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## QUESTIONS

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**9. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health:**

- (1) In each of the years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012 to date, how many mental health patients were treated in:
  - (a) general hospitals; and
  - (b) specialist mental health inpatient units (for years when units were in operation) in:
    - (i) Bunbury;
    - (ii) Albany;
    - (iii) Kalgoorlie; and
    - (iv) Broome?
- (2) In each of the years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012 to date, how many mental health patients from each of the WA Country Health Service's seven regions were transferred to:
  - (a) specialist mental health inpatient units in the metropolitan area; and
  - (b) general hospitals in the metropolitan area?

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

- (1) Why has the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) stopped communicating with the public by way of printed notification of its decisions on whether or not to assess projects via the medium of *The West Australian* newspaper?
- (2) How are citizens without internet access, or the ability to travel easily to a place with public internet access, able to follow EPA assessments?
- (3) What are the obligations of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* or its regulations pertaining to the requirements of the EPA to advise the public of its assessments?

**11. Hon Linda Savage to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the promise by the Liberal Government in May 2012 to appoint an additional 100 Child Health Nurses in Western Australia and the allocation of funds for this purpose in the 2012-13 State Budget, and ask:

- (a) how many full time equivalent Child Health Nurses were employed in Western Australia as at 30 April 2012; and
- (b) how many full time equivalent Child Health Nurses were employed in Western Australia as at 30 April 2013?

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**12. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) How many petroleum tenements within or in close proximity to the Cape Range are held by Empire Oil and Gas and its subsidiaries?
- (2) Does Empire Oil and Gas or its subsidiaries have any further petroleum lease applications pending for the area?
- (3) Have Empire Oil and Gas and its subsidiaries completed any exploration or well drilling within the Cape Range National Park, and:
  - (a) if yes, how much work has been concluded and at what locations;
  - (b) if yes, was Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) approval sought or given; and
  - (c) if no to (b), why not?
- (4) Are Empire Oil and Gas and its subsidiaries proposing any exploration or well drilling within the Cape Range National Park, and:
  - (a) if yes, how much work is proposed and at what locations;
  - (b) if yes, has EPA approval been sought or given; and
  - (c) if no to (b), why not?
- (5) Does the Minister agree with Empire Oil and Gas managing director, Craig Marshall, that "There are surely creatures on the North West Cape that are much more important to protect", as reported in the Northern Guardian of 20 February 2013, in relation to stygofauna, and:
  - (a) if yes, what are those creatures and will the Minister outline how they will be protected from Empire Oil and Gas activities; and
  - (b) if no, how will the Minister protect the stygofauna from the activities of Empire Oil and Gas?
- (6) If yes to (3) or (4), do any of these projects or proposals involve the use of unconventional extraction techniques, such as fracking?

**13. Hon Linda Savage to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the recent "Youth Justice in Australia 2011-12" report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare which states that in several instances Western Australia did not provide standard data for inclusion in that report, and ask:

- (a) did the West Australian Department of Corrective Services provide limited information to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for inclusion in that report;
- (b) if yes to (a), why;
- (c) what programs are currently provided that have been specifically designed for indigenous offenders to assist in the rehabilitation of indigenous offenders and/or supervision of indigenous offenders in the community; and

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- (d) what programs are currently provided that have been specifically designed for indigenous offenders who are on supervision orders in the community?

**14. Hon Linda Savage to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to waiting times at the State Child Development Service and ask what are the current waiting times to access the following child development services in the metropolitan area:

- (a) speech pathology;
- (b) occupational therapy;
- (c) physiotherapy;
- (d) clinical psychology;
- (e) social work; and
- (f) an appointment with a paediatrician at the service?

**15. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Heritage:**

I refer to the Guildford Hotel and ask:

- (a) given that the Guildford Hotel now faces a fifth winter without roofing or protection, what arrangements have been made to protect it from damage during the coming winter;
- (b) if the Guildford Hotel is left unprotected during the 2013 winter and the owners do not lodge an application for a building permit by November 2013, will the Minister undertake to arrange for an independent professional assessment of the deterioration of the Guildford Hotel since 1 September 2008 so compulsory acquisition under section 73 of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* can be considered; and
- (c) will amendments to the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* be introduced by the Government in 2013?

