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No. 29

Tuesday, 10 October 2017

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380. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Western Australia State Training Plan 2017-2020, and to the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia which “will require growth in the healthcare and social assistance workforce and greater access to training places”, and I ask:

- (a) have any specific qualifications been identified as important to ensuring Western Australia’s workforce has the skills to meet the need for growth in the healthcare and social assistance workforce;
- (b) which, if any, of the qualifications listed in (a) are on the current Priority Industry Training List;
- (c) for any courses not on the current Priority Training List, why are they not on the list;
- (d) has any work been undertaken to provide greater access to training places for identified qualifications;
- (e) if yes to (d), will the Minister please provide information on work undertaken; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

381. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Western Australia State Training Plan 2017-2020, and to the Board’s identification of the need to ‘expand training opportunities in technology skills development for older workers, caregivers in aged care, as well as for voluntary caregivers who are currently not in the workforce’, and I ask:

- (a) has the Government undertaken any action to address this need;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide information on work which has been undertaken; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

382. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Western Australian State Training Plan 2017-2020, and to the Board’s recommendation for the development of “a comprehensive workforce development plan for the healthcare and social assistance industry including aged care, disability and allied health sectors through a collaborative approach involving industry, care providers, allied health and advocacy and advisory bodies”, and I ask:

- (a) does the Government intend to develop a workforce development plan for the healthcare and social assistance industry;
- (b) if yes to (a), would the Minister please provide information about the development of the plan, including:
 - (i) the intended lead agency;
 - (ii) expected timeline; and
 - (iii) who has been consulted or is it intended will be consulted; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

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383. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to my question on notice of 15 August 2017 regarding the establishment of a Commonwealth Redress Scheme, and I ask:

- (a) would the Minister please elaborate on what the “key issues” are that are currently being considered by the Government in order to allow for an informed decision regarding opting into the Commonwealth Scheme;
- (b) have any potential concerns been identified that may lead the Government to choose not to opt into this scheme; and
- (c) if yes to (b), will the Minister please provide some information about the potential concerns which have been identified?

384. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to my question on notice of 15 August 2017 regarding superannuation splitting, and I ask, would the Minister please elaborate on what “policy provisions and legislative amendments” are currently under consideration?

385. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) Since 1 January 2017, how many Working with Children checks have been submitted under category 15, “An Overnight Camp”?
- (2) In this time period and category, how many Working with Children cards have been issued?
- (3) In this time period and category, how many negative notices have been issued as the parent has not been considered a volunteer?
- (4) what is the Working With Children check screening units definition of a parental volunteer at a children’s sporting camp?

386. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the email from the Minister’s office, dated 4 October 2017, and I ask:

- (a) for what period of time was the Minister in the South Metropolitan Region;
- (b) further to (a):
 - (i) how many meetings, events, functions or similar did the Minister attend;
 - (ii) who attended each of the meetings, events, functions or similar with the Minister; and
 - (iii) did the Minister receive or create any documents during or in preparation for the meetings, events, functions or similar;
- (c) if yes to (b)(iii), what were those documents;
- (d) further to (c), will the Minister table those documents;
- (e) if yes to (d), when; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

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387. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Alkina Holdings Pty Ltd's application for a works approval for a landfill site, being the Great Southern Landfill of Lot 4869 on Plan 224502 in Certificate of Title Volume 285, Folio 784 at St. Ronan's York, and ask:

- (a) what is the risk of leachate and other pollutants, including the possible storage of crocidolite asbestos fibres, contaminating the Mundaring Weir catchment areas such as St. Ronan's Well and Conservation Area (Western Australia Government Heritage Commission Listing 04429), local fresh ground water such as at St. Ronan's Well itself and attendant water courses, creeks and river systems;
- (b) what assurance and absolute protection is to be provided to prevent the contamination of surrounding valuable, finite, highly productive agricultural land including under the *Australian Government Biodiversity Act 2015* in accordance with, but not limited to, its export compliance regulations regarding contaminated agricultural goods;
- (c) what absolute protection is guaranteed against catastrophic breaching of this landfill site by a 6.9 magnitude earthquake, creating a 3 metre high fault line, 40 kilometres in length which occurred approximately 40 kilometres from this site 49 years ago;
- (d) what viable and adequate emergency contingency plans will be put in place to minimize any environmental, property and personal damage to those persons located within a radius of a minimum of 10 kilometres of the site in case of any breach and who will pay for the implementation of these plans and any infrastructure required including forms of risk insurance, now and in the future;
- (e) what is the current traffic volume for both private and commercial vehicles using the Great Southern Highway between The Lakes and St. Ronan's;
- (f) what will be the weekly volume of Alkina Holdings Pty Ltd waste management vehicles and their tonnage using what is considered to be, by its users and the former Premier, Colin Barnett and the former Minister for Water and the Member for Central Wheatbelt, Mia Davies, as a possibly dangerous, narrow, winding road, potentially unsuitable for large increases in heavy haulage traffic movements; and
- (g) what has been the death and serious injury toll on the Great Southern Highway, between The Lakes and St. Ronan's since 2001?

388. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to applications to graze public land in the Kimberley, and ask:

- (a) when did the Government purchase the lease for Waterbank Station near Broome;
- (b) who was the Minister responsible for the purchase;
- (c) how much did the Government pay;
- (d) what area of land was retained by the lessee of the Waterbank Station at the time it was purchased by the Government;
- (e) will the Government table a map of the previous Waterbank Station;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) why did the Government purchase the Waterbank Station lease and remove cattle;

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- (h) what purpose was recommended for Waterbank Station after it was purchased by the Government;
- (i) was there public consultation about the future use of the Waterbank Station after the Government bought back the lease;
- (j) if no to (i), why not; and
- (k) if yes to (i):
 - (i) how long did the consultation take;
 - (ii) what was the result of the consultation;
 - (iii) was there a document that captured the results of the consultation;
 - (iv) if no to (iii), why not;
 - (v) if yes to (iii), will the Minister table the document; and
 - (vi) if no to (v), why not?

389. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the waste hierarchy as set out in the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, and ask:

- (a) is it mandatory for mining companies to adhere to the waste hierarchy in their waste management plans for regulated waste, general waste, recyclable waste, wood waste, tyres, scrap metal and off-cuts, and sewage effluent and sludge;
- (b) if no to (a), why not; and
- (c) if yes to (a), how is this regulated?

390. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

With regard to the non-performance in timber harvesting referred to in the *Department of Parks and Wildlife 2015-16 Yearbook*, page 110, will the Minister please table copies of the 35 notifications and six works improvement notices issued in 2015?

391. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the email from the Minister's office, dated 22 September 2017, and I ask:

- (a) for what period of time was the Premier in the South Metropolitan Region;
- (b) further to (a):
 - (i) how many meetings, events, functions or similar did the Premier attend;
 - (ii) who attended each of the meetings, events, functions or similar with the Premier; and
 - (iii) did the Premier receive or create any documents during or in preparation for the meetings, events, functions or similar;
- (c) if yes to (b)(iii), what were those documents;
- (d) further to (c), will the Premier table those documents;
- (e) if yes to (d), when; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

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392. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* funding program, and ask:

- (a) which Minister is responsible for administering the \$39 million program and what do those responsibilities include;
- (b) is this the same Minister who accepts responsibility for ensuring that the use of public funds to support the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* complies with the *Financial Management Act 2006* and other relevant legislation safeguarding the proper use of public funds;
- (c) noting the financial value of the program, when were community groups advised of their ability to apply for funding through the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* program;
- (d) how many groups applied for funding and how did they apply;
- (e) what uniform objective criteria has been applied to assess the merits of individual projects seeking funding through the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* program;
- (f) can Ministers provide information concerning how each of the 750 projects funded (or promised funding) through the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* program was evaluated or will be evaluated against the criteria referred to at (e) above;
- (g) in relation to (e) and (f) above, which organisations have already received funding and for what purpose;
- (h) if there is no uniform objective criteria governing the administration of the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* program, how and by who are decisions made to allocate funding and funding amounts; and
- (i) how is the success of projects funded through this program proposed to be evaluated?

393. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

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- (a) which Minister is responsible for administering the \$39 million program and what do those responsibilities include;
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- (h) if there is no uniform objective criteria governing the administration of the *Local Projects, Local Jobs* program, how and by who are decisions made to allocate funding and funding amounts; and
- (i) how is the success of projects funded through this program proposed to be evaluated?

394. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the joint media release of the Premier and the Minister for Community Services issued on 16 June 2017, entitled *Proactive approach to deliver better outcomes for vulnerable families*, and I ask:

- (a) with respect to the media statement's claim that there are about 1,500 service agreements between the Government and the community services sector, can the Government please specify the precise number of these agreements as of 30 September 2017; and
- (b) can the Government provide the following information for each of the above service agreements:
 - (i) name of community services organisation party to the agreement;
 - (ii) purpose of the service agreement;
 - (iii) financial and/or in kind value of the service agreement;
 - (iv) any KPIs relevant to the operation of the service agreement;
 - (v) when the service agreement will expire; and
 - (vi) the department/agency responsible for managing the service agreement?

395. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

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 - (v) when the service agreement will expire; and
 - (vi) the department/agency responsible for managing the service agreement?

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396. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the joint media statement issued by the Premier and the Minister for Community Services of 16 June 2017, entitled *Proactive Approach to Deliver Outcomes for Vulnerable Families*, and ask:

- (a) which organisations attended the community services sector roundtable; and
- (b) what issues did the community services sector attendees raise at the roundtable?

397. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the joint media statement issued by the Premier and the Minister for Community Services of 16 June 2017, entitled *Proactive Approach to Deliver Outcomes for Vulnerable Families*, and ask:

- (a) which organisations attended the community services sector roundtable; and
- (b) what issues did the community services sector attendees raise at the roundtable?

398. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer:

- (1) Will the Treasurer commit funding for the necessary new hospital at Laverton and, if not, why not?
- (2) Will the Treasurer commit funding for the necessary retirement facility at Leonora and, if not, why not?
- (3) Will the Treasurer commit funding for the sealing of the Wiluna-Meekathara Road and, if not, why not?

399. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the email from the Minister's office, dated 14 September 2017, and I ask:

- (a) for what period of time was the Minister in the South Metropolitan Region;
- (b) further to (a):
 - (i) how many meetings, events, functions or similar did the Minister attend;
 - (ii) who attended each of the meetings, events, functions or similar with the Minister; and
 - (iii) did the Minister receive or create any documents during or in preparation for the meetings, events, functions or similar;
- (c) if yes to (b)(iii), what were those documents;
- (d) further to (c), will the Minister table those documents;
- (e) if yes to (d), when; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

400. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Since the Regional Forest Agreement for Western Australia (RFA) was signed in May 1999, have regular biodiversity audits of all forests covered by the RFA been undertaken?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when was the most recent biodiversity audit completed?

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- (4) If yes to (1), what species of flora, including fungi, and fauna, including invertebrates, within the RFA area have been:
- (a) listed as Specially Protected or Priority Species; and
 - (b) moved to a higher category of threat?
- (5) On what date was the listing or change made?
- (6) If yes to (1), does the Government intend to utilise information collected through the latest biodiversity audits to publish documents to aid public and government interpretation of that information, including a summary of findings and recommendations?
- (7) If yes to (6), when?
- (8) If no to (6), why not?

401. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) I refer to the Conservation Commission of Western Australia's *Forest Management Plan (FMP) 2014-2023*, and ask, what does the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) understand by "carbon carrying capacity"?
- (2) Based on DBCA growth rate models and FullCAM, at what age does the carbon carrying capacity of karri regrowth reach the same carbon carrying capacity as that of old growth karri?
- (3) Is the carbon carrying capacity the same, more, or less in areas of mixed karri (i.e., 2-8 mature karri trees per hectare) as in areas of pure karri (i.e., at least 8 mature karri trees per hectare)?
- (4) Does this carbon carrying capacity account for loss of carbon:
- (a) in the initial logging operation;
 - (b) in further logging or thinning operations; and
 - (c) following fire?

402. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) I refer to question on notice No. 144 regarding the Water for Food Program - Mowanjum, asked on Tuesday, 12 September 2017, and ask:
- (a) when is the Department of Water undertaking a review of the Derby groundwater allocation plan and when is it expected to be finalised;
 - (b) who is responsible for monitoring the saltwater interface to detect detrimental impacts from Mowanjum's groundwater pumping;
 - (c) how often is monitoring taking place;
 - (d) will the Minister table the groundwater monitoring program for Mowanjum, which includes the details of how the saltwater interface is monitored;
 - (e) if no to (d), why not;
 - (f) how close is the saltwater interface to the groundwater bores for irrigation at Mowanjum;
 - (g) has the saltwater interface moved since the beginning of the trial at Mowanjum;

