

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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610. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to Aboriginal employees within the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and ask how many Aboriginal staff work within the Corporate Executive at Director Levels of the Department?

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

I refer to the Minister's answer to my question without notice, dated 25 June 2013, regarding Royalties for Regions funding to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for the Governance and Leadership Development Program, and I ask:

- (a) has the business case now been finalised;
- (b) if no to (a), why not and when will it be finalised;
- (c) if yes to (a), when will it be considered by the relevant authorities and the results notified;
- (d) does the Minister still advise that funds will be available in the 2013-14 financial year budget for the program;
- (e) what consultation regarding this matter has taken place with the Kimberley Land Council, Kimberley Language Resource Centre and Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre since the combined Annual General meetings held at Milba Community near Halls Creek in September 2010;
- (f) have any tangible discussions occurred on this matter during the past three years; and
- (g) if yes to (f), please provide details?

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

With regard to a recent survey on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the Kimberley region, I ask:

- (a) who commissioned the survey on fracking in the Kimberley;
- (b) who is undertaking the survey;
- (c) what is the cost of the survey and who is liable to pay;
- (d) why is the survey being done;
- (e) what methodology is being used;
- (f) what have been the results of the survey to date;
- (g) who have the results been provided to and/or who will have access to them in the future;
- (h) were any organisation or individuals outside Government consulted about the survey;
- (i) if yes to (h), please provide the names of the organisations or individuals;
- (j) will the Minister please table the reports and results emanating from the survey when finalised; and
- (k) if no to (j), why not?

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

In relation to advice provided by the Department of Water to the Department of Mines and Petroleum on the affects of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) on freshwater resources anywhere in the State, I ask:

- (a) what is the nature and substance of the advice that the Department of Water provides to the Department of Mines and Petroleum as regards hydraulic fracturing (fracking) proposals;
- (b) how many times has the Department of Water provided advice to the Department of Mines and Petroleum about fracking proposals anywhere in the State during the past five years;
- (c) which fracking projects has the Department of Water provided advice to the Department of Mines and Petroleum on;
- (d) will the Minister please table all of the advice that the Department of Water has provided to the Department of Mines and Petroleum with regard to fracking proposals in the past five years; and
- (e) if no to (d), why not?

614. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

(1) How many senior practice development officers were employed within the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, as at the following dates:

- (a) 1 November 2013;
- (b) 1 November 2012;
- (c) 1 November 2011; and
- (d) 1 November 2010?

(2) On each of these dates, how many of the positions were vacant?

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

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

- (a) is the Minister aware of the claim of Mr Alec Ungiljung of Mt Barnett Community and Mt Elizabeth Station in the Kimberley whose application was refused because the properties he worked on, Glenroy Station and Glenroy/Mt House Tablelands, are not within the scope of the scheme;
- (b) is the Minister also aware that Mr Ungiljung, who is now around 80 years of age, grew up on various central Kimberley Stations and worked on them his entire life from the age of around 15 years, without wages;
- (c) is the Minister further aware that Mr Ungiljung considers that the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme is inherently unfair to many Aboriginal station workers, including himself, who never received wages for the work they did and that he now considers it is incumbent upon governments of all persuasions to treat its constituents in a fair and reasonable manner; and

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- (d) is the Minister also aware that Mr Ungiljung and many other Kimberley Aboriginal people want the Government to apologise and make proper amends for presiding over the policies that allowed for the withholding of income from Aboriginal people by institutions, businesses and the Government itself for many years, and that he would like the Minister to imagine what that feels like and what sort of restitution the Minister would seek if the situation were reversed?

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

I refer to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the claim by Mr Billy Duncan, formerly of Envoy and Mistake Creek Stations Northern Territory and Nicholson Station in Western Australia, whose application for stolen wages has been denied by the State Government;
- (b) does the Minister understand that Mr Duncan did not attend school and instead worked on various stations from about the age of eight years, for which he received no payment;
- (c) is the Minister further aware that when Mr Duncan finally did receive payment for work on Nicholson Station it was in no way commensurate with the long hours he worked and the skills which he brought to the task;
- (d) is the Minister also aware that Mr Duncan considers the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia to be unfair since he, like so many others working on stations, were subject to discriminatory treatment that was sanctioned by the Government of the day and that therefore he considers it to be a government responsibility to make amends;
- (e) does the Minister accept that Mr Duncan is disappointed at the Government's response to station workers whose claims for stolen wages are being denied; and
- (f) will the Minister please reconsider establishing a new scheme that addresses Mr Duncan's and other station workers' concerns and which truly seeks to make amends for the discriminatory practices of the past?

