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1262. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Environment

Further to question No. 729 and in regards to, '1994 Fireview Panel Recommendations', could the Minister please advise, -

- (1) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) accepted Conservation and Land Managements (CALM) 'strategic approach', to the prescribed burning program to enable 200 000 ha per year of South West forests to be burnt?
 - (2) If yes to (1), what efforts has the DEC made to make up the short fall in burning of the 250 000ha indicated in question on notice No. 692?
 - (3) Why was the fire review committees recommend \$3 million per annum fire management budget increase not accepted?
 - (4) As the DEC city-based staff do not participate in prescribed burning, does this limit their opportunities to be promoted to higher positions in regional areas?
 - (5) Who made the decision that grazing was not compatible with fuel reduction in South West forests?
 - (6) Over what period is burn planning undertaken?
 - (7) With regard to expenditure on prescribed burning, -
 - (a) what is the DEC's 2009-10 fire management budget;
 - (b) what is the cost of burn planning and administration in percentage terms of this expenditure;
 - (c) what proportion of the 2009-10 fire management budget is allocated to prescribed burning in south west forests; and
 - (d) what is the estimated area of south west forests to be burnt in 2009-10?
 - (8) The answer to (7) of question No. 729 suggests that the DEC has no direct involvement with any fire matters that occur on the border of Crown Land or with the fire officers in brigades in these areas, is this so?
 - (9) What consideration has been given to developing inter-agency agreements between the DEC, FESA and Bush Fire brigades to expand prescribed burning programs and to assist brigades in burning techniques?
1263. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- (1) What action has the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA), taken on the recommendations of the 1994 Fire Review Panel for the Conservation and Land Management (CALM), involving Local Government?

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- (2) What was the final cost of extinguishing the Kings Park fire in January, 2009?
- (3) What was the number of units and personnel involved in the Kings Park fire?
- (4) Which Agency or body was responsible to ensure the fuel load was lowered in Kings Park?

1264. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I understand that a steering committee has been established to progress the implementation of the recommendations from the Western Australian Home Births Review 2008, -

- (1) Can you please advise the current status, in particular in relation to implementing recommendation 20, 'a Community Midwifery Program could be established in the South West area'?
- (2) The previous Government announced that the Improving Maternity Services Policy released in January 2008 outlined the direction Western Australian health would take over the coming five years. As part of the implementation of this policy the previous Minister stated that Western Australian Health was investigating the feasibility of establishing a birth centre in the South West, if this policy is still current, please advise the status and projected timeframe for the completion of this study?

1265. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) Have any cuts been made to mental health FTE staff numbers, since December 2008?
- (2) Are any cuts to mental health FTE staff numbers anticipated for the remainder of this financial year?
- (3) Have any cuts been made to mental health services since December 2008?
- (4) Are any cuts to mental health services anticipated for the remainder of this financial year?
- (5) Please detail where these cuts have been made, or where it is anticipated they will be made?

1266. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning

The lessee of Jandakot Airport, Ascot Capital Limited, a development company with no background in aviation, has recently released for public comment its revised master plan for the development of Jandakot Airport. The master plan includes a proposal to extend two existing runways and construct a new fourth runway, as well as a significant non-aviation mixed business commercial precinct, -

- (1) What area (in size and percentage) of the 167 ha of Banksia woodland on the site to be cleared, is for the fourth runway?
- (2) What area (in size and percentage) of the 167 ha to be cleared is for the proposed mixed business commercial development?
- (3) Does the airport already contain a 132 ha commercial precinct?
- (4) How much of the existing commercial area is currently vacant?
- (5) Does 53 ha of this existing commercial precinct remain to be cleared?
- (6) How many developed businesses are currently operating out of the commercial precinct?

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- (7) Why is this area being developed for commercial uses when there is existing development in Cockburn Central and Armadale Road?
- (8) How does this proposal comply with the Minister's statements in Directions 2031 which promised to prioritise land already zoned as urban?
- (9) How does this proposal relate to the strategic industrial sites identified for the region in Directions 2031?
- (10) How does this proposal comply with the key strategic theme of a 'Responsible city' in Directions 2031 in which a key principle was to prioritize the development and use of land that is already zoned urban or urban deferred?
- (11) How does this development support the Minister's proposal in Directions 2031 to introduce a Green Network, which promises to protect and manage significant biodiversity areas, protect water supplies, protect our coastline, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, promote the reduction of the amount of waste generated and promote reuse and recycling, improve air quality, integrate natural resource management into land use planning, and expand and enhance our open space network (p.32)?

1267. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Transport

- (1) To what extent does the partnership between the Department of Transport and Jandakot Airport Holdings (JAH) exist in promoting and supporting JAH in the expansion process of the airport in increasing flying training both from overseas and local flight training organisations?
- (2) The Department of Transport actively promote Jandakot on their web site and promote the Jandakot airport consultative committee (JACC) process and the fly neighbourly campaign as policy, -
 - (a) when was the last time the JACC met;
 - (b) how is the Fly Neighbourly campaign progressing; and
 - (c) is the campaign it supported by Air Services Australia?
- (3) The Western Australian Government Policy Planning Paper 5.3 on Jandakot produced in 2006, was created at the behest of the DPI Aviation Planning Manager of the day, when it became clear and apparent that no policy existed. How does this Planning Paper compare with the planning policy for Perth Airport of 2003?
- (4) Why is the Planning Policy Paper 5.3 still being used by Western Australian aviation policy planning in support of expansion at Jandakot?
- (5) Is there any intention for the government to create a second General Aviation airport for Perth, which has been recognised as necessary since 1992, in order to support the reduction of the expansion of Jandakot and its associated noise, pollution, and environmental impact problems?

1268. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment

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Jandakot Airport. The master plan includes a proposal to extend two existing runways and construct a new fourth runway, as well as a significant non-aviation mixed business commercial precinct, -

- (1) How will the building of the fourth runway impact on the residents of the Cities of Cockburn, Melville and Canning?
- (2) Constituents who have contacted us are of the view that the company has little regard for the impacts proposed developments will have on surrounding communities. Is the Minister aware that residents in the cities of Cockburn, Melville and Canning already report being subjected to excessive levels of aviation noise?
- (3) How are properties in these Cities currently being impacted by noise within the discredited ANEF/ ANEC / ANEI 25 ANEF contours?
- (4) Is the Government going to fund the noise amelioration and property resumption program that is going to result from supporting the proposed expansion at JDKT and when, considering it is already long overdue?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm who is responsible for noise amelioration in the affected areas and action will be taken to address noise pollution in the vicinity?
- (6) Will further plans to increase the use of heavier aircraft compound the already existing noise pollution to a far greater degree?
- (7) How will the plans being considered for the future use of pure jet aircraft impact on noise pollution to residents in these cities?
- (8) Does the proposed