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QUESTIONS

No. 124

Tuesday, 16 November 2010

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2531. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development (*SO 138(d) response - September 8 2010*)

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3170. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

Regarding the particulate report regarding air quality in Collie dated December 2008, I ask -

- (1) Given that the report was due for public release by mid-2009, why has it been held back until now?
- (2) Regarding the report's recommendations 'that measures are implemented to reduce community exposure to particles' (page 7), including that further tests are done to assess the chemical composition of the particles and that active monitoring of both PM10 and PM2.5 continues, however the Department of Environment and Conservation monitoring station installed in 2008 only measures PM10 (page 25), -
 - (a) what action is being taken to reduce community exposure to particles;
 - (b) will the government follow the recommendation to assess the chemical composition of the particles; and
 - (c) will the government install monitoring equipment to measure PM2.5 which is considered much more harmful than PM10?
- (3) Given that the report is based on data collected between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2007, and -
 - (a) Muja A and B re-opened between mid-2008 and April 2009;
 - (b) Griffin Energy's Bluewaters 1 power station began operations in late 2008;
 - (c) Bluewaters 2 began operations early 2010; and
 - (d) coal mining has continued, including at Griffin Coal's Ewington mine near Collie, -
 - (i) what information has been collected about air quality since the study was completed;
 - (ii) has the World Health Organisation (WHO) standard for PM10 been exceeded since the 2006 occurrence referred to at page 14 of the report;
 - (iii) if yes to (3)(d)(ii), will you please provide full details;
 - (iv) given that the report states that the National Environment Protection (Air Quality) Measure (NEPM) advisory standards for PM2.5 were exceeded 10 times in 2004, three times in 2005, 13 times in 2006 and nine times in 2007 (see pages 15 and 24), how many breaches of NEPM standards for PM2.5 have there been since 2007; and
 - (v) regarding each breach referred to in the answer to (3)(d)(iv), will you please provide full details?

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- (4) I am advised that Verve staff told a tour group visiting the Muja Power Station recently that an air quality report was reviewed because it was wrong, is this the reason for the delay of this report?
- (5) If yes to (4), -
- (a) what changes have been made to the original version of the report;
 - (b) where is the original version of the report; and
 - (c) will you please provide me with a copy of it?

3171. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry

In relation to Sandalwood, I ask -

- (1) Is the sale of native Sandalwood, harvested and processed by the Forest Products Commission to any Australian company, put out for public tender if the value is greater than \$50 000, as prescribed in the *State Supply Commission Act 1991*?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Are there any current negotiations taking place with ANY Australian companies and the Forest Products Commission to sell Sandalwood with a sale value greater than \$50 000 without going to Public Tender?
- (4) Have there been any Private Treaty Sales of native Sandalwood during the past three years to any Australian company with a value in excess of \$50 000 without that sale/contract going to Public Tender?
- (5) If yes to (4), -
- (a) why was the proper Public process not followed;
 - (b) who were the local companies that benefited from this action; and
 - (c) what was the value of the sales?
- (6) Are Australian companies, especially those adding value and creating additional employment opportunities within the State, allowed to purchase native Sandalwood from the Forest Products Commission and its marketing agent Wescorp Sandalwood, at the current export price offered to overseas companies?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) If no to (6), what action will the Minister take to enable local Australian companies access to the Sandalwood resource so that they can add value and create employment, not subsidized sales but at true market price?

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3172. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the Gngangara Mound – Integrated Water Supply Scheme groundwater use by aquifer and ask -

- (1) In the recently announced decision by Department of Water to approve a 25 per cent increase in extraction from the over-allocated Gngangara mound, how much water will be extracted from -
 - (a) the superficial aquifer;
 - (b) the Leederville aquifer;
 - (c) the Yarragadee aquifer; and
 - (d) the Mirrabooka aquifer?
- (2) Has the Water Corporation completed the required groundwater extraction Operating Strategy for the Gngangara Groundwater Mound?
- (3) Will the Minister now table the required Water Corporation Operating Strategy for water extracted from the Gngangara Mound, as required through the application of Department of Water Operating Policy 1.2, Water Conservation and Efficiency Plans?
- (4) If no to (2), how is the Department of Water able to make best science informed decisions regarding the triple-bottom line sustainability of the proposal without the current operating strategy?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) What was the strong recommendation from the draft report of the Gngangara Sustainability Strategy regarding the sustainable volume of extraction of groundwater from the Gngangara Groundwater Mound?
- (7) When did the Gngangara Sustainability Strategy start examining the multiple complex issues regarding the sustainability of the Gngangara Groundwater Mound?
- (8) A significant number of reports were generated throughout the Gngangara Sustainability Strategy process. How many reports were produced and what subjects did they cover?
- (9) When did the Department of Water conduct a technical symposium to present the research findings?
- (10) When was the Gngangara Sustainability Strategy draft report offered for public comment?
- (11) When did the public comment period for the Gngangara Sustainability Strategy close?
- (12) Will the Minister finally release the final Gngangara Sustainability Strategy report in the spring session of Parliament?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?
- (14) Why has it taken the Government so long to act on and implement this crucial and valuable project?

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3173. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment

In relation to Swan Canning Rivers – nitrate concentration, load, trend and targets, I ask -

- (1) For each of the Ellen Brook, Bayswater Main Drain and Southern River sub-catchments during 2010, what was the -
 - (a) annual flow;
 - (b) median concentration of Total Nitrogen (mg/L); and
 - (c) load of Total Nitrogen (t/year)?
- (2) Based on current trends for each catchment, in what year will median concentrations and loads of Total Nitrogen meet the long term maximum acceptable load of 130 tonnes of Total Nitrogen to the Swan Canning Rivers?

3174. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can you confirm that the morning peak period ceases by 8.30am each weekday on public transport services in zones 5-9?
- (2) If no to (1), at what time does the morning peak period cease for services in these zones?

3175. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Did the Minister receive any correspondence regarding a dispute between Perth Urban Rail Car Drivers and the Public Transport Authority prior to 27 August 2010?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the nature of the correspondence and will the Minister table a copy?

3176. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Depot Master at the Mandurah Depot booked off on 23 September 2010 for Friday 24 September 2010?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the reason for the Depot Master's absence?

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Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council