Derby Water Reserves Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, Report 98*, published in 2008, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of concerns expressed in Report 98 of the very real potential for the "inland migration of the salt water interface, including leakage from the overlying aquifer which is the result of the current abstraction rate of the Lower Erskine Sandstone Formation";
- (b) how will the Minister allay these concerns;
- (c) will the Minister ensure the establishment of "monitoring bores to measure the rate of inland movement of the salt water interface into the confined aquifer ... in order to provide early detection of increased salt water intrusion into the Derby town water supply";
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) will the Minister make public the results of all monitoring and, if not, why not;
- (f) what crops are proposed to be grown in the Knowsley Agriculture area and by whom;
- (g) is the Government talking to a private investor about getting involved in the project and, if so, who;
- (h) what is projected to be the cost to the taxpayer for the scoping study, including the trial work, bore and investigative work into other water sources such as the May River and rivers feeding into the Fitzroy River catchment;
- (i) will these investigations include proposals for dams and weirs;
- (j) what other infrastructure is being considered;
- (k) what areas of land are being considered for cropping and will the Minister please table a detailed map;

#### **Questions Asked Today**

## Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

- (l) what is the timeline and how much funding has been allocated for the study from the budgets of the:
  - (i) Department of Water;
  - (ii) Department of Regional Development; and
  - (iii) Department of Agriculture and Food; and
- (m) at what stage in its development will the proposal be referred for environmental assessment?

# 667. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

With regard to the new agriculture development proposed for Derby in the so-called Knowsley Agriculture area, as reported by ABC Rural on Friday, 29 November 2013, and the Department of Water's *Derby Water Reserves Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, Report 98* published in 2008, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of concerns expressed in Report 98 of the very real potential for the "inland migration of the salt water interface, including leakage from the overlying aquifer which is the result of the current abstraction rate of the Lower Erskine Sandstone Formation";
- (b) how will the Minister allay these concerns;
- (c) will the Minister ensure the establishment of "monitoring bores to measure the rate of inland movement of the salt water interface into the confined aquifer ... in order to provide early detection of increased salt water intrusion into the Derby town water supply";
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) will the Minister make public the results of all monitoring and, if not, why not;
- (f) what crops are proposed to be grown in the Knowsley Agriculture area and by whom;
- (g) is the Government talking to a private investor about getting involved in the project and, if so, who;
- (h) what is projected to be the cost to the taxpayer for the scoping study, including the trial work, bore and investigative work into other water sources such as the May River and rivers feeding into the Fitzroy River catchment;
- (i) will these investigations include proposals for dams and weirs;
- (j) what other infrastructure is being considered;
- (k) what areas of land are being considered for cropping and will the Minister please table a detailed map;
- (l) what is the timeline and how much money has been allocated for the study from the budgets of the:
  - (i) Department of Water budget;
  - (ii) Department of Regional Development; and
  - (iii) Department of Agriculture and Food; and

## **Questions Asked Today**

## Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

(m) at what stage in its development will the proposal be referred for environmental assessment?

## 668. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water:

With regard to the new agriculture development proposed for Derby in the so-called Knowsley Agriculture area, as reported by ABC Rural on Friday, 29 November 2013, and the Department of Water's *Derby Water Reserves Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, Report 98* published in 2008, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of concerns expressed in Report 98 of the very real potential for the "inland migration of the salt water interface, including leakage from the overlying aquifer which is the result of the current abstraction rate of the Lower Erskine Sandstone Formation";
- (b) how will the Minister allay these concerns;
- (c) will the Minister ensure the establishment of "monitoring bores to measure the rate of inland movement of the salt water interface into the confined aquifer ... in order to provide early detection of increased salt water intrusion into the Derby town water supply";
- (d) if no, to (c), why not;
- (e) will the Minister make public the results of all monitoring and, if not, why not;
- (f) what crops are proposed to be grown in the Knowsley Agriculture area and by whom;
- (g) is the Government talking to a private investor about getting involved in the project and, if so, who:
- (h) what is projected to be the cost to the taxpayer for the scoping study, including the trial work, bore and investigative work into other water sources such as the May River and rivers feeding into the Fitzroy River catchment;
- (i) will these investigations include proposals for dams and weirs;
- (j) what other infrastructure is being considered;
- (k) what areas of land are being considered for cropping and will the Minister please table a detailed map;
- (l) what is the timeline and how much funding has been allocated for the study from the budgets of the:
  - (i) Department of Water;
  - (ii) Department of Regional Development; and
  - (iii) Department of Agriculture and Food; and
- (m) at what stage in its development will the proposal be referred for environmental assessment?

#### 669. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

(1) During the months of September 2013, October 2013 and November 2013, how many individuals did the Department for Child Protection and Family Support refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management, by district?

## **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

- (2) How many individuals with children have presented seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions to the department for the period 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013, by district?
- (3) How many of these individuals have been assessed for the purpose of referral to the income management program, by district?

#### 670. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For the months of November 2013, November 2012 and November 2011, how many applicants were provided with financial assistance to pay utility bills for the following suburbs:

- (a) Leeming;
- (b) Canning Vale;
- (c) Morley;
- (d) Wanneroo;
- (e) Willagee;
- (f) Samson;
- (g) Spencer Park;
- (h) Balcatta;
- (i) Dalyellup;
- (j) High Wycombe;
- (k) Kingsley;
- (1) Clarkson;
- (m) Noranda;
- (n) Yokine;
- (o) Currambine;
- (p) Parkwood;
- (q) Innaloo;
- (r) Huntingdale;
- (s) Ellenbrook:
- (t) Darch; and
- (u) Peppermint Grove?

