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QUESTIONS

No. 223

Thursday, 16 August 2012

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5652. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
(SO107(2) response – 15 August 2012)

5696. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Mental Health (SO107(2) response – 15 August 2012)

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5723. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

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5739. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

5741. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for
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5754. Hon Colin Holt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water
5755. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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5764. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
5765. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer

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5767. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
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5771. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
5773. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning
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5779. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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5781. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer
5782. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Justice
5783. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

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- 5899. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5900. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 5901. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- 5902. Hon Sue Ellery to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police
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5924. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

5925. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

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5926. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

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*Notice Given**Thursday, 16 August 2012***5927. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the additional questions for the 2012-13 Budget Hearings in relation to the activities of staff in the 'Coordinate the Response to Climate Change Service' (CRCCS) within the Department of Environment and Conservation, and I ask —

- (1) What resources are allocated in the CRCCS to the development and implementation of the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategy (which was a pre-election commitment of the Government)?
- (2) How many CRCCS staff are working on this strategy and why doesn't this activity appear in the list of activities provided in answer to question 9?
- (3) Can the Minister provide an update on the status of this strategy, including what consultation has taken place to date and what broad policy options are being considered for Western Australia?
- (4) Will the strategy examine opportunities to reduce Western Australia's net carbon emissions through biological carbon sequestration in the rangelands, forests or other native vegetation complexes?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), will the Office of Climate Change (OCC) quantify the potential carbon abatement resulting from a cessation of forest logging in Western Australia?
- (7) Does the CRCCS report on, or provide advice on carbon emissions from land use land use change and forestry in Western Australia?
- (8) If yes to (7), what is the estimated carbon pollution arising from native forest logging, burning, and land clearing in Western Australia (by activity)?
- (9) Does the CRCCS provide policy advice on biological carbon sequestration in the rangelands, forests or other native vegetation complexes in Western Australia?
- (10) If yes to (9), what advice has been provided to Government in these areas?
- (11) Does the CRCCS consider that biological carbon sequestration opportunities arising from changed forest management could contribute to the reduction in Western Australia's net carbon pollution?
- (12) If yes to (11), what is the OCC CRCCS's estimate of this potential contribution?
- (13) Has the CRCCS or other government agencies examined the economic opportunity arising from abatement generated in the land use change and forestry in Western Australia?
- (14) Does the CRCCS monitor developments in voluntary or compliance carbon offset markets in Australia and internationally?
- (15) If yes to (14), does the CRCCS consider that opportunities exist for the sale of carbon credits generated in Western Australia as a result of land use land use change and forestry in voluntary carbon markets?

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- (16) Are any government agencies involved with developing or pursuing proposals to generate and trade in, or allow the trading in carbon credits generated from biological carbon storage, including in the Rangelands?
- (17) If yes to (16), can the Minister provide details including what national or international carbon accounting and market frameworks apply to these proposals, what the potential carbon abatement is, and what the economic value of these opportunities might be?
- (18) Has the CRCCS provided any advice to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), Office of the EPA or the Minister's office regarding projections of carbon pollution sources in Western Australia in to the future?
- (19) If yes to (18), can the Minister table this advice?
- (20) What is the projected carbon pollution in tonnes from Western Australia pollution sources over the next decade?
- (21) If projects currently under assessment by the EPA, or having previously been granted environmental approvals by the EPA all proceed, what will be the additional carbon pollution from Western Australian sources?
- (22) Has the CRCCS conducted any assessment of carbon pollution from proposed or projected onshore gas developments in Western Australia?
- (23) If yes to (22), what is the range of carbon pollution scenarios that could result from this industry?
- (24) Is the Minister aware that contracts have been signed for the sale of Western Australian Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from the Wheatstone project to the Japanese energy company TEPCO?
- (25) Given the current energy mix in Japan, does the Minister accept that Australian LNG will most likely displace lower-emissions forms of energy such as renewable energy in that country?
- (26) Does the Minister agree with the Premier's repeated claim that LNG is contributing to reduction in global carbon pollution?
- (27) If yes to (26), what evidence is available to support the assumption that LNG is displacing other dirtier forms of energy in export destinations?
- (28) Is the CRCCS aware of any coal fired power stations that have been shut down, or proposals for new coal fired power stations that have not proceeded due to displacement by Western Australian LNG?
- (29) Has the CRCCS or any other government agency provided an analysis of final end-use for Western Australian LNG in export destinations?
- (30) If yes to (29) —
 - (a) what, if any, resultant carbon pollution reduction has been, or is likely to be, achieved given the current and projected energy mix in these countries; and
 - (b) can the Minister provide the details of such analysis to the Parliament?
- (31) Is the Minister aware of recent peer-reviewed assessments showing that Australian LNG is likely to be displacing cleaner forms of energy, such as renewable energy in a number of export destinations?

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5928. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development

For each of Alcoa World Alumina and Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd, I ask —

- (1) How many tenements are held by each company by type, number and hectare size?
- (2) How many hectares are currently mined each year?
- (3) How many hectares will be mined each year when the company expands to its full approved rate of production?
- (4) What is the total area mined to date?
- (5) How much of the total area mined required the clearing of native forest?
- (6) How many hectares have been rehabilitated to date?
- (7) How much of this area has been rehabilitated with jarrah forest species?
- (8) What is the area of the company's bauxite mining lease(s) in the South-West?
- (9) What is the current annual production of —
 - (a) bauxite; and
 - (b) alumina?
- (10) When the company expands to its full approved rate of production, what will be the annual production of —
 - (a) bauxite; and
 - (b) alumina?
- (11) How many hectares are currently used as Residue Disposal Areas each year?
- (12) What is the total area of Residue Disposal Areas to date?
- (13) How many hectares will be used as Residue Disposal Areas each year when the company expands to its full approved rate of production?
- (14) How much residue is currently produced each year?
- (15) What is the total amount of residue produced to date?
- (16) How much residue will be produced each year when the company expands to its full approved rate of production?
- (17) What is the long term plan for the Residue Disposal Areas?
- (18) For how much longer does its mining lease extend?
- (19) When does the company anticipate completion of its approved expansion?
- (20) Will the Minister please table a map showing —
 - (a) the mining lease(s);
 - (b) the area mined to date; and
 - (c) the area rehabilitated to date?
- (21) How does the Minister monitor compliance with the State Agreement Act and its related agreements and regulations?
- (22) If the monitoring is based solely on data provided by Alcoa, how does the Minister verify that such data is accurate?

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Notice Given *Thursday, 16 August 2012*

5929. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to the position of Best Beginnings Officer in Kununurra, which was advertised in *The Weekend West Australian* of 3-4 March 2012, 30 June-1 July 2012 and 14-15 July 2012, and ask —

- (1) Has this position now been filled?
- (2) Will any specific training be offered to the successful applicant?
- (3) How many applications were received?
- (4) How many applicants were interviewed for the position?
- (5) As at 1 August 2012 —
 - (a) how many full time equivalent employees conduct the Best Beginnings program across the State;
 - (b) where are the Best Beginnings service sites in the State; and
 - (c) how many active Best Beginnings cases were there across the State?
- (6) What was the total amount spent on the Best Beginnings program in —
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) what were these amounts as percentages of the total budgets for the Department of Child Protection?
- (7) What is the —
 - (a) allocation, or projected spending, in the 2012-13 Department for Child Protection's budget for the Best Beginnings program; and
 - (b) what is this as a percentage of the total budget for the year?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council