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

I refer to the letter of 17 August 2012 from Keiran McNamara to Anthony Sutton, concerning advice on appeals, obtained under Freedom of Information and I ask, why did the Minister reject the advice given in regard to greenhouse gas emissions from the Browse and Wheatstone projects?

**17. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the Nambi Village in Leonora, situated on Reserve 41510, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister indicate who is responsible for paying Shire rates on properties in the Nambi Village;

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- (b) if no to (a), why not; and
- (c) if the answer to (a) is not the Katampul Aboriginal Corporation (KAC), can the Minister explain why they have been served with rates demands and have been paying the rates for the past number of years?

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

I refer to the Department of Environment and Conservation's contaminated site report on the land described as "Approximate spatial representation of part of Mining Tenements M15/497 and M15/498, located within Lot 101 on Plan 238594 as shown on certificate of title LR3135/691", and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that tailings dams on this land have been breached;
- (b) is the Minister aware that heavy metal contaminated water flows from the tailings dam on to surrounding land;
- (c) is the Minister aware that grazing livestock and native fauna have access to this leaked contaminated water;
- (d) is the Minister concerned that heavy metals may enter the food chain through these grazing livestock;
- (e) if yes to (c) and (d), what action does the Minister propose to protect the grazing livestock; and
- (f) if no to (a), (b) or (c), will the Minister undertake an urgent investigation into these matters?

**19. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to *The West Australian* newspaper report of 30 April 2011 regarding the lead contamination in Northampton, and I ask:

- (a) how was the lead poisoning of the two-year-old boy reported and to whom;
- (b) was this incident brought to the attention of the Minister, and if so, when;
- (c) if yes to (b), what action did the Minister take;
- (d) how did the Minister become aware of the Northampton lead exposure issue in April 2011;
- (e) who initiated the formation of the investigation committee in October 2011;
- (f) who were the members of the committee; and
- (g) what were the findings of the committee?

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**20. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the article, by Professor Allan Trench of Curtin University, in MiningNewsPremium.net of 15 April 2013, which argues that the rate of material gold discoveries in Australia is in rapid decline, and I ask:

- (a) is the rate of material gold discoveries in Western Australia in rapid decline;
- (b) if no to (a), what are the relevant statistics;
- (c) have any material gold discoveries been made as a result of the Exploration Incentive Scheme;
- (d) if yes to (c), what are those discoveries; and
- (e) if yes to (c), are the grades of any of these discoveries indicative of the establishment of viable mines, and if so, what is the indicative life of such mines?

**21. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer the Minister to the airline Air Australia, which serviced regional Western Australia until it was placed into voluntary administration, and subsequent liquidation in March 2012, and I ask:

- (a) was any WA State government instrumentality, which was responsible for providing airport services to Air Australia, left with unpaid fees or charges owing from Air Australia;
- (b) if yes to (a), which State government instrumentalities were compromised in this way, and what is the amount of their losses; and
- (c) if yes to (a), what action is being taken to recoup these losses?

**22. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) With regards the Liberals' Conservation and Biodiversity Policy to establish the Wanjina National Park in the Kimberley, will the mining and exploration tenements held by the Fortescue Metals Group, Mineralogy, Cliffs Asia Pacific, Cazaly Iron, Pegmont Mines and Rio Tinto within the boundaries of the park be cancelled?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when will this occur?
- (4) Will further prospecting, exploration or mining tenements be allowed within the proposed Wanjina National Park once it is established?
- (5) If yes to (4), on what grounds?
- (6) If yes to (4), will the Minister explain how prospecting, exploration, mining and/or petroleum tenements can exist in a national park without compromising the protection of the natural environment?

