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1339. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
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1356. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt
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1414. Mr G. Snook to the Education and Training
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- 1438. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development
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- 1440. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 1449. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 1450. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 1452. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 1457. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Housing and Works; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information
- 1458. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1461. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Energy; Science and Innovation
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- 1464. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Corrective Services; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs
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- 1472. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

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- 1473. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 1474. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 1475. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health
- 1476. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 1477. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1478. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1479. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment
- 1480. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 1481. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Community Development
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- 1483. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 1485. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1486. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health
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- 1489. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1490. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1491. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1492. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Attorney General
- 1493. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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- 1496. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
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- 1505. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 1506. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

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- 1507. Dr J.M. Edwards to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1508. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

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- 1509. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer
- 1510. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources
- 1511. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

Questions listed for this sitting: -

1512. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

I refer to the 2006 Estimates Committee at page E497 of Hansard and the answer to Question on Notice No. 1435, and ask –

- (1) Why was the number of allegations of abuse of children in care stated as 159 in the Estimates Committee and 138 in the answer to Question on Notice No. 1435 for 2005-2006?
- (2) What is the correct number of allegations?
- (3) With reference to (2) how many of the allegations referred to –
 - (a) sexual abuse;
 - (b) physical abuse;
 - (c) emotional abuse;
 - (d) neglect; and
 - (e) other?

1513. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 1435 –

- (1) What criteria were included in the definition of abuse in care allegations prior to 2003-2004?
- (2) What criteria have been included in the definition of abuse in care allegations since

2003-2004?

- (1) Why were changes made to the criteria?

1514. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1435, part (3) –

- (1) In how many cases of allegations of abuse of children in the care and protection of the State were the cases investigated by both the case manager for the child and a senior officer in the following years –
 - (a) 2003-2004;
 - (b) 2004-2005; and
 - (c) 2005-2006?
- (2) In how many cases in each year referred to in (1) involved a joint response with WA Police?
- (3) What was the average length of time between the allegation being received and the finalisation of the investigation for allegations received in each year referred to in (1)?

1515. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Community Development

In relation to women's refuge centres –

- (1) How many refuge centres are north of the River?
- (2) How many refuge centres are south of the River?

- (3) How many women use the facilities north of the River?
- (4) How many women use the facilities south of the River?
- (5) What is the maximum number of women that facilities can cater for in –
 - (a) refuge centres north of the River (1); and
 - (b) refuge centres south of the River (2)?
- (6) What area north of the River has the biggest demand for refuge centres?
- (7) What area south of the River has the biggest demand for refuge centres?

1516. Dr E. Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) In 2006, how many Year 3 students in the 43 remote schools covered by the Aboriginal Literacy Strategy sat for the test in –
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- (1) In the 2001 West Australian Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (WALNA) testing of Year 3 students in the 43 remote schools now covered by the Aboriginal Literacy Strategy, what percentage of children were above the National Benchmark in –
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- (1) In Semester 1 in 2001 what was –
 - (a) the number of students enrolled; and
 - (b) the average attendance rate at each of the 43 remote schools now covered by the Aboriginal Literacy Strategy?
- (2) In Semester 2 in 2001 what was –
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1538. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Land Information

I refer to the *Valuation of Land Act 1978* and in particular to the statutory concept of unimproved value used in Western Australia, and I ask –

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that no other states use this base measure due to its difficulty of determination and a lack of indicative sales data?
- (2) What is the difference between the methodology applied to these valuations in Western Australian as opposed to other states?
- (3) Why is it that Western Australia continues to use this method when it has been abandoned by other states?
- (4) Will the Government consider altering the valuation methodology to bring it into line with the other states?

1539. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

With reference to Bright Telecommunications –

- (1) Does Western Power still own the company?
- (2) If so, does Western Power intend to maintain ownership in the future?
- (3) What was the profit or loss for each of the years ending 30 June 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003?
- (4) Has an annual report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2006 been completed?
- (5) If so, will the Minister table a copy?

- (6) If not, will the Minister table a copy of the report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2005?
- (7) If not, why not?

1540. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With reference to the Government Sewerage Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region, which came into effect on 1 October 1995 –

- (1) Is the Policy due to be reviewed?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) Are any changes to the Policy being considered?

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly