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QUESTIONS

No. 58

Thursday, May 8 2003

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4. Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
(*SO 138(d) response - September 18 2002*)

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376. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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736. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

In the Minister's press release of March 18 2003 the Minister said that the Lancelin Sewerage Project will 'provide infrastructure necessary for existing businesses to expand and capitalise on the town's tourism potential' -

- (1) What kind of infrastructure is the Minister referring to and which local businesses will be the beneficiaries of this new infrastructure?
- (2) Besides the State Government and the Shire of Gingin, what other companies or organisations are contributing to this project?
- (3) Can the Minister outline the waste treatment technology that will be used in the Lancelin Sewerage Project?
- (4) Who will be responsible for the treatment of the sewerage in the Lancelin Sewerage Project and what level of treatment will be utilised?
- (5) Can the Minister guarantee that there will be no ocean outfall from this project?

737. Hon Alan Cadby to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Graduated Driving Test, and enquire as to the efficacy of this new testing process. Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) Prior to the introduction of the new testing process, what was the failure rates of individuals attempting their drivers licence on the first, second and third attempts?
- (2) After the introduction of the new testing process, what was the failure rates of individuals attempting their drivers licence on the first, second and third attempts?
- (3) If there is a differential between these two failure rates, can the Minister provide a reason for this?
- (4) What percentage of the individuals that fail on the first attempt go to a licensed driving school, as opposed to those that are privately taught?
- (5) Will the Minister take any action to change the requirements for driver education based on this statistic?

738. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Further to Question on Notice No. 104 regarding conditions on the allocation of timber resources to the Nannup and Greenbushes timber mills -

- (1) What conditions were placed on retaining employment opportunities in the Nannup and Greenbushes communities?

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- (2) How are these conditions audited?
 - (3) Was funding provided to either or both of the Nannup and Greenbushes mills for training purposes?
 - (4) If yes, were conditions placed on how this funding would be used?
 - (5) If so, how are these conditions audited?
739. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) Has the Minister or any person from the Minister's office held a meeting or discussion with any former Minister of the Burke Government relating to logging levels or allocations of logs from State forest?
 - (2) If yes, who attended the meeting(s) or held the discussion(s)?
 - (3) When did the meeting(s) or discussion(s) take place?
 - (4) On whose behalf did the former Minister approach the current Minister or person from the Minister's office?
 - (5) What matters were discussed?
 - (6) Did the Minister or person from the Minister's office make any commitment(s) and/or give any undertaking(s) to the former Minister?
 - (7) If yes, what was (were) the commitment(s) and/or undertaking(s)?
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741. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to the EPA/DEP current formal assessment process outlined in current EPA publications. It is stated that at the end of the process the 'Minister Publishes report (Delegated to EPA)', then 'Appeals to the Minister' are received, then 'Minister determines appeals', followed by 'Minister consults with DMAs (decision-making authorities) to seek agreement on whether or not and in what manner the proposal may be implemented' -

- (1) Why is the agreement of DMAs sought after the proposal has been through all its formal assessment processes in which the views of the relevant DMAs have already been sought?
- (2) Is there any specific list of DMAs that are to be consulted at this final stage of the process and if so will the Minister provide that list?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a list of those DMA's that she has consulted with at this final stage of the process?
- (4) What roll do these DMA's have in determining if a project should be supported or not and can they at this late stage of the project alter the final outcome of whether a project should be implemented or not?
- (5) In relation to the formal assessment process, does the Sustainability Unit have any role to in play in assessing projects and at what stage?

742. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

With regard to Woodside's Burrup Peninsula Gas Processing facility, can the Minister advise -

- (1) What are the contents of discharges from the stack and from all other discharge points at the facility in terms of -
 - (a) chemicals;
 - (b) particulars; and
 - (c) other pollutants?
- (2) Annually, what quantity of each of the emissions in the response to (1) is discharged?
- (3) Annually, what quantity of each of the emissions in the response to (1) can be safely discharged without posing a health risk to people both on-site and at more distant locations?

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743. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

In a letter of April 22 2003, the Minister rejected an appeal lodged by myself against the Executive Director's decision to grant a pearl farm lease to Paspaley Pearling Company Pty Ltd in Encounter Cove. In this letter the Minister wrote 'You have raised some important matters regarding the inadequacies of marine planning processes in the Kimberley region, which I intend to discuss further with my Parliamentary colleagues'. Can the Minister advise -

- (1) Which of the matters I raised regarding the inadequacies of marine planning processes in the Kimberley region does the Minister consider to be important?
- (2) Did he in fact have further discussions regarding these matters with the Minister's Parliamentary colleagues?
- (3) Did any such discussions reveal new information pertinent to the original grounds of appeal lodged by myself?
- (4) How does any such information affect the Minister's original decision to grant the lease at Encounter Cove?

744. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

With regard to the cost of providing electricity to remote Aboriginal communities, I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister explain the reasoning behind the uniform tariff policy as it relates to energy prices in Western Australia?
- (2) Is the Minister committed to retaining this policy whatever the outcome of the electricity reform process?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a justification for why some remote Aboriginal communities appear to be exempt from this policy, in that they are forced to expend significant sums on fuel to run community power stations, to the detriment of other priorities?
- (4) Can the Minister describe whether or not such communities will be any better off under the Government's proposed desegregation regime?
- (5) If so, how?
- (6) Does the Minister consider that such sites are prime candidates for renewable energy systems?
- (7) If so, outline how these options are being pursued?

745. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to the studies undertaken by the Department of Conservation and Land Management on the viability of populations of *Tetratheca paynterae*, which will be impacted if the proposed Portman Mining expansion into the Windarling and Jackson tenements goes ahead -

- (1) Will the Minister table copies of all documents relating to studies of this plant, including recent work by CALM and the WA Herbarium?

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(2) If no to (1), why not?

746. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With regard to annual and long service leave for retiring Police officers, I ask -

- (1) How much accumulated annual and long service leave did the recently retired Deputy Commissioner, Kingsley Porter have when he retired from the WA Police Service?
- (2) In relation to question (1), what was the total payment from the Police budget for this accumulated leave?
- (3) As Assistant Commissioner, John Standing has now indicated that he will be retiring on June 30 2003. How much accumulated annual and long service leave will he have accrued on that date?
- (4) In relation to question (3), what will be the total payment from the Police budget for this accumulated leave?
- (5) How much untaken annual leave and long service leave has been accrued by the Commissioner of Police, the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners excluding Assistant Commissioner, John Standing?
- (6) In relation to question (5) what would be the total payment from the Police budget for this accumulated leave for each officer?
- (7) Will any of the leave be paid for at a higher rate than when it ordinarily fell due, and how many times were these officers been allowed to postpone their annual leave or long service leave?
- (8) Are there any regulations, policies or procedures requiring police officers of all ranks to clear outstanding leave entitlements?

747. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to the significant heritage value and petroglyphs of the Burrup Peninsular, their surrounding islands and potential World Heritage values -

- (1) Have there been any systematic archaeological and ethnographic surveys of the Burrup Peninsular or the surrounding islands?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Has the Government considered carrying out systematic archaeological and ethnographic surveys of the Burrup Peninsular and surrounding islands?
- (4) If yes to (3), what was the result of such deliberation, and can the Minister table any evidence of such deliberations?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

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- (6) Will the Government have to carry out archaeological and ethnographic surveys of the Burrup Peninsular and surrounding islands prior to Federal Government nomination of the area for World Heritage listing?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council