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Wednesday, 19 May 2010

2966. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

2967. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

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3051. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Treasurer

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3166. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

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3332. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Water

3337. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

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3367. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

3471. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

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- 3486. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Local Government
- 3487. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister for Education
- 3488. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 3489. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
- 3490. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 3491. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 3492. Mr R.H. Cook to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 3493. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 3494. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage
- 3495. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
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- 3497. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier
- 3498. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 3499. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 3500. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
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- 3679. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Police
- 3680. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Commerce
- 3681. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Health
- 3682. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Mental Health
- 3683. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 3684. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 3685. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning

Wednesday, 11 August 2010

- 3686. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education
- 3687. Mr M.P. Murray to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 3688. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 3695. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Police
- 3696. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister for Education
- 3697. Mr A.J. Waddell to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy
- 3698. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education
- 3699. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
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- 3729. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Police
- 3730. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 3731. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Sport and Recreation

Thursday, 12 August 2010

- 3732. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 3733. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Premier

Tuesday, 17 August 2010

- 3734. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 3735. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 3736. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
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3751. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier
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Wednesday, 18 August 2010

3753. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
3754. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
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Questions listed for this sitting: -

3777. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

- (1) Organic farmers in Western Australia are facing the task of maintaining their certification. Will the Minister assist farmers to ensure their certification is maintained?
- (2) Being familiar with all organic agricultural standards, why has the Minister not put in place 10km buffer zones to protect the organic growers from the threat of genetically modified (GM) canola?
- (3) As it is not mandatory for farmers growing GM crops to tell their neighbours that they are growing GM canola, how are organic growers who are within a 10km boundary of a GM crop to be informed of their neighbours' intentions?
- (4) What course of action will the Minister recommend that farmers who grow GM free crops take if they are not able to maintain their certification as an organic grower?
- (5) Who will pay for any GM crop audits that are undertaken, and what is the expected cost of the audit?
- (6) Why are the audits not mandatory?
- (7) What was the required number of audits based upon?
- (8) How often will the audits be conducted?
- (9) What sort of information does the Minister expect to extract from the audits?
- (10) In the 2009 trial to minimise spillage farmers growing GM crops were required to use wide adhesive tape to prevent leakage on trucks. Is this procedure still in place; and,
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if yes, is this procedure the industry standard?

3778. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the State Government's role in tree farming, I ask:

- (a) how many tree share-farmers does the Government have a contract with;
- (b) In what shires are these share-farmers located;
- (c) that the Minister provide documentation listing the names of the landholders who have a contract to grow trees on a shared basis with the Government; and
- (d) what is the cost to Government over the next 10 year period under these shared contracts?

3779. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police

As at 30 June 2010, what was the:

- (a) actual sworn number of police officers in Western Australia;
- (b) authorised/approved strength of police officers in Western Australia;
- (c) actual full-time equivalent breakdown of police officers in Western Australia;
- (d) percentage of police staff by operational classification;
- (e) current actual and authorised strength of each policing district in Western Australia;
- (f) number of auxiliary police officers; and
- (g) number of auxiliary police officer in each policing district in Western Australia?

3780. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Will the Minister advise, for each day in April 2010, what the average accident and emergency waiting times were per patient at the following hospitals:

- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
- (e) Swan District;
- (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
- (g) Joondalup?

3781. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Will the Minister advise, for each day in May 2010, what the average accident and emergency waiting times were per patient at the following hospitals:

- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
- (e) Swan District;
- (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
- (g) Joondalup?

3782. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Will the Minister advise, for each day in June 2010, what the average accident and emergency waiting times were per patient at the following hospitals:

- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
- (e) Swan District;
- (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
- (g) Joondalup?

3783. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Will the Minister advise, for each day in July 2010, what the average accident and emergency waiting times were per patient at the following hospitals:

- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;

- (e) Swan District;
- (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
- (g) Joondalup?

3784. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise the date(s) during April 2010 that the following hospitals had active ambulance diversion/bypass:
 - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
 - (b) Royal Perth;
 - (c) Fremantle;
 - (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
 - (e) Swan District;
 - (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
 - (g) Joondalup?
- (2) For each hospital with active ambulance diversion/bypass, what is the average time the emergency department was on diversion/by-pass?
- (3) For each hospital emergency department, what was the longest period of time that the emergency was on diversion/bypass?

3785. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise the date(s) during May 2010 that the following hospitals had active ambulance diversion/bypass:
 - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
 - (b) Royal Perth;
 - (c) Fremantle;
 - (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
 - (e) Swan District;
 - (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
 - (g) Joondalup?
- (2) For each hospital with active ambulance diversion/bypass, what is the average time the emergency department was on diversion/by-pass?
- (3) For each hospital emergency department, what was the longest period of time that the emergency was on diversion/bypass?

