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No. 65

Tuesday, 26 June 2018

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I refer to Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) specific advice given to the Appeals Convenor and Minister for the Environment report/decision dated January 2016, concerning potential clearing impacts of dust, noise being generated from Hawthorn Resources about the proximity of clearing in relation to the homestead and amenity impacts on Pinjin Station well before the Mining proposal was lodged with the department seeking approval with a document dated 26 November 2015, and I ask:

- (a) in its advice to the Appeals Convenor is it correct that the DMP acknowledged that the approved clearing footprint included the Pinjin Homestead and associated infrastructure;
- (b) if no to (a), what is specifically correct in relation to this advice provided to the Appeals Convenor and Minister for the Environment;
- (c) is it correct that the Appeals Convenor report in part states ‘Additionally DMP advised that the applicant is required to comply with section (20)(5) of the Mining Act and that any non compliance will be deemed a breach of condition which may result in a penalty being imposed or the tenement forfeited’;
- (d) if no to (c), can the Minister quote the specific text of what was in the Appeals Convenor report/decision;
- (e) can the Minister explain how a penalty can be imposed or the tenement be forfeited for a failure to comply with section 20(5) of the *Mining Act 1978*; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

1418. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to Mining Lease 31/284, owned by Hawthorn Resources Limited and Gel Resources Pty Limited, and all the photographic evidence and video evidence provided to the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS), including many photos and videos showing dust drifting down over occupied buildings on Pinjin Station which affects the health and amenity of people living in occupied buildings, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister indicate a specific date on which mining operations commenced in the year 2017 on mining lease 31/284;
- (b) if no to (1), why not;
- (c) can the Minister explain why DMIRS has allowed Hawthorn and Gel Resources to continually and repeatedly contravene specific tenement conditions including specific stated written operating commitments appertaining to containment of dust made in the revised mining proposal dated 26 November 2015 for over such a long period of time without facing forfeiture proceedings and a fine;
- (d) can the Minister explain in terms of its functionality and purpose why (DMIRS) formerly the Department of Mines (DOM) recommended condition number 14 on

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Mining lease 31/284 requiring that all trenches, sumps and pits (apart from the main open pit) being backfilled and revegetated;

- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) can the Minister state how many in total number of photographs and videos has the Department and the Minister's office received showing large amounts of airborne dust being generated and not being minimised by the application of sufficient water on all the haul roads;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) can the Minister explain, in terms of its functionality and purpose, why (DMIRS) formerly (DOM) recommended condition number 16 on Mining lease 31/284 requiring that the generation of dust be minimised by the application of sufficient water on all haul roads;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) can the Minister state what has DMIRS specifically done to ensure and eliminate the generation of dust on haul roads particularly in the evening and late at night given that in many instances no operating dust suppression measures with sufficient water have been in place for over at least 3 months, which results in the dust drifting down over occupied buildings affecting the amenity and health of people living on Pinjin Station; and
- (k) if no to (j), why not?

1419. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to Mining Lease 31/79 owned by Hawthorn Resources Limited and Gel Resources Limited, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister explain, in terms of its functionality and purpose, why the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) formerly the Department of Mines (DOM) recommended condition number 9 on Mining lease 31/79 relating to any water main;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) has DMIRS, within the last 12 months, written to the owners about possible breaches of mining lease tenement conditions on Mining lease 31/79;
- (d) if yes to (c), can the Minister quote the specific text of the tenement conditions and the respective number and on what specific dates was this done;
- (e) can the Minister explain in terms of its functionality and purpose why DMIRS, formerly DOM, recommended condition number 13 that there be no interference with the use of the aerial landing ground;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) can the Minister explain the importance why all surface holes drilled for the purpose of exploration need to be capped, filled or otherwise made safe after completion;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;

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- (i) can the Minister explain the importance of why all waste material, rubbish, plastic sample bags, abandoned equipment and temporary buildings need to be removed from the mining tenement prior to or at the termination of an exploration program;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) can the Minister explain the importance of why all activities need to be carried out in such a manner as to not have a detrimental effect on the natural water flow through the lease and surrounding areas;
- (l) if no to (k), why not;
- (m) will DMIRS urgently take any forfeiture action and impose a large penalty on the owners of the above tenement M31/79 for breaching any tenement conditions so as the statute of limitations for the offences does not pass; and
- (n) if no to (m), why not?