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

- (1) With regards to the Liberals' Conservation and Biodiversity Policy, what is the proposed timeframe for the creation of the Wanjina National Park in the Kimberley?
- (2) Who will be the final decision makers in relation to the running of the park?
- (3) What role will the Dambimangari, Wunambal-Gaambera and Wilinggin peoples have in determining the direction of the park management?
- (4) Will there be joint management of the park between the State and the Dambimangari, Wunambal-Gaambera and Wilinggin people?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), what will be the numerical makeup of the joint management team?
- (7) If yes to (4), will the State have the final determination in management decisions?
- (8) If yes to (7), why?
- (9) Will the Department of Environment and Conservation gain any revenue from tourism, accommodation or other activities conducted within the proposed Wanjina National Park?
- (10) In relation to the mining and exploration tenements held by the Fortescue Metals Group, Mineralogy, Cliffs Asia Pacific, Cazaly Iron, Pegmont Mines and Rio Tinto within the boundaries of the proposed Wanjina National Park, will these leases be cancelled?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?
- (12) If yes to (10), when will this occur?
- (13) Will further prospecting, exploration or mining tenements be allowed in the proposed Wanjina National Park once it is established?
- (14) If yes to (13), on what grounds?

**24. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health:**

- (1) How many suicides and attempted suicides have been recorded:
  - (a) this year to date;
  - (b) when; and
  - (c) in which localities?
- (2) What actions have been taken and are being taken by the Government to address the situation, and which are proving effective?
- (3) How much State government money has been allocated and spent on suicide prevention and counselling across the State?
- (4) How much State government money has been allocated and spent on suicide prevention and counselling:

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- (a) in the East Kimberley; and
- (b) in the West Kimberley:
  - (i) for which programs; and
  - (ii) at which localities?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of the 2006 Derby Youth Drug and Alcohol Project Report, the 2011 Derby Crisis Response Meeting Report (responding to a spate of youth suicides), *The Age* newspaper report of comments by Mowanjum CEO responding to a spike in suicides and attempted suicides in 2012, and the repeated plea for a 24 hour healing centre to be established in Derby?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) If yes to (5), what progress has been made towards addressing the concerns expressed in each of these reports and towards the establishment of a 24 hour healing centre?
- (8) What has been the effectiveness of the suicide prevention plans (Community Action Plans) completed one year ago for:
  - (a) Derby;
  - (b) Mowanjum;
  - (c) other nearby communities; and
  - (d) how much funding has been allocated to each?

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

- (1) Regarding the Derby Tidal Power Project, which environmental assessment process is the proposal now subject to?
- (2) Of the several iterations of the project proposal developed and submitted since 1997, which is the one being assessed now?
- (3) What stage of the environmental assessment process has the project reached?
- (4) On 25 January 2013, via a letter, in what capacity did the Minister advise the Shire of Derby West Kimberley that the environmental assessment of the project was not concluded, and that this was as a result of the proponent withdrawing his tender?
- (5) Is the current proposal the same as the one the proponent withdrew from tender to Western Power in 2003?
- (6) If yes to (5), who is the tender for?
- (7) If no (5), why not?
- (8) If no to (5), what is the nature of the new proposal?
- (9) Will there be a public consultation period for the project, and if so:
  - (a) where will that be advertised; and
  - (b) how much time will be permitted for public submissions?



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- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Is the Minister aware that the project, if permitted to proceed, would lower the tidal levels that keep the Derby mudflats wet, and that if the mudflats dry out the entire town would be subject to increased dust storm intensity?
- (12) If no to (11), why not?
- (13) If yes to (11), is the Minister aware of the health and environmental implications of such events?
- (14) If yes to (11), what management processes will the Minister require to be put in place by the proponent, Tidal Energy Australia, to mitigate such impacts?

**26. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:**

- (1) Further to the answer given to question without notice No. 846 on 24 October 2012, has the Government received the completed statutory review by WA Police regarding the *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*?
- (2) If yes to (1), when was this received?
- (3) Will the Minister please table the report of that review?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Which of the recommendations of the final report of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia regarding the Act, tabled in Parliament on 3 May 2012, will the Government implement, and when?
- (6) If no to (1), when is the completed statutory review expected to be received?

**27. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water:**

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a situation exists at a gravel quarry at the Old Mowanjum site near Derby where:
  - (a) a contractor is pumping groundwater without a license and using it for dust suppressant purposes;
  - (b) the same contractor has excavated a hole in order to reach the groundwater; and
  - (c) there is evidence of the lowering of the groundwater level in a neighbouring wetland?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), what steps have been taken to ensure the contractor obtains the necessary license and complies with all the conditions of the license?