#### 671. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) For the period 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection and Family Support implemented?
- (2) How many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed in (1) originated from a referral from another State Government department, and how many were referred by each department?
- (3) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement?

## **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

- (4) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to:
  - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
  - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
  - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; and
  - (d) undertake other measures?
- (5) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have:
  - (a) improved their attendance at school; and
  - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?

## 672. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) For the period 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013, what was the number of initial inquiries in relation to suspected child sexual abuse received, by district and by category of mandated referrer?
- (2) For the period 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with harm assessment, by district and by category of harm of:
  - (a) neglect;
  - (b) sexual;
  - (c) physical abuse; and
  - (d) emotional abuse?
- (3) Has Western Australia Police notified the Department for Child Protection and Family Support of any charges that had been laid in respect of any of the Safety and Wellbeing Assessments recorded in the period 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many individuals were charged and what was the nature of these charges?

## 673. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) By district, how many children were under the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support during the month of November 2013?
- (2) By district, how many of these children were placed in non-government group facilities?
- (3) By district, how many of these children were placed in non-government group facilities?
- (4) By district, how many of these children were in placements with non-government organisation foster carers?

#### 674. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total Department for Child Protection and Family Support (DCPaFS) funded full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (2) As at 30 November 2013:
  - (a) what were the vacancies in the FTE terms by directorate and district;
  - (b) by district, how many of those vacancies were subject to advertising; and
  - (c) of those vacancies not subject to advertising, please provide the reason why?

## **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

- (3) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total service delivery FTE employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (4) As at 30 November 2013, what were the total vacant service delivery positions by directorate and district?
- (5) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total FTE case worker allocation by directorate and district?
- (6) As at 30 November 2013, what were the total FTE vacant case worker positions?
- (7) As at 30 November 2013, what was the FTE number of employees by directorate and district on permanent contract and on fixed term contract?
- (8) As at 30 November 2013, how many DCPaFS field officers have been co-located with Western Australia Police staff from the family protection unit, in regional and rural offices, as part of the strategy to combat family and domestic abuse?
- (9) What are the co-location sites where the DCPaFS officers referred to in (8) are situated?

#### 675. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) As at 30 November 2013, what was total number of applications to be a foster carer approved by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers, by category of relative carer and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?
- (5) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?

## 676. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) During the month of November 2013, what was the total number of registered carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) During the month of November 2013, what was the total number of interim carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- Ouring the month of November 2013, how many carers had an interim registration for more than 90 days by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) During the month of November 2013, how many carers had a "carer record screening" overdue or not recorded by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (5) During the month of November 2013, how many carers had overdue "carer reviews" by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?

## 677. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

(1) As at 30 November 2013, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments for a child recorded during that month, by district?

#### **Questions Asked Today**

#### Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

- (2) As at 30 November 2013, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment recorded during the month, by district?
- (3) As at 30 November 2013, what was the number of children in care for more than 20 days with no planning recorded, by district?
- (4) As at 30 November 2013, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment open for more than 90 days, by district?
- (5) As at 30 November 2013, what were the number of open Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment, by district?
- (6) As at 30 November 2013, what was the number of "monitored" or "active holding" cases not allocated to workers caseload, by district?

# 678. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to a statement in the *Bunbury Mail* on 30 October 2013, that 1,000 families had realised the dream of owning their own home through the Opening Doors Initiative, and ask:

- (a) how many of the 1,000 families reside in:
  - (i) Bunbury;
  - (ii) Greater Bunbury;
  - (iii) Busselton; and
  - (iv) the South West electoral region;
- (b) how many of the 1,000 properties were Department of Housing properties previously available as public housing;
- (c) how much money was generated from the sale of these properties;
- (d) how much of the money generated from the sale of the 1,000 properties was paid into consolidated revenue and how much was quarantined with the Department of Housing for the provision of additional public housing;
- (e) how many properties have been purchased with the money generated from the sale of the 1,000 properties; and
- (f) in relation to (e), for each property, please state:
  - (i) the cost of the property;
  - (ii) the type of property (unit complex, single house, etc.);
  - (iii) the size and R code zoning of the property;
  - (iv) whether the property when purchased contained a dwelling that was fit and ready for habitation or needed to be redeveloped;
  - (v) how many people can reside at the property; and
  - (vi) the location of the property, by suburb or town?

## **Questions Asked Today**

## Notice Given Thursday, 5 December 2013

#### 679. Hon Darren West to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Western Power infrastructure in Geraldton involved in a car crash on 15 November 2013, and Chief Executive Paul Italiano's previous claims of responsibility for assets involved in fatalities, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister for Energy confirm that poles around Geraldton are frequently less than 70cms away from the road, in breach of the standard required by Western Power:
- (b) how many Western Power poles in Geraldton breach the 70cm minimum distance, and if that information is unavailable, will the Minister for Energy undertake to find out as a matter of urgency; and
- (c) given Western Power's acceptance of responsibility for the role their assets played in the death of Amber Finch in 2011, will the Minister for Energy confirm the Government has a clear duty of care to replace these poles around the Geraldton central business district?

# 680. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

Will the Minister provide data on the area of forest available for harvest that provides habitat for numbats?

# 681. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

Will the Minister please provide full costs for all marine parks within Western Australia including:

- (a) costs for reviewing, planning, gazetting and establishing the parks including those for stakeholder consultation in the preparation of management plans;
- (b) costs for the full time equivalent employees employed in relation to protection, management and administration;
- (c) accommodation costs for staff accommodation;
- (d) costs of marine craft used for the purpose of protection, management and administration; and
- (e) costs of motor vehicles for the purpose of protection, management and administration of these parks?

#### **NIGEL LAKE**

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council