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- 3273. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) I refer to the dangerous intersection at the corner of Ardross Street and Canning Highway in Alfred Cove and the fact that the Type 'A' Crossing Guard for students of St Benedict's Primary School has been removed. As parents are reporting that traffic accidents are frequently happening at that intersection, can the Minister please advise:
 - (a) how many traffic accidents of any kind have occurred at this location during the following years:
 - (i) 2006;
 - (ii) 2007; and
 - (iii) 2008 to date;
 - (b) the type of accidents and the scope of injuries at each of the accidents that occurred at this location during the following years:
 - (i) 2006;
 - (ii) 2007; and
 - (iii) 2008 to date; and

- (2) In light of these accident statistics, will the Minister consider installing traffic lights at the intersection of Ardross Street and Canning Highway in Alfred Cove to improve community safety?
- (a) if not, why not?

3274. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the *Railways (Access) Code 2000* which provides for third party access to the Western Australia's state rail infrastructure network and ask:

- (a) of the 22 main lines and 18 spur lines identified in Schedule 1 of the Code how many of these main lines and spur lines are still operational and available for commercial interests to use?

3275. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:

- (a) Rottnest Island Authority;
- (b) Art Gallery of Western Australia;
- (c) ScreenWest; and
- (d) Department of Disability Services?

3276. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Corrective Services

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the Department of Corrective Services responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades?

3277. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:

- (a) Office of the Auditor General;
- (b) State Supply Commission;
- (c) Western Australian Treasury Corporation;
- (d) Department of Industry and Resources;
- (e) Economic Regulation Authority; and
- (f) The Office of Native Title?

3278. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Energy

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:

- (a) Office of Energy;
- (b) The Minerals and Energy Research Institute of Western Australia;
- (c) The Independent Market Operator;
- (d) Horizon Power;

- (e) Synergy;
- (f) Western Power; and
- (g) Verve Energy?

3279. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Education and Training

In regard to the teaching of computer skills in our state public school system, can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many teachers with specific Information Technology qualifications are currently teaching in our state public school system;
- (b) how many of those identified in (a) are teaching subjects other than computer and ICT related subjects;
- (c) please provide a list of those subjects covered in your answer to (b); and
- (d) how many teachers are currently teaching computer and ICT related subjects in state schools without any formal Information Technology qualifications?

3280. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:

- (a) the Department of Indigenous;
- (b) the Heritage Council of Western Australia;
- (c) the National Trust of Australia (WA);
- (d) Landgate; and
- (e) the Minister's Ministerial Office?

3281. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection

Can the Minister advise whether there are any staff employed in the following agencies responsible for working on or maintaining websites and list their pay grades:

- (a) the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission; and
- (b) the Construction Industry Long Service Leave Payments Board?

3282. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection

In reference to the WorkCover WA Information Technology Branch, can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many staff are employed in this branch and list their levels of pay;
- (b) what funds, equipment and other resources are allocated to this branch; and
- (c) what are the roles, functions and goals of this branch?

3283. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management

In reference to question on notice No. 3026 and since the Office of e-Government has audited the majority of State Government websites and should therefore have all requested information in an easily accessible format, can the Premier list:

- (a) those agencies that have so far responded to the Office of e-Government's Website Government Framework audit;

- (b) how much was spent by each agency to build each website they operate;
- (c) how much was spent in the last financial year maintaining each website; and
- (d) if the Premier cannot answer these questions, why is it that the Office of e-Government cannot provide such basic information after seven years of operation?

3284. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management

I refer to the Auditor General's Public Sector Performance Report for March 2008 which stated that 40 per cent of randomly selected ex-government computers sold at auction contained accessible, highly sensitive information, and ask:

- (a) why has the government allowed people's personal, private and very sensitive information to be released to other individuals without consent;
- (b) has any official action been taken to find out why the above happened;
 - (i) if the answer is yes to (b), what specific actions have been taken and what staffing and funding have been allocated to undertake these actions; or
 - (ii) if the answer to (b) is no, why not;
- (c) are there any plans in place to make sure that this does not happen again;
 - (i) if the answer to (c) is yes, what specific actions have been taken and what staffing and funding have been allocated to undertake these actions; or
 - (ii) if the answer to (c) is no, why not?

