

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 27

Wednesday, 18 September 2013

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235. Hon Kate Doust to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Finance
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269. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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273. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
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284. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection
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287. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning
288. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
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290. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Commerce

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291. Hon Kate Doust to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

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292. Hon Sally Talbot to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police
293. Hon Darren West to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services

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294. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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- 330. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Fisheries

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With regard to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme WA, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the claim of Mr Norman Cox from Yiyili Community in the Kimberley, whose application to the WA Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme was refused because the stations where he worked were outside the scope of the scheme;
- (b) if yes to (a), and based on Mr Cox's own testament, does the Minister consider he was unfairly treated at the four stations: Louisa Downs, Go Go, Cherabun and Fossil Downs where he worked between the years 1948 and 1975;
- (c) is the Minister aware that Mr Cox considers the decision to refuse his application for stolen wages and the subsequent refusal to address his appeals and submissions as unjust and discriminatory;
- (d) if yes to (c), does the Minister consider he has a responsibility to address this obvious impasse;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) if yes to (d), what action will the Minister now take;
- (g) does the Minister accept that the establishment of the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme raised the hopes of all Aboriginal people who were unpaid for the work they did, including former station workers, and that to exclude them from the scheme is both discriminatory and unfair;
- (h) given the large number of former station workers who were denied their wages over a considerable length of time in the Kimberley and elsewhere, will the Minister now consider reviewing the Stolen Wages Scheme and creating a new scheme aimed at addressing the inequities; and
- (i) if no to (h), why not?

332. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

With regard to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme WA, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the claim of Mr Jock Mosquito, formerly from Warmun Community in the Kimberley and now living in a Frail Aged Home in Halls Creek, whose application to the WA Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme has been refused;
- (b) is the Minister aware that Mr Mosquito considers the decision to refuse his application for stolen wages while he was working on Nicholson Station, as grossly unjust;
- (c) if yes to (b), what is the Minister's view;
- (d) is the Minister further aware of Mr Mosquito's claim that at the time of his employment at Nicholson Station he was told by the then manager that he (the manager) had put money aside for him for the future but that he (Mr Mosquito) never received this money;

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- (e) does the Minister consider such an action to be dishonest and fraudulent and can the Minister advise what action Mr Mosquito can take to seek justice;
- (f) does the Minister accept that the establishment of the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme raised the hopes of all Aboriginal people who were unpaid for the work they did, including former station workers, and that to exclude them from the scheme is discriminatory and unfair;
- (g) given the large number of former station workers who were denied their wages over a considerable length of time in the Kimberley and elsewhere, will the Minister now consider creating a new scheme aimed at addressing these claims; and
- (h) if no to (g), why not?

333. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

With regard to the rules governing the development of local planning strategies and local planning schemes, I ask:

- (a) is it permitted for a local planning scheme to be based on a draft local planning strategy that is currently out for public comment;
- (b) does the Minister agree that a local planning strategy that is advertised for public comment could be changed as a result of these comments, Shire councillor's comments and a recommendation of the WA Planning Commission prior to gazettal;
- (c) if yes to (b), how can a local planning scheme be advertised when its basis is in draft form; and
- (d) if no to (b), why not?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

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