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QUESTIONS

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Wednesday, 20 August 2014

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1487. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) How much biomass woodchip is proposed for export?
- (2) Of the total in (1):
 - (a) which mills and plants producing this biomass; and
 - (b) what is the amount of biomass woodchip to be produced from each in 2014?

1488. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) I refer to question on notice number No. 287, answered on 22 October 2013, and I ask, how many and which properties still need to be purchased?
- (2) What year and time frame will the Stakehill wetland go to the end managers, the Department of Parks and Wildlife?
- (3) Given question (2), reports of the area degrading and that end management is some years away, what improvements to the management and environment can be made by Western Australian Planning Commission by:
 - (a) increased spending;
 - (b) community involvement; and
 - (c) recreation use?
- (4) Previously a Landcare group at Stakehill was involved in on-ground management activities, why has this stopped?
- (5) Previously fire control was in sympathy with the environmental values of this site, now fire breaks are being rotary hoed, increased in number and inappropriate chemicals used. Why was fire control changed?
- (6) What review of the previous management practices in (5) were carried out prior to these changes?
- (7) What hand over was given to the new Fire Management Officer?
- (8) What tertiary qualifications does the new Fire Management Officer have?

1489. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Referring to the outbreak of weed mentioned in (15) of question on notice No. 287, answered on 22 October 2013:
 - (a) was the previous weed control program suspended;
 - (b) was the suspension due to a lack of funding; and
 - (c) will the Minister order a review to be conducted of the weed outbreak?
- (2) Does the Minister consider glyphosate, that is residual and a harsh chemical, should be used in wet areas?

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- (3) Will the Minister instruct for Bioactive only to be used in wetland areas?
- (4) Referring to the feral animal control mentioned in (16) of question on notice No. 287, answered on 22 October 2013, is the Minister aware that the local Landcare group has baited and carried out programs to control foxes and rabbits, with the approval of the Western Australian Planning Commissioner and by arrangement with the previous Fire Management Officer and the Department of Agriculture and Food?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that rehabilitation work by the local Landcare group continues?
- (6) Has management of this area reduced in the past two years?
- (7) If yes to (6), will the Minister order a review of the 2010 management plan?
- (8) Will the Minister instruct the Western Australian Planning Commission to increase the budget and management practices for Stakehill Wetland?

1490. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) When will end managers, the Department of Parks and Wildlife, take over management of Stakehill Wetland?
- (2) In the intervening time, will the Minister direct:
 - (a) all properties to be fenced;
 - (b) maintenance of fencing;
 - (c) return of weed control to previous programs;
 - (d) control of illegal activities, trail bike access, camping and shooting;
 - (e) return of fire management to previous programs;
 - (f) implementation of fire management in sympathy with environmental values;
 - (g) involvement of the local Landcare group and incorporation of their expertise; and
 - (h) implementation of signage to encourage sustainable use and preservation of the environment?
- (3) Does the Minister acknowledge observations by local residents that the firebreaks and slashing for fuel reduction has encouraged weed growth?
- (4) Will the Minister report on illegal activities occurring during the past year at Stakehill Wetland?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that recreational walkers make use of Stakehill Wetland on a weekly basis, and that conservation groups regularly use the area?
- (6) Why has signage not been erected at Stakehill Wetland?
- (7) Will the Minister bring forward the hand over of Stakehill Wetland to end management?

1491. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

Since the preparation of the 2013 Building Condition Assessment Report, please provide a list of how much money has been spent on maintenance, at each school?

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I refer to the answer from the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment, to question on notice No. 1282, regarding the proposed Browse Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) processing plant at James Price Point, and I ask:

- (a) have there been any meetings or discussions with any companies or potential proponents about the development of a supply base at James Price Point;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings;
- (c) have any companies or potential proponents been approached by State government officials during the past two years seeking to ascertain their interest in developing a supply base and/or LNG facility at James Price Point;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings; and
- (e) if there has been no interest from companies or potential proponents into developing a supply base and/or an LNG facility at James Price Point, to what end is the Government seeking environmental approvals through the Environmental Protection Authority process?

1493. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the answer from the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment, to question on notice No. 1282, regarding the proposed Browse Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) processing plant at James Price Point, and I ask:

- (a) have there been any meetings or discussions with any companies or potential proponents about the development of a supply base at James Price Point;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings;
- (c) have any companies or potential proponents been approached by State government officials during the past two years seeking to ascertain their interest in developing a supply base and/or LNG facility at James Price Point;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings; and
- (e) if there has been no interest from companies or potential proponents into developing a supply base and/or an LNG facility at James Price Point, to what end is the Government seeking environmental approvals through the Environmental Protection Authority process?

