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361. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* by Daniel Emerson, dated Thursday 22 August 2013, titled “Minister in Labor sights over inquiry “, and I ask:

- (a) why was the Minister, Peter Collier as Minister for Training at the time in question, able to lobby the Public Sector Commissioner to change the terms of reference of an investigation into the bullying of public servants by him and his office;
- (b) are all Ministers able to lobby the Public Sector Commissioner before an investigation occurs;
- (c) if no to (b), why was Minister Collier allowed to do so; and
- (d) why were the terms of reference changed from an “an investigation into the culture and processes of the ministerial office” to “review of the structure, general operation and lines of communication” of the Department of Training and Workforce Development?

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

- (1) As the former Minister for Environment, did the Minister make an election promise to the people of Esperance to review land clearing practices and legislation?
- (2) If yes to (1), what stage of the review is the Minister up to?
- (3) If yes to (1), when will the review be finalised?

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

I refer to the dune system on the corner of Harbour Road and South Coast Highway in Esperance, please see photo at <http://www.robinchapple.com/sites/default/files/2013-10-09%20Dune%20Esperance.jpg>, and I ask:

- (a) did the Environmental Protection Authority approve the removal of part or all of this dune system;
- (b) if yes to (a), when;
- (c) if yes to (a), could the Minister please table a copy of the approval/licence;
- (d) if no to (a), was the dune system removed illegally; and
- (e) if yes to (d), what further action will be taken?

364. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) What is the Government’s policy on the employment of officers working in ministerial offices who are pre-selected as candidates prior to an election?
- (2) Is it true that Ms Jaimee Motion was required to resign prior to her pre-selection as the Liberal candidate for the seat of Collie-Preston at the 2013 State election?

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- (3) If yes to (2), can the Premier explain why Mr Peter Katsambanis was not required to resign from his position as Minister Peter Collier's Chief of Staff prior to his pre-selection in the 2013 State election?
- (4) Can the Premier advise the last day of employment for Ms Jaimee Motion prior to the 2013 State election?
- (5) Can the Premier advise the last day of employment for Mr Peter Katsambanis prior to the 2013 State election?

365. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Can the Premier advise why no Ministerial Resourcing Reports were tabled in the Parliament between 25 October 2012 and 9 May 2013, that being an eight month period inclusive of the election?
- (2) Can the Premier explain why there is a Ministerial Resourcing Report for 9 May 2013 and for 18 July 2013, that being two reports in two months?

366. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the Minister's comments in the media, that the Minister's heart went out to the family of Nicolau Soares, and that the Minister's office was arranging a Department of Health official to contact them, and I ask:

- (a) what contact has the Minister personally had with the family of Nicolau Soares;
- (b) has the Department of Health official contacted them; and
- (c) if yes to (b), when was that contact made and by who?

367. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the Nicolau Soares case and the Minister's promise to his family to share the findings of the internal report by Alma Street's Adult Mental Health Service with them, and I ask:

- (a) has the family received a copy of the Health Department's findings and recommendations of its handling of the events surrounding the deaths of Gavin Mooney and Del Weston; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

368. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the Alma Street Clinic has records of a series of frantic telephone calls made by Gavin Mooney and Del Weston in the lead-up to their deaths?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) please provide the dates and times the calls were recorded; and
 - (b) will the Minister table the transcripts of those calls?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

369. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what action was taken by the Alma Street Mental Health Service after Nicolau Soares failed to attend a scheduled appointment and attempts to contact him failed in the weeks before he allegedly killed his mother and stepfather?
- (2) Had the Alma Street Mental Health Service received warnings, expressions of fears and concern from Nicolau Soares' siblings in the weeks before the killings?

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- (3) What was the response of the Alma Street Mental Health Service to those warnings, fears and concerns from Nicolau Soares' siblings in the weeks before the killing?
- (4) Why weren't the warnings, fears and concerns taken on board by Alma Street Mental Health Service?

370. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to Department of Health figures obtained through a freedom of information application that show 240 mental health patients were reported as absconders by staff in 2012-13 and I ask, which facilities did these patients abscond from and how many absconded from each facility?

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

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta, in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme for September 2013:

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

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

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection in September 2013, 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?

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

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection in September 2013, 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;

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- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

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

- (1) By district, how many children were under the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support during the month of August 2013?
- (2) By district, how many of these were placed in non-government group facilities?
- (3) By district, how many of these were placed in non-government group facilities?
- (4) By district, how many of these were in placements with non-government organisation foster carers?

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

- (1) As at 31 August 2013, what was the total Department for Child Protection and Family Support (DCPaFS) funded full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2013:
 - (a) what were the vacancies in the FTE terms by directorate and district;
 - (b) by district, how many of those vacancies were subject to advertising; and
 - (c) of those vacancies not subject to advertising, please provide the reason why?
- (3) As at 31 August 2013, what was the total service delivery FTE employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (4) As at 31 August 2013, what were the total vacant service delivery positions by directorate and district?
- (5) As at 31 August 2013, what was the total FTE case worker allocation by directorate and district?
- (6) As at 31 August 2013, what were the total FTE vacant case worker positions?
- (7) As at 31 August 2013, what was the FTE number of employees by directorate and district on permanent contract and on fixed term contract?
- (8) As at 31 August 2013, how many DCPaFS field officers have been co-located with Western Australian 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 DCPaFS officers referred to in (8) are situated?

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

- (1) As at 31 August 2013, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments for a child recorded during that month, by district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2013, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment recorded during the month, by district?
- (3) As at 31 August 2013, what was the number of children in care for more than 20 days with no planning recorded, by district?
- (4) As at 31 August 2013, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with a harm assessment open for more than 90 days, by district?

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(5) As at 31 August 2013, what were the number of open Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment, by district?

(6) As at 31 August 2013, what was the number of “monitored” or “active holding” cases not allocated to workers caseload, by district?

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

(1) As at 31 August 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 31 August 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers, by category of relative carer and non-relative carer, by district?

(3) As at 31 August 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?

(4) As at 31 August 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 31 August 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?

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

(1) During the month of August 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 August 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 August 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 August 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 August 2013, how many carers had overdue “carer reviews” by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?

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

(1) For the period 1 June 2013 to 31 August 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 June 2013 to 31 August 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 Western Australia Police notified the Department for Child Protection of any charges that had been laid in respect of any of the Safety and Wellbeing Assessments recorded in the period 1 June 2013 to 31 August 2013?

(4) If yes to (3), how many individuals were charged and what was the nature of these charges?

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

- (1) For the period 1 June 2013 to 31 August 2013, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection implemented?
- (2) How many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed in (1) 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;
 - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; 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?

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

- (1) During the months of June 2013, July 2013 and August 2013, how many individuals did the Department for 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 March 2013 to 31 August 2013, by district?
- (3) How many of these individuals have been assessed for the purpose of referral to the income management program, by district?

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

For the months of August 2013, August 2012 and August 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;
- (g) Spencer Park;
- (h) Balcatta;
- (i) Dalyellup;
- (j) High Wycombe;

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- (k) Kingsley;
- (l) Clarkson;
- (m) Noranda;
- (n) Yokine;
- (o) Currambine;
- (p) Parkwood;
- (q) Innaloo;
- (r) Huntingdale;
- (s) Ellenbrook;
- (t) Darch; and
- (u) Peppermint Grove?

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