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**28. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Browse Basin contains proven gas reserves of 860 million cubic metres of gas and 95 million cubic metres of condensate, contained within three fields known as Brecknock, Calliance and Torosa?
- (2) If no to (1), what are the correct figures?
- (3) What portion of the gas and condensate in each of the fields, in cubic metres, is owned by the State of Western Australia?
- (4) What will be the financial return to the State, in royalty payments, in the event that these fields are exploited and processed at an onshore facility?
- (5) What will be the financial return to the State, in royalty payments, in the event that these fields are exploited and processed on a floating facility?

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

- (1) What was the cause of the water in the Collie River turning black in the aftermath of the December 2012 downpour?
- (2) What have been the effects of this on the river to date?
- (3) What, if any, longer term impacts are expected?
- (4) Regarding the answers to each of (1), (2) and (3), what testing/research/evidence is this based on?
- (5) Has the river turned black before?
- (6) If yes to (5), when?
- (7) If yes to (5), why?
- (8) What is the effect on the river in the short, medium and long term?

**30. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

For the calendar year from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012, what was the number of:

- (a) induced abortions;
- (b) induced abortions over 12 weeks' gestation;
- (c) induced abortions for women under the age of 20;
- (d) approvals given by the Ministerial Panel for abortions at 20 weeks gestation or later; and
- (e) induced abortions at 20 weeks gestation or later?

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**31. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Local Government:**

I refer the Minister to the airline Air Australia, which serviced regional Western Australia until it was placed into voluntary administration, and subsequent liquidation in March 2012, and I ask:

- (a) was any Western Australian Local Government authority, which was responsible for providing airport services to Air Australia, left with unpaid fees or charges owing from Air Australia;
- (b) if yes to (a), which local government authorities were compromised in this way, and what is the amount of their losses; and
- (c) if yes to (a), what action is being taken to recoup these losses?

**32. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development:**

I refer to the provisions of the *Browse (Land) Agreement Act 2012* and the recent decision by Woodside not to proceed with the onshore Browse Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) development at James Price Point, and I ask:

- (a) does the State consider current circumstances to constitute a "Closure Decision";
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), when will the parties establish a Remediation and Rehabilitation Works management plan; and
- (d) if no to (a), what other arrangements will be made to remediate and rehabilitate the land already affected by preliminary work on the James Price Point project?

**33. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in February 2013, March 2013, and April 2013 can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

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**34. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in February 2013, March 2013, and April 2013 can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

**35. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for February 2013, March 2013, and April 2013:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

**36. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in January 2013 can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
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- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

**37. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in January 2013, can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
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- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

**38. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for January 2013:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

**39. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in December 2012, can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
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- (g) age;
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**40. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in December 2012, can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
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- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

**41. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for December 2012:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

**42. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in November 2012, can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
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- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

**43. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in November 2012, can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
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- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

**44. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for November 2012:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

**45. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in October 2012, can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
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- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
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**46. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in October 2012, can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

**47. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for October 2012:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

**48. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in September 2012, can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
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- (g) age;
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**49. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in September 2012, can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

**50. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for September 2012:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

**51. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For the months of February 2013, February 2012 and February 2011, how many applicants were provided with financial assistance to pay utility bills for the following suburbs:

- (a) Leeming;
- (b) Canning Vale;
- (c) Morley;
- (d) Wanneroo;
- (e) Willagee;
- (f) Samson;

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- (g) Spencer Park;
- (h) Balcatta;
- (i) Dalyellup;
- (j) High Wycombe;
- (k) Kingsley;
- (l) Clarkson;
- (m) Noranda;
- (n) Yokine;
- (o) Currambine;
- (p) Parkwood;
- (q) Innaloo;
- (r) Huntingdale;
- (s) Ellenbrook;
- (t) Darch; and
- (u) Peppermint Grove?

**52. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) During the months of December 2012, January 2013 and February 2013, how many individuals did the Department of Child Protection refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management by district?
- (2) How many individuals with children have presented seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions to the department for the period 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013 by district?
- (3) How many of these individuals have been assessed for the purpose of referral to the income management program by district?

**53. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) For the period, 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection implemented?
- (2) How many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed above originated from a referral from another State Government Department, and how many were referred by each department?
- (3) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement?
- (4) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to:
  - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
  - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;

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- (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; or; and
  - (d) undertake other measures?
- (5) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have:
- (a) improved their attendance at school; and
  - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?

