

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 127

Wednesday, 6 May 2015

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*Notice Given**Wednesday, 6 May 2015***3060. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Minister's response to question without notice No. 134, asked by Hon Alanna Clohesy on 26 February 2015, and ask that if statutory obligations require these services to be run by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, how do community organisations who are already doing some of this work operate within the legislative framework?

3061. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

What has been the average, adjusted for inflation, expenditure per child for non-residential placements in 2013-14 for children in the care of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support?

3062. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the empty blocks of land on Austral Road, Williamstown which are currently under assessment by the Department of Environment Regulation for asbestos contamination, and ask:

- (a) regarding designated blocks on Austral Road originally owned by KCGM, did the council carry out asbestos inspections of the original dwellings on these sites before they were demolished by KCGM;
- (b) if yes to (a), were asbestos regulations properly enforced and can the Department of Environmental Regulation explain the asbestos contamination on the sites in question;
- (c) if no to (a), given there is evidence of asbestos contamination at several of these sites, why not; and
- (d) aside from the block at 38 Austral Road, which KCGM has claimed responsibility for, will the Minister name the four other blocks suspected of being contaminated with asbestos?

3063. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) As at 1 May in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, how many Department of Environment and Conservation fire fighters were located at each of the following locations:
 - (a) Dwellingup;
 - (b) Harvey;
 - (c) Collie;
 - (d) Busselton;
 - (e) Kirup;
 - (f) Nannup;
 - (g) Margaret River;
 - (h) Pemberton;

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- (i) Manjimup; and
- (j) Walpole?
- (2) In relation to each of the locations identified in (1), how many fire fighters were employed at each location during the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 fire seasons?
- 3064. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:**
 - (1) What improvements have been completed in South West national parks in each of the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15?
 - (2) In relation to (1), please name the national park, the improvements completed and the total cost of the each improvement?
- 3065. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:**

How many Department of Environment and Conservation fire fighters were located in the South West region for each of the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 fire seasons?
- 3066. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**
 - (1) What is the current status of the proposed Bunbury Career Fire and Rescue Station?
 - (2) When can the Bunbury community expect the station to be operational?
- 3067. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**
 - (1) What is the current status of the proposed Australind Career Fire and Rescue Station?
 - (2) When can the Australind community expect the station to be operational?
- 3068. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**
 - (1) In each of the years 2013 and 2014, what bushfire prevention, damage mitigation and suppression operations were conducted by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) in the South West region?
 - (2) Do DFES staff or local government bushfire teams conduct prescribed burns?
 - (3) What action has DFES taken to ensure prescribed burns are conducted on crown land including national parks?
 - (4) In each of the years 2013 and 2014, how many prescribed burns were conducted in national parks in the South West region?
 - (5) In relation to (4), and for each of the years 2013 and 2014, what was the total area of land burnt through prescribed burns in national parks in the South West region?
- 3069. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**
 - (1) In each of the years 2013 and 2014, how many bush fires were ignited in the South West region?
 - (2) In each of the years 2013 and 2014, what was the total area burnt by bush fires in the South West region?

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(3) In each of the years 2013 and 2014, how many prescribed burns were performed in the South West region?

(4) In each of the years 2013 and 2014, what total area was burnt through prescribed burns in the South West region?

3070. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

(1) How many volunteer fire fighters are located in the South West region and where are they located?

(2) What action has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services taken to provide workers' compensation for volunteer fire fighters?

3071. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

(1) As at 1 May in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, how many fire fighters, by FTE and head count were employed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (or its predecessor FESA) on a permanent basis in the South West region?

(2) As at 1 May in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, how many fire fighters, by FTE and head count were employed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (or its predecessor FESA) on a contract or casual basis in the South West region?

(3) How many Department of Fire and Emergency Services officers located in the South West region have level three bushfire fighting and command experience, and where are they located?

3072. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Education:

(1) For each year of 2013 and 2014, what percentage of students in Western Australian public schools attained the NAPLAN national mean score or above in each reading, writing and numeracy?

(2) For each year of 2013 and 2014, what percentage of students in public schools in the South West Education District attained the NAPLAN national mean score or above in each reading, writing and numeracy?

3073. Hon Adele Farina to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

(1) In each of the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many applications were received from people living in the South West region to pay their electricity bills by instalment?

(2) In each of the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many applications were received from people living in the South West region to pay their gas bills by instalment?

(3) In each of the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many people in each of the following areas applied to pay their electricity bills by instalment:

(a) Bunbury;

(b) Busselton;

(c) Margaret River; and

(d) Manjimup?

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- (4) In each of the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many people in each of the following areas applied to pay their gas bills by instalment:
- (a) Bunbury;
 - (b) Busselton;
 - (c) Margaret River; and
 - (d) Manjimup?

3074. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the media statement *Long-term investment for Aboriginal Youth*, dated Monday, 4 May 2015, announcing that the State Government will require all departments to comply with a new set of funding criteria, such as providing larger grants to a more focused number of programs and for longer periods of time, and I ask:

- (a) how will this affect those projects recently funded under the One Life WA Suicide Prevention Small Grants scheme that were announced by the Minister for Mental Health on Tuesday, 28 April 2015;
- (b) will the Minister please clarify which statement is correct regarding funding criteria: that the Government prefers to provide larger grants for long-term projects or small grants for short-term goals, or do the changes to funding criteria to which the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs refers apply to Aboriginal services only;
- (c) does the Minister agree with the following finding from the recent *National Mental Health Commission Review of Mental Health Services* that “There needs to be a focus on the socio-cultural issues contributing to suicide: there is too much attention paid to medical responses. There has been some progress e.g. Yiriman Project, but there needs to be more”:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (c), when will the State Government invest in socio-cultural responses to Aboriginal mental health, and what will be the focus for that investment;
- (d) does the Minister agree that knowledge of, and connection to, culture plays a key role in the social, mental, emotional and intellectual well-being of Aboriginal people:
 - (i) if yes to (d), what scope is there for organisations promoting culture for these purposes to apply for funding under present arrangements; and
 - (ii) if no to (d), what does role does the Minister consider that culture play in maintaining the social, mental and intellectual well-being of Aboriginal people; and
- (e) will the *Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025* and the new *State Suicide Prevention Plan* follow the recommendations of the *National Mental Health Commission Review of Mental Health Services* and, if not, why not?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council