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

I refer to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the request by Bonnie Seela of Ringers Soak community in the Kimberley for the Government to work with Aboriginal people in the Kimberley to review the scheme with a view to developing something fairer and more robust;
- (b) is the Minister aware of Ms Seela's claim that the amount of \$2,000 is insufficient and unfair when taken against the number of years she spent working at Balgo Mission; and
- (c) can the Minister explain how the *ex gratia* payment amount of \$2,000 for Ms Seela and others was arrived at, and explain how she can access the records that were used in the claims process?

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618. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) I refer to funds allocated to State Government departments and agencies by Lotterywest, and I ask which departments and agencies received Lotterywest money in 2011-2012 for the provision of emergency assistance?
- (2) How much money did each agency receive for the provision of emergency assistance in 2011-2012?
- (3) Which departments and agencies received Lotterywest money in 2012-2013 for the provision of emergency assistance?
- (4) How much money did each agency receive for the provision of emergency assistance in 2012-2013?

619. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Are trains in the Western Australian freight network required to have filtering devices fitted to their exhausts?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each device please advise:
 - (a) the name of the device;
 - (b) the emissions filtered; and
 - (c) the amount of emissions filtered?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) If no to (1), what plans does the Government have to introduce emissions filtering devices to freight trains?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to invest in hybrid electric locomotives?

620. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Premiers media release of 15 December 2012 which promises a \$40 million investment in cultural events over the next four years through Royalties for Regions, and I ask what is the expected breakdown of the \$40 million funding in:

- (a) 2013-2014;
- (b) 2014-2015;
- (c) 2015-2016; and
- (d) 2016-2017 for each of the following regions:
 - (i) Kimberley;
 - (ii) Pilbara;
 - (iii) Gascoyne;
 - (iv) Goldfields Esperance;
 - (v) Midwest;

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- (vi) Great Southern;
- (vii) Perth Metro;
- (viii) Peel Region; and
- (ix) Wheatbelt?

621. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

- (1) I refer to the National Party's *Regional Report* newsletter, dated 16 August 2013, and ask what are the details of the WaterWise Aquatic Centres Program launched by the Minister at the Leisure Institute of Western Australia Aquatics annual dinner?
- (2) Who will administer the program?
- (3) When will the funding be available to regional local governments?

622. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

- (1) I refer to the Kimberley Regional Investment Blueprint, and ask if the Minister can please advise the timeframe for completion of the the Kimberley Regional Investment Blueprint?
- (2) Who are the stakeholders contributing to the Kimberley Regional Investment Blueprint?
- (3) What funding has been allocated to the development of the Kimberley Regional Investment Blueprint?
- (4) Please provide a breakdown on what the funding has been spent on so far?

623. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

Can the Minister please advise the breakdown of expenditure for the \$1 million dollars allocated in 2013-2014 for the Northern Health Initiative?

624. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the Minister please provide details of women specific health services offered to residents living in and around Tom Price?
- (2) Can the Minister please provide details of youth specific health services offered to young people living in and around Tom Price?
- (3) In relation to (1) and (2), can the Minister please provide details of their location?

625. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to State Government health services in Denham, and ask if the Minister can please advise details of doctors and allied medical services that are offered to residents and visitors to the town of Denham?

626. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

Can the Minister please provide details of support services offered to victims of domestic violence living in and around Tom Price, funded or administered by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support?

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627. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to Aboriginal employees within the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and ask how many Aboriginal staff are employed at Director level within the Department?

628. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the answer to supplementary information C9, during the hearing with the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee on 26 September 2013, and ask:

- (a) what is the breakdown, by type of criminal offences, of the 17 per cent of persons with prior convictions who apply for Working with Children cards;
- (b) how many of the applicants with prior criminal histories were ultimately denied access to a Working with Children card;
- (c) what division within the Department for Child Protection and Family Support processes the Working with Children card applications;
- (d) how many permanent staff are allocated to processing Working with Children card applications; and
- (e) how many staff were allocated to the processing division in February 2013?

629. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the delivery of the Responsible Parenting Program, and ask:

- (a) what was the total allocated amount spent for each of the departments' regions in 2012-2013;
- (b) what was the total allocated amount spent for each of the departments' regions in 2013-2014;
- (c) what was the location and dates of delivery for this program in each of the departments' regions for 2012-2013;
- (d) what is the location and dates of delivery for this program in each of the departments' regions for 2013-2014;
- (e) for each of the departments' regions, how many families participated in the Responsible Parenting Service in 2012-2013;
- (f) for each of the departments' regions, how many staff were allocated to deliver the Responsible Parenting Service in 2012-2013; and
- (g) for each of the departments' regions, how many staff are allocated to deliver the Responsible Parenting Service in 2013-2014?

630. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support's expenditure on homelessness services, and ask:

- (a) how much was spent on homelessness in each of the departments regions in:
 - (i) 2011-2012; and
 - (ii) 2012-2013; and

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- (b) how much was spent on homelessness in each of the departments regions in:
 - (i) 2011-2012; and
 - (ii) 2012-2013, excluding Federal grants and funding?

631. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the numbers and locations of child health nurses in the following regions for 2011-2012:
 - (a) Kimberley;
 - (b) Pilbara;
 - (c) Gascoyne;
 - (d) Goldfields Esperance; and
 - (e) Midwest?
- (2) Can the Minister please provide the numbers and locations of child health nurses in the following regions for 2012-2013:
 - (a) Kimberley;
 - (b) Pilbara;
 - (c) Gascoyne;
 - (d) Goldfields Esperance; and
 - (e) Midwest?
- (3) Can the Minister please provide the numbers and locations of child health nurses in the following regions for 2013-2014:
 - (a) Kimberley;
 - (b) Pilbara;
 - (c) Gascoyne;
 - (d) Goldfields Esperance; and
 - (e) Midwest?
- (4) For each of the regions listed in (3), what percentage of children presented for their child health and development assessments at the following stages in 2011-2012:
 - (a) universal postnatal 0-10 days;
 - (b) universal postnatal 11 to 21 days;
 - (c) universal postnatal 22 days plus;
 - (d) six to eight weeks;
 - (e) three to four months;
 - (f) eight months;
 - (g) 18 months; and
 - (h) three to three, six months?

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- (5) For each of the regions listed in (3), what percentage of children presented for their child health and development assessments at the following stages in 2012-2013:
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 - (b) universal postnatal 11 to 21 days;
 - (c) universal postnatal 22 days plus;
 - (d) six to eight weeks;
 - (e) three to four months;
 - (f) eight months;
 - (g) 18 months; and
 - (h) three to three years, six months?
- (6) What is the departments' policy that relates to advising parents of newborns that these checks are available to them?

632. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Does the Department of Food and Agriculture produce a map of Genetically Modified (GM) crops in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table the current map?
- (3) If no to (1), when did the department last produce a map?
- (4) Can the Minister provide a cost-benefit analysis of GM canola in Western Australia to date, considering not only GM growers but also non-adopters and the community?
- (5) For each of the years 2010, 2011, and 2012:
- (a) how many growers chose to plant GM canola; and
 - (b) how many hectares of GM canola was planted?
- (6) For the year 2013, what is the estimate of:
- (a) how many growers chose to plant GM canola; and
 - (b) how many hectares of GM canola was planted?
- (7) In 2012, how much GM canola was:
- (a) planted;
 - (b) harvested; and
 - (c) sold?
- (8) Where was the GM canola in (7)(c) sold to?
- (9) How many hectares of planted GM canola failed to germinate in:
- (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012; and
 - (d) 2013?

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633. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) How are purchasers of Genetically Modified (GM) canola seed informed of the origin of the seed?
- (2) If GM canola growers sign a grower agreement with Monsanto, why are they unable to trace where the seed originated from?
- (3) In the event of seed stock not germinating, is the department able to issue a general recall?
- (4) If yes to (3), how does the department issue the recall?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) What is the process for analysing the cause of defective GM canola seed stock?
- (7) For GM canola seed stock that originates from Australia, what was the amount for each state of origin for the years:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012; and
 - (d) 2013?
- (8) For GM canola seed stock that does not originate from Australia, what was the amount for each country of origin for the years:
 - (a) 2010;
 - (b) 2011;
 - (c) 2012; and
 - (d) 2013?

634. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the peer-reviewed paper by Dr Judy Carman *et al*, "A long-term toxicology study on pigs fed a combined genetically modified (GM) soy and GM maize diet"?
- (2) Will the Government reassess its GM crop strategy following the study's conclusion that "it would be prudent for GM crops that are destined for human food and animal feed...to undergo long-term animal feeding studies preferably before commercial planting"?
- (3) What studies on the impact of GM crops on human health is the Government aware of?
- (4) Does the Government intend to conduct studies on the impact of GM crops on human health?
- (5) For each GM wheat trial in Western Australia:
 - (a) when did it commence;
 - (b) when did it conclude;
 - (c) where did it take place; and
 - (d) what were the genetically engineered traits?
- (6) Are GM wheat trials planned for the future?

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- (7) If yes to (6), for each planned trial:
 - (a) when is it expected to commence;
 - (b) when is it expected to conclude;
 - (c) where is it expected to take place; and
 - (d) what will be the genetically engineered traits?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that Japan and South Korea stopped imports of United States of America wheat after unapproved wheat was found in the fields in Oregon?
- (9) What measures is the Minister implementing to ensure that Western Australia's non-GM wheat exports are not at risk if GM wheat trials proceed in Western Australia?

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