1420. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

- (1) Given that the answer to question on notice No. 1098, asked in the Legislative Council on 29 March 2018, which lists 14 live mining leases held by Alcoa of Australia Limited as Holder 1 and Mitchell Plateau Bauxite Co. Pty Ltd as Holder 2, and that former Premier Hon. Colin Barnett on 24 March 2015 stated that the Mitchell Plateau State Agreement (MPSA), which covers a temporary reserve of about 175,900 hectares for the establishment of an alumina refinery, the protection of the area's bauxite resources and 14 mining leases, was to be terminated to allow more than 175,000 hectares of land on the Mitchell Plateau to be included in the proposed Kimberley National Park, were those 14 mining leases referred to within the MPSA temporary reserve ever cancelled or surrendered?
- (2) If yes to (1), when?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Will the Minister provide a map showing the location of the 14 live mining leases?
- (5) Do any of the 14 live mining leases impinge on the area referred to by Mr Barnett?

1421. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to Budget Paper No. 3, Economic and Fiscal Outlook, page 104, "Jobs and Economic Development" Line Item 11, Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act – Declared Pest Control Activities, regarding a flat rate (fixed sum) of \$30 on land in the local government districts of Harvey, Mandurah, Murray, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Waroona under consideration for the Declared Pest Rate (DPR), and I ask:

- (a) why is the DPR being extended to these districts in 2018-2019;
- (b) is data available on the effectiveness of 2016-2017's DPR operations in other shires;
- (c) can funds collected by groups be diverted to other department priorities unrelated to pest control;
- (d) how will public comment on the declared pest rate proposal, which closes 24 June 2018, be used;
- (e) is there a strategic plan to co-ordinate targeting specific pest plants and animals and, if so, is this publically available;

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- (f) is this a temporary measure:
 - (i) if yes to (f), what is the timeframe; and
 - (ii) if no to (f), is it an ongoing tax; and
- (g) what criteria is required to establish a Recognised Biosecurity Group?

1422. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to the email from the Minister's office, dated 20 June 2018, and received at 4:05pm from the Minister's Appointment Secretary, 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?

1423. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry:

Regarding the thinning of regrowth karri, for the year 2017:

- (a) how many cubic metres of logs were extracted in total;
- (b) how many cubic metres of extracted logs were:
 - (i) karri; and
 - (ii) other (please specify);
- (c) how much of the volume was:
 - (i) first and second grade karri sawlogs;
 - (ii) other grade karri sawlogs (please specify);
 - (iii) karri chip logs;
 - (iv) first and second grade marri sawlogs;
 - (v) other grade marri sawlogs (please specify);
 - (vi) marri chip logs; and
 - (vii) other (please specify); and

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- (d) what was the volume estimated to be available of:
 - (i) first and second grade karri sawlogs;
 - (ii) other grade karri sawlogs; and
 - (iii) karri chip logs?

1424. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the *Railway and Port (The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Amendment Bill 2018*, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table a list of dates when Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) has met with the Minister, department employees, or any agencies in relation to this bill:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not; and
- (b) will the Minister table any correspondence and minutes from any meetings between FMG and the Minister, the department or any agencies in relation to this bill, redacting any commercial in confidence information:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not?

1425. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to the email from the Minister's office, dated 15 June 2018, and received at 4:30pm from the Minister's Appointment Secretary, 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?

1426. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) Will the Minister quote and state what specific provisions of the *Mining Act 1978*, or other provisions, from legislation prevent and stop the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) employees/contractors from using highly sensitive information, obtained in the course of their duties to then use that information to prepare documents for other third parties, including mining tenement applications in which they have a royalty or direct/indirect financial interest which is not declared to the department or the wider public of Western Australia?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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- (3) Does the Minister support DMIRS employees/contractors using highly sensitive information, obtained in their course of their duties of employment, to then use that information to obtain a financial benefit of some kind by way of a royalty or some other financial interest in mining tenement applications?
- (4) If yes to (3), why?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

1427. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the media statement, *Seismic survey to uncover the Canning Basin's deep geology*, released by Hon Bill Johnston MLA on Monday, 18 June 2018, and I ask:

- (a) how much is the Labor Government spending on seismic surveys of the Canning Basin;
- (b) will this research be useful for companies focusing on exploiting gas fracking in the Canning Basin/Kimberley; and
- (c) what is the total amount of money that the McGowan Labor Government is spending on fossil fuels research, exploration or subsidies of any kind?