3285. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management

In reference to questions on notice 3027 and 3121, can the Premier advise:

- (a) When agencies have been provided with pre-prepared surveys of their websites, which according to the Premier's answer to question on notice 3121 should have required only minimal time to complete, why is it that according to the Premier in his answer to question on notice 3027, 13 agencies completed the survey up to 22 days late and 22 agencies had not completed the survey as of 22 days after it was due;
- (b) why was it that as of the 26 February 2008 the Department of Premier and Cabinet had not completed the audit;
 - (i) has the Department of Premier and Cabinet now completed the audit;
 - (ii) if yes, when was it completed and what was the cause of the delay; or
 - (iii) if the Department of Premier and Cabinet has still not completed the audit, why is this the case; and
- (c) what specific details were asked of each agency in this audit?

3286. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

- (1) How many full-time equivalent staff are currently employed by the Disability Services Commission office in Bunbury?
- (2) What is the nature of the above positions?
- (3) How many clients does the Disability Services Commission office in Bunbury currently serve?
- (4) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed by the Disability Services Commission office in Bunbury in:

- (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2006; and
 - (e) 2007?
- (5) How many clients did the Disability Services Commission Bunbury office serve in:
- (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2006; and
 - (e) 2007?
- (6) What was the annual operating budget of the Disability Services Commission Bunbury office in:
- (a) 1998-1999;
 - (b) 2000-2001;
 - (c) 2002-2003; and
 - (d) 2006-2007?
- (7) What is the annual operating budget of the Disability Services Commission Bunbury office for this financial year (2007-2008)?

3287. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How many houses are owned by Homeswest in Bunbury?
- (2) How many houses are owned by Homeswest in the South West?
- (3) How many of the Homeswest houses in Bunbury are tenanted?
- (4) How many of the Homeswest houses in the South West are tenanted?
- (5) How many people are currently on the Homeswest waiting list for Bunbury?
- (6) How many people are currently on the Homeswest waiting list for the South West?
- (7) How many people are currently on the Homeswest waiting list for the State?

3288. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How many Homeswest houses does the State Government plan to build in the next four years?
- (2) How many Homeswest houses does the State Government plan to build in 2008?
- (3) How many Homeswest houses does the State Government plan to build in 2009?
- (4) How many Homeswest houses are currently vacant in Bunbury?
- (5) What is the reason for each vacancy?
- (6) What is the longest period any of the above houses have been vacant?
- (7) What is the average (not median) period of vacancy for Homeswest houses in Bunbury?

3289. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How much has been spent on track upgrades of the Australind train line in the last financial year 2006-2007?
- (2) How much has been spent on track upgrades of the Australind train line since July 1, 2007?
- (3) How much is intended to be spent on track upgrades of the Australind train line during:
 - (a) this financial year (2007-2008);
 - (b) 2008-2009 financial year; and
 - (c) 2009-2010 financial year?
- (4) Has the cost of new rolling stock for the Australind train line been investigated?
- (5) If so when and what was the cost?
- (6) How many times has the Australind train broken down or been unable to complete a scheduled journey so far this year?
- (7) How many times has the Australind train broken down or been unable to complete a scheduled journey over the past two years?
- (8) How many times has the Australind train broken down or been unable to complete a scheduled journey in 2007?

3290. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How much has been spent on maintenance of the Australind train last financial year 2006-2007?
- (2) How much has been spent on maintenance of the Australind train since 1 July, 2007?
- (3) How much is intended to be spent on maintenance of the Australind train during:
 - (a) this financial year (2007-2008);
 - (b) 2008-2009 financial year; and
 - (c) 2009-2010 financial year?
- (4) How much has been spent on refurbishments of the Australian train last financial year 2006-2007?
- (5) How much has been spent on refurbishments of the Australind train since 1 July, 2007?
- (6) How much is intended to be spent on refurbishments of the Australind train during:
 - (a) This financial year (2007-2008);
 - (b) 2008-2009 financial year; and
 - (c) 2009-2010 financial year?
- (7) Please detail the nature of the refurbishments already carried out on the Australind train, the cost of each and when they were completed?
- (8) Please detail the nature of planned refurbishments of the Australind train, the cost of each and when they will be started and completed?

3291. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How many full-time equivalent employees have been assigned to develop the feasibility study into a fast rail services between Perth and Bunbury?
- (2) In which departments/organisations/companies do these employees work?