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- (h) if it is found that the saltwater interface is moving due to groundwater pumping for irrigation at Mowanjum, can the water licence volume be reduced;
 - (i) if no to (h), why not;
 - (j) are the bores at Mowanjum metred;
 - (k) if no to (j), why not;
 - (l) have any of the bores become saltier since the beginning of the trial; and
 - (m) what has been the annual usage of water for the irrigation trial since inception?
- (2) I refer to question on notice No. 2893, asked on 18 March 2015, and ask:
- (a) as no hydrological studies were undertaken for the trial, existing hydrological data was considered in the trial, yet in question on notice No. 144, the Minister answers “A comprehensive hydrogeological assessment was carried out prior to grant of the water licence”, can the Minister explain whether the comprehensive hydrogeological assessment was carried out specifically for the Mowanjum project or for some other purpose;
 - (b) if it was for another purpose, what was it; and
 - (c) as no soil studies were undertaken to determine the viability of irrigated agriculture in the Mowanjum lease area, yet the answer to question on notice No. 144 states that “soils tests were undertaken prior to development”, which of these is correct?
- (3) Will the Minister table the hydrological studies and soils tests that were undertaken prior to development at Mowanjum:
- (a) if no to (3), why not?
- (4) Will the Minister table the water licence for Mowanjum’s irrigation trial:
- (a) if no to (4), why not;
 - (b) is the Minister concerned that no cost/benefit analysis was undertaken for the Mowanjum Irrigation Trial;
 - (c) if no to (b), why not;
 - (d) will the Minister request a cost/benefit analysis for the Mowanjum Irrigation Trial to determine its economic viability; and
 - (e) if no to (d), why not?
- (5) With reference to the project budget:
- (a) how much has been spent;
 - (b) how much is remaining; and
 - (c) will the Minister please outline in detail how this remaining budget will be spent?
- (6) Will there be a final report on the outcomes of Mowanjum Irrigation Trial:
- (a) if no to (6), why not; and
 - (b) if yes to (6), will it be publicly available and, if so, when?

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403. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) With reference to the answers provided for question on notice No. 76 answered on 24 August 2017 concerning the environmental division of the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), with respect to the said 51 full time, part-time employees and contractors within the environmental division in 2004-2005, will the Minister provide a detailed list with a breakdown showing:
 - (a) the title of the position or contract;
 - (b) the specific remuneration rate for each position or contract;
 - (c) a job description for each position or contract;
 - (d) the specific mineral field or area within Western Australia for each employee or contractor; and
 - (e) the title of the individual with managerial responsibility to whom the holder of each position or contract reports?
- (2) With reference to the answers provided for question on notice No. 76 answered on 24 August 2017 concerning the environmental division of the DMP, with respect to the said 74 full-time, part-time employees and contractors within the environmental division in 2015-2016, will the Minister provide a detailed list with a breakdown showing:
 - (a) the title of the position or contract;
 - (b) the specific remuneration rate for each position or contract;
 - (c) a job description for each position or contract;
 - (d) the specific mineral field or area within Western Australia for each employee or contractor; and
 - (e) the title of the individual with managerial responsibility to whom the holder of each position or contract reports?
- (3) Can the Minister provide detailed reasons for the number of environmental employees or contractors rising from 51 to 74, and will the Minister advise whether this increase was implemented with or without the prior knowledge of the Minister?
- (4) Can the Minister provide detailed reasons why the total cost for wages/salaries and payments to employees/contractors within the environmental division has risen from \$1.8 million to \$8.2 million?
- (5) With reference to the answers provided for question on notice No. 76 answered on 24 August 2017 concerning the environmental division of the DMP, with respect to the said “reduction in two” of employees and contractors within the environmental division, will the Minister provide a detailed list with a breakdown showing:
 - (a) the title of the position or contract;
 - (b) the specific remuneration rate for each position or contract;
 - (c) a job description for each position or contract;
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- (e) the title of the individual with managerial responsibility to whom the holder of each position or contract reports; and
 - (f) the detailed reasons why the DMP decided to reduce the number of employees or contractors by two?
- (6) Can the Minister advise whether it is essential for the mining industry to deal with an environmental division of the DMP and also with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)?
- (7) Is there a reason why all environmental matters relating to mining cannot be handled by the environmental division of the DMP without reference to the EPA?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council