**54. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) For the period, 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013, what was the number of initial inquiries in relation to suspected child sexual abuse received by district and by category of mandated referrer?
- (2) For the period, 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with harm assessment, by district and by category of harm:
  - (a) neglect;
  - (b) sexual;
  - (c) physical abuse; and
  - (d) emotional abuse?
- (3) Has WA Police notified the Department of Child Protection that charges had been in respect of any of the Safety and Wellbeing Assessments recorded in the period 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many individuals were charged and what was the nature of these charges?

**55. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) During the month of February 2013, what was the total number of registered carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) During the month of February 2013, what was the total number of interim carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) During the month of February 2013, how many carers had an interim registration for more than 90 days by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) During the month of February 2013, how many carers had a 'carer record screening' overdue or not recorded by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (5) During the month of February 2013, how many carers had overdue 'carer reviews' by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?

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**56. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) As at 28 February 2013, what was total number of applications to be a foster carer approved by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers by category of relative carer and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?
- (5) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?

**57. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) As at 30 November 2012, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments for a Child recorded during that month, by district?
- (2) As at 30 November 2012, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment recorded during the month, by district?
- (3) As at 30 November 2012, what was the number of children in care for more than 20 days with no planning recorded, by district?
- (4) As at 30 November 2012, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with a harm assessment open for more than 90 days, by district?
- (5) As at 30 November 2012, what were the number of open Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment, by district?
- (6) As at 30 November 2012, what was the number of 'monitored' or 'active holding' cases not allocated to workers caseload, by district?

**58. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total funded full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (2) As at 28 February 2013:
  - (a) what were the vacancies in the full time equivalent (FTE) terms by directorate and district;
  - (b) how many of those vacancies were subject to advertising at 29 February 2012, by district; and
  - (c) of those not subject to advertising as at 28 February 2013, why not?
- (3) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total service delivery full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?

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- (4) As at 28 February 2013, what were the total vacant service delivery positions by directorate and district?
- (5) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total full time equivalent (FTE) case worker allocation by directorate and district?
- (6) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total full time equivalent (FTE) vacant case worker positions?
- (7) As at 28 February 2013, what was the full time equivalent (FTE) number of employees by directorate and district on permanent contract and on fixed term contract?
- (8) As at 28 February 2013, how many Department for Child Protection (DCP) field officers have been co-located with WA Police staff from the family protection unit, in regional and rural offices as part of the strategy to combat family and domestic abuse?
- (9) What are the co-location sites where the DCP officers referred to in (8) are situated?

**59. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) How many children were under the care of the Department of Child Protection (DCP) during the month of February 2013, by district?
- (2) How many of these were placed in non-Government group facilities, by district?
- (3) How many of these were in placements with DCP foster carers by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) How many of these were in placements with non-Government organisation foster carers, by district?

**60. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For the months of November 2012, November 2011 and November 2010, how many applicants were provided with financial assistance to pay utility bills for the following suburbs:

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- (l)     Clarkson;
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- (1)     During the months of September 2012, October 2012 and November 2012, how many individuals did the Department of Child Protection refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management, by district?
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- (1)     For the period, 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection implemented?
- (2)     How many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed above originated from a referral from another State Government Department, and how many were referred by each department?
- (3)     How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement?
- (4)     How many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to:
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- (5) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have:
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- (4) How many of these were in placements with non-Government organisation foster carers, by district?

**68. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the Minister's media statement of Wednesday, 10 April 2013, regarding Verve and Synergy, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please provide an itemized list of the "incremental improvements", along with their related dollar amounts, as referred to in the Fact File section of the statement; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

**69. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development:**

With regard to the potential impact of the proposed Browse Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) precinct on maritime archaeological sites, or shipwreck sites, in the waters between Broome and Carnot Bay, I ask:

- (a) did the Department for State Development conducted a full maritime heritage survey as part of the environmental approvals process for the Browse LNG precinct proposal, as requested by the WA Museum;
- (b) if no to (a), why not; and
- (c) will the Minister table any correspondence between the Department for State Development and the WA Museum in respect of maritime heritage in the Browse Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) precinct area?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council