- (3) In what town/city are the above employees based?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to develop the feasibility study into a fast rail service between Perth and Bunbury?
- (5) How many proposed alignments will be investigated?
- (6) What are those proposed alignments of a fast rail service between Bunbury and Perth?
- (7) What is the deadline for completion of the feasibility study into a fast rail service between Bunbury and Perth?

3292. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many full-time equivalent employees are currently employed at Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent medical specialists or allied health professionals are currently employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?
- (3) Please list the type of medical specialists or allied health professionals currently employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?
- (4) Please list the basis of employment for each of the medical specialists/allied health professionals (e.g. full-time, part-time) at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road?
- (5) How many clients does the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road currently serve?
- (6) How many of those clients are children?
- (7) How many full-time equivalent employees were employed at Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road in:
 - (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2006; and
 - (e) 2007?
- (8) How many full-time equivalent medical specialists and allied health professionals are currently employed at the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road:
 - (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2006; and
 - (e) 2007?
- (9) How many clients did the Bunbury Primary Health Services Community Health Centre on Hudson Road serve in:
 - (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2003;

- (d) 2006; and
- (e) 2007?

3293. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) When will specialist behaviour management centres be opened for Western Australian government primary schools?
- (2) How many will be established?
- (3) What is the exact address for each of these centres?

3294. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to your government's plan for disruptive students, of moving them into new education centres, and I ask:

- (a) Where will these centres be located;
- (b) How many additional teaching staff will be needed for these centres and will they be taken from existing classrooms;
- (c) What is the expected cost of running these centres; and
- (d) Will there be an overlap of services used in the current trial on the three behaviour management centres?

3295. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In relation to the Cottesloe to Fremantle section of the Perth Bicycle Network will the Minister advise:

- (a) what options are being considered to complete this section of the network;
- (b) when work will begin on this section of the network; and
- (c) when work on this section of the network is expected to be completed?

3296. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In relation to the hazardous condition of Curtin Avenue in Cottesloe will the Minister advise:

- (a) what options are being considered to modify Curtin Avenue;
- (b) when work is expected to begin on modifying Curtin Avenue; and
- (c) when work on modifying Curtin Avenue is expected to be completed?

3297. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Given that more than seven years have passed since the final guidelines for the redevelopment of the Leighton marshalling yards were endorsed by the Coalition State Cabinet in December 2000, will the minister advise:

- (a) when the Leighton Oceanside Parklands Landscape master plan was submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission following the public comment period which ended on 13 November 2006;
- (b) when the Minister will approve the Leighton Oceanside Parklands Landscape master plan;
- (c) the status of Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment No. 1138/41 East Leighton; and

- (d) when a final decision will be made on Metropolitan Region Scheme Amendment No. 1138/41 East Leighton?

3298. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health

- (1) What was the budget for each of the Area Health Services? (please specify amount for each Area Health Service)
- (2) As at the date of answering this question, what is the current budget expenditure figure for each of the Area Health Services? (please specify amount for each Area Health Service)

3299. Mr G. Snook to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government

I understand that the Terms of Agreement for the grant of \$250,000 per annum to the RSPCA were set down in a reply to Question on Notice No. 1631 asked by Mr S.R. Hill on 21 November 2006. I therefore ask the Minister:

- (a) is an annual audit performed to ensure adherence to the condition as set down in the grant;
- (b) is an evaluation report on the outcomes, achievements and effectiveness of the project supplied in each year;
- (c) if the answer to (a) and (b) is no, would the Minister advise how adherence to the conditions is monitored;
- (d) if the conditions are not being adhered to, what action has been taken and will continue to be taken by the Minister to ensure conditions are adhered to in future;
- (e) is it true that the auditors have been critical of the RSPCA adherence to grant conditions in using this money;
- (f) in each financial year has the grant money been fully expended for the purposes outlined in the grant conditions?
- (g) if the answer to (e) is no, can the Minister please advise unspent amounts each year since the grant was approved;
- (h) if there has been unspent money in any year, has this money been returned to the Department as per the conditions of the grant; and
- (i) if the answer to (g) is no:
- (i) why not; and
- (ii) what action will be taken to recover these funds in order to comply with the conditions of the grant?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
