

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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QUESTIONS

No. 224

Tuesday, 21 August 2012

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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
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- 5779. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5780. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5781. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer
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- 5785. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 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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- 5926. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

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- 5927. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
- 5928. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
- 5929. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

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5930. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police

I refer to full time equivalent (FTE) police vacancies in the South West, and I ask —

- (1) As at 1 January 2012, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?
- (2) As at 1 July 2012, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?
- (3) As at 1 January 2011, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?
- (4) As at 1 July 2011, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?
- (5) As at 1 January 2010, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?
- (6) As at 1 January 2009, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?
- (7) As at 1 January 2008, how many FTE police positions were vacant in the South West and where were they located?

5931. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services publication *Report of an Announced Inspection of Albany Regional Prison*, June 2012, and to Recommendation 10 which states ‘Ensure that all foreign national prisoners are able to use a portion of their gratuities for sending remittances to support their dependants’, and I ask —

- (1) Given the Report’s recommendation, and the fact that the Department of Immigration and Citizenship has only issued two Garnishee Notices, both of which were later retracted, why are Indonesian prisoners convicted of so-called ‘people smuggling’ offences still prevented from remitting money overseas?
- (2) Does the Minister intend to review this policy?
- (3) If yes to (2), when?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

5932. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services publication *Report of an Announced Inspection of Albany Regional Prison*, June 2012, and to the finding that ‘suffers from an inability to utilise sufficient interpretation and translation services when engaging with the Indonesian prisoner population’, and that this ‘presents unacceptable risks in terms of security, care and wellbeing, health and safety’, and I ask —

- (1) Will the Minister ensure that prison staff members who have indicated a willingness to undergo language training are supported and encouraged to do so?

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- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Are any other strategies proposed to tackle this problem?
- (4) If yes to (3), what strategies are proposed?
- (5) When is it expected that any proposed strategies will be in place?

5933. Hon Alison Xamon to the Attorney General

I refer to the Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board, and I ask —

- (1) How many mentally impaired accused individuals are currently under the statutory authority of the Board?
- (2) How many of the mentally impaired accused individuals currently under the statutory authority of the Board identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- (3) How many of the mentally impaired accused individuals currently under the statutory authority of the Board are currently detained in a prison?
- (4) How many of the individuals in (3) identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- (5) Of the mentally impaired accused individuals currently under the statutory authority of the Board, how many have been placed on custody orders under the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996* but are not currently detained in prison?
- (6) How many of the individuals in (5) identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- (7) Please also provide the information requested in questions (1) through (6) for the financial year to date.

5934. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Synergy's EasyGreen renewable electricity product. On 18 January this year, Synergy advised customers that a \$20 EasyGreen payment would be used to purchase renewable energy certificates (RECs) equal to 328kWh (\$20 at 6.1 cents per kilowatt hour) of renewable energy from nationally accredited GreenPower renewable energy sources, equal to around 31 per cent of an average household's consumption for the same period, which over a whole year, would ensure a greenhouse gas emission saving comparable to taking an average car off the road for 7 months. But, as of today, 21 August 2012, Synergy's website advises that a \$20 EasyGreen payment would be used to purchase RECs equal to just 32kWh (\$20 at 6.1 cents per kWh) of renewable energy from nationally accredited GreenPower renewable energy sources, again equal to 31 per cent of an average household's consumption for the same period, and over a whole year, ensuring a greenhouse gas emission saving comparable to taking an average car off the road for seven months. I ask —

- (1) Which of the two kilowatt hour figures cited above is correct?
- (2) Please provide an explanation, including the specifics of how the calculations were arrived at, to show how both figures – 328kWh in January and 32kWh in August – were arrived at.
- (3) If a customer making a \$20 EasyGreen payment each billing period consumes just 315kWh in the billing period, in other words an amount less than 328kWh, what does Synergy do with the money they have spent on renewable electricity, over and above their electricity consumption?
- (4) If a customer making an \$80 EasyGreen payment each billing period consumes just 315kWh in the billing period, what does Synergy do with the money they have spent on renewable electricity, over and above their electricity consumption?

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- (5) Over the most recent billing period for which figures are available, how many EasyGreen customers paid for an amount of renewable electricity that was greater than their electricity consumption for that bill?
- (6) What was the total amount of renewable electricity, in kilowatt hours, purchased on behalf of EasyGreen customers for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
- (7) What was the total amount of renewable electricity, in kilowatt hours, purchased on behalf of all EasyGreen customers for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?
- (8) What was the total electricity consumption, in kilowatt hours, by EasyGreen customers for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
- (9) What was the total electricity consumption, in kilowatt hours, by EasyGreen customers for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011?

5935. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the media statement of the Minister for Health, dated 16 July 2012, and ask —

- (1) At which Child Health Clinic is the community health nurse referred to in that statement located?
- (2) At which Child Health Clinics is it anticipated the 15 child health nurses referred to in the statement will be located?
- (3) Will all of these child health nurses be employed directly by the Department of Health?
- (4) Have any additional child health nurses been employed by the Department of Health since the media statement of the Minister for Health dated 16 July 2012?

5936. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, Additional Questions of 18 June 2012, question (2) asked by me, and the partnership between the Department of Health and the Department of Child Protection offering the Best Beginnings service and ask, how many child health nurses employed by the Department of Health deliver the Best Beginnings service in 0.5 of their time and the Enhanced Home Visiting Service in the other 0.5?

5937. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People's *Report on the functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People: Working with Children checks Recommendation 2*, and the review of the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004* by a State Government officer independent of the Department for Child Protection and ask, how advanced is the review, and when will it be completed and a report tabled in Parliament?

5938. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Education

I refer to question without notice No. 375 of 14 June 2012 and ask, has the Fitzroy Valley children and family centre building been completed, and is it now open for enrolments?

5939. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to the Department for Child Protection website and the review of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* by a working group and ask, how advanced is the review, and when will it be completed and a report tabled in Parliament?

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MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council