1494. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

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- (a) have there been any meetings or discussions with any companies or potential proponents about the development of a supply base at James Price Point;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings;
- (c) have any companies or potential proponents been approached by State government officials during the past two years seeking to ascertain their interest in developing a supply base and/or LNG facility at James Price Point;

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- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings; and
- (e) if there has been no interest from companies or potential proponents into developing a supply base and/or an LNG facility at James Price Point, to what end is the Government seeking environmental approvals through the Environmental Protection Authority process?

1495. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Which Commonwealth-State agreements would have to be amended in order to administer a co-payment for emergency department care at hospitals?
- (2) What guidelines would be provided to triage doctors and nurses to determine who pays in emergency departments?
- (3) Did the Minister state on 12 May 2014 that “we have a lot of patients who come to our emergency departments who use it as a GP clinic, and they shouldn’t be.”?
- (4) If yes to (3), what evidence does the Minister have for that statement?
- (5) If patients are deterred from seeking assistance at emergency departments, will the Government provide additional funding to Health Department partnership organisations that provide patient transport, home hospital care and injury prevention?

1496. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

- (1) Will the Minister table the Mangles Bay Economic Study?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

1497. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism:

At the conclusion of the public comment period for respondents to the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) Draft Management Plan 2014 -2019, a summary of the submissions received was prepared by TNS Global at the request of the RIA executive:

- (a) would the Minister for Tourism please table this summary in its entirety, together with the underlying submissions that provided the content of the summary; and
- (b) if no to (2), why not?

1498. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How many terms has Professor Kateryna Longley served on the Cockburn Sound Management Council?
- (2) Was the vacancy advertised for her initial appointment as Chair, and for each subsequent appointment?
- (3) If yes to each appointment in (2), when and where?
- (4) How many applicants for Chair were received for each term?
- (5) Who is the current Chair of the Cockburn Sound Management Council?
- (6) If no new appointment for the Chair has been made, when did the position become vacant?
- (7) If the Chair is vacant, why has it not been filled?

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- (8) When will the position vacancy for Chair be advertised?
- (9) Why is the constitution of the Cockburn Sound Management Council under review?
- (10) In what ways has the constitution been found to be inadequate?
- (11) What is the process for changing the constitution?
- (12) When will this process begin, and when is expected to end?
- (13) Will the community be consulted over proposed changes to the constitution?
- (14) How many positions on the Cockburn Sound Management Council remain unfilled?
- (15) For each position in (14), what is the position and how long has it remained unfilled?
- (16) For each position in (14), why have they not been advertised and filled?
- (17) How many scientists are there on the Cockburn Sound Management Council?
- (18) If none to (17), why not?
- (19) When will scientists be appointed to the Cockburn Sound Management Council?

1499. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Within the Department of Planning, is there a dedicated branch devoted to the implementation of State Planning Policy 2.8?
- (2) If no to (1):
 - (a) was there ever an office or unit dedicated to Bush Forever;
 - (b) why was it disbanded; and
 - (c) when did it cease?
- (3) How many full time equivalent employees are dedicated to the implementation of State Planning Policy 2.8?
- (4) Is the Minister confident that the objectives of the Bush Forever policy can be implemented if this policy has no dedicated staff within the Department of Planning?

1500. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Attorney General:

I refer to the use of labour hire companies within the Department of the Attorney General, and I ask:

- (a) what were the total staffing hours, by level, provided by labour hire companies in each of the following years:
 - (i) 2012-2013;
 - (ii) 2013-2014; and
 - (iii) 2014 to date?

1501. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to question on notice No. 766, asked on 13 August 2014, and I ask the Minister to please provide all other plans and reports produced under this contract, including the following which are referred to in tabled paper No. 1757:

- (a) Communications Plan; and
- (b) Working Updates on Stakeholder Engagement and Resulting Implications?

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- (1) What was Pilbara Cities involvement in the Pilbara Underground Power Project?
- (2) Who was the general manager of Pilbara Cities and when did the person start and finish?
- (3) Regarding the answer to (2), what is this person's current employment position and when did they start?
- (4) Did Horizon Power use Western Power's Underground Power Program due diligence guidelines and processes when assessing/evaluating the Pilbara Underground Power Project?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Did the Pilbara Underground Power Project have an independent probity auditor employed on the project ensuring all of its processes were transparent?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Did Horizon Power do a risk assessment on Karratha's rocky ground conditions for underground drilling before it started on the Pilbara Underground Power Project?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Were risks such as Karratha's rocky terrain, high cost of accommodation and availability discussed with the tenderers?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?
- (12) Were sight inspections to Karratha recommended by Horizon Power as part of the tender process?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?

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