1428. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that there has recently been another restructuring in Horizon Power under which the number of General Managers and Executive Managers that directly report to the CEO has increased to ten?
- (2) What is the current aggregate salary package cost for these senior executives?
- (3) What was the aggregate salary package cost for direct reports to the CEO on 1 July 2016?
- (4) Will the Minister ensure that salary package details, for all executives that are direct reports to the CEO, appear in the Horizon Power Annual Report?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

1429. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Horizon Power has a General Manager based in the Eastern States?
- (2) Does the Minister support such an arrangement?
- (3) If yes to (2), why?
- (4) Will the Minister advise of the cost incurred by Horizon Power since the appointment of this General Manager, for travelling to and from Perth for Horizon Power related business?
- (5) Will the Minister confirm that Horizon Power has contracted Eastern States based solar equipment suppliers?
- (6) Will the Minister provide details of any tender process that was undertaken to provide an opportunity for Western Australian based suppliers to win these contracts?
- (7) Will the Minister table any associated tender assessment reports, appropriately redacted to remove commercial in confidence material?
- (8) If no to (4), (5), (6) and/ or (7), why not?

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- (1) Is the Minister aware that the large community of Mowanjum has a significant investment in solar PV which is not currently working because Horizon Power staff switched it off?
- (2) Will the Minister advise the House why this occurred and what Horizon Power is doing to assist the community to remedy the situation?
- (3) If no to (1) and/or (2), why not?

1431. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the ABC News story of 23 April 2018 entitled *Lucky escape for driver as truck full of ammonium nitrate catches fire on WA highway*, found here: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-04-23/critical-incident-as-ammonium-nitrate-truck-destroyed-by-fire/9686882>, and I ask:

- (a) what was the nature of the ammonium nitrate;
- (b) was it ammonium nitrate prill or ammonium nitrate liquid;
- (c) where did the load initiate from;
- (d) where was the load going to;
- (e) why was there a one kilometre exclusion zone around the accident site;
- (f) how were the containers moved from the site; and
- (g) what happened to the contents of the containers?

1432. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Minister for Local Government's travel on 24 August 2017, and I ask:

- (a) was the Minister in Busselton on official business; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what was the official business that the Minister was undertaking?

1433. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to Legislative Council question on notice No. 1170, and I ask, will the Minister please table the 'standard protocols' that apply to the Premier and other Ministers with respect to local member notifications?

1434. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to Eastern Guruma heritage sites ID 37168, ID 37170 and ID 37173, that were recently assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC), and I ask:

- (a) on what date was site ID 37168 formally assessed by the ACMC and what were the results of the assessment;
- (b) on what date was site ID 37170 formally assessed by the ACMC and what were the results of the assessment;
- (c) on what date was site ID 37173 formally assessed by the ACMC and what were the results of the assessment;

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- (d) is the Minister aware that the Place Summary produced by the Registrar of Sites for site 37170 describes the site as being 2,550 square metres in size, but the analysis of the site represents less than one percent of it:
 - (i) if no to (d), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (d), will the department alter the description to align with the actual size of the site;
- (e) is the Minister aware that according to the Registrar's Place Summary there are approximately 6,000 artifacts within the site, yet the Registrar advised the ACMC that there 'are no unique or distinguishing features that set the place apart from other artifact scatters';
- (f) how many sites located within the Eastern Guruma native title determined areas are lodged and awaiting assessment by the ACMC;
- (g) how many lodged sites in Eastern Guruma country been formally assessed outside of the procedures specified in section 18 and/or section 16 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* between 1 June 2016 and 1 June 2018;
- (h) did the Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) request that these sites be assessed by the ACMC outside of a section 18 notice:
 - (i) if yes to (h), on what date did FMG make this request;
 - (ii) if yes to (h), to whom within the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage did FMG make the request; and
 - (iii) if yes to (h), was this request accepted:
 - (A) if yes to (h)(iii), why; and
 - (B) if yes to (h)(iii), can the Minister explain why FMG is able to expedite site assessments outside of the procedures specified in section 16 and/or section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*;
- (i) does the Minister believe that conducting site assessments outside of a statutory approvals procedure is a faster process for the land user;
- (j) does the Minister believe that conducting site assessments outside of a statutory approvals procedure avoids departmental and ministerial scrutiny;
- (k) is the Minister aware that site ID 37168, site ID 37170 and site 37173 are located in the proposed Eliwana railway corridor:
 - (i) if no to (k), why not;
- (l) does the Minister believe that FMG's request for site assessments outside of the procedures specified in section 16 and/or section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* could be perceived as requesting special treatment by the regulator; and
- (m) will the Minister confirm that the Registrar of Sites will not agree to assess Eastern Guruma heritage sites outside of procedures specified in section 16 and/or section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* at the request of FMG without receiving the approval of the Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council