3786. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise the date(s) during June 2010 that the following hospitals had active ambulance diversion/bypass:
 - (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
 - (b) Royal Perth;
 - (c) Fremantle;
 - (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;

- (e) Swan District;
 - (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
 - (g) Joondalup?
- (2) For each hospital with active ambulance diversion/bypass, what is the average time the emergency department was on diversion/by-pass?
- (3) For each hospital emergency department, what was the longest period of time that the emergency was on diversion/bypass?

3787. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister advise the date(s) during July 2010 that the following hospitals had active ambulance diversion/bypass:
- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
 - (b) Royal Perth;
 - (c) Fremantle;
 - (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
 - (e) Swan District;
 - (f) Armadale-Kelmscott; and
 - (g) Joondalup?
- (2) For each hospital with active ambulance diversion/bypass, what is the average time the emergency department was on diversion/by-pass?
- (3) For each hospital emergency department, what was the longest period of time that the emergency was on diversion/bypass?

3788. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) As at 30 June 2010, how many patients awaited surgery longer than the clinically recommended time for their category of surgery?
- (2) As at 30 June 2010, please list a breakdown for each surgical category and the number of patients operated on.
- (3) As at 30 June 2010, what was the longest time period a patient had waited for surgery?
- (4) As at 30 June 2010, how many patients has the Department of Health paid to have surgery undertaken in a private hospital?
- (5) Please provide a breakdown of each procedure that was referred to a private hospital.
- (6) As at 30 June 2010, what was the average additional cost per operation to the Department of Health for having a public patient have surgery in a private hospital?

3789. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) As at 30 June 2010, for each metropolitan hospital list the head count of actual staff for:
- (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;

- (e) administration staff; and
- (f) payroll staff.
- (2) As at 30 June 2010, for each metropolitan hospital list the full-time equivalent (FTE) breakdown of staff for:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff.
- (3) As at 30 June 2010, for each metropolitan hospital list the FTE breakdown of staff for:
 - (a) security staff;
 - (b) cleaning staff; and
 - (c) catering staff.
- (4) As at 30 June 2010, for each metropolitan hospital list the FTE breakdown of staff for contract/casual agency staff.

3790. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) As at 30 June 2010, for each regional hospital list the head count of actual staff for:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff.
- (2) As at 30 June 2010, for each regional hospital list the full-time equivalent (FTE) breakdown of staff for:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff.
- (3) As at 30 June 2010, for each regional hospital list the FTE breakdown of staff for:
 - (a) security staff;
 - (b) cleaning staff; and
 - (c) catering staff.
- (4) As at 30 June 2010, for each regional hospital list the FTE breakdown of staff for contract/casual agency staff.

3791. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many unfilled vacancies currently exist at each metropolitan hospital for:
 - (a) registered nurses; and
 - (b) enrolled nurses?
- (2) How long has each vacancy existed?
- (3) What action is being taken to fill these positions?
- (4) Are any of these vacancies being back-filled by agency or contract nurses; and
 - (a) if so, what company is providing these nurses; and
 - (b) if so, how many agency or contract nurses are currently filling vacancies at each hospital?

3792. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many unfilled vacancies currently exist at each regional hospital for:
 - (a) registered nurses; and
 - (b) enrolled nurses?
- (2) How long has each vacancy existed?
- (3) What action is being taken to fill these positions?
- (4) Are any of these vacancies being back-filled by agency or contract nurses; and
 - (a) if so, what company is providing these nurses; and
 - (b) if so, how many agency or contract nurses are currently filling vacancies at each hospital?

3793. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

- (1) As at 30 June 2010, how many unfilled vacancies existed at each metropolitan hospital for:
 - (a) speech pathologists;
 - (b) occupational therapists; and
 - (c) speech therapists?
- (2) How long has each vacancy existed?
- (3) What action is being taken to fill these positions?
- (4) As at 30 June 2010, what was the average waiting time at a metropolitan hospital to see a:
 - (a) speech pathologist;
 - (b) occupational therapist; and
 - (c) speech therapist?

3794. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education

In relation to the State subsidy for the commercial production of *The Graduate*, I ask:

- (a) how much funding is Eventscorp or any agency in the Minister's portfolio contributing to this commercial production;
- (b) what are the anticipated paying audience numbers which were presented to justify the State subsidy;

- (c) what other reasons did the commercial promoters present to justify the Western Australian Government subsidy; and
- (d) what previous sponsorship commitments to the arts have been cancelled/reviewed in order to fund this new commitment to production of *The Graduate*?

3795. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

In relation to the State subsidy for the commercial production of *The Graduate*, I ask:

- (a) how much funding is the Perth Theatre Trust, or any agency in the Minister's portfolio, contributing to this commercial production;
- (b) what are the anticipated paying audience numbers which were presented to justify the State subsidy?
- (c) What other reasons did the commercial promoters present to justify WA Government subsidy; and
- (d) what previous sponsorship commitments to the arts have been cancelled/reviewed in order to fund this new commitment to production of *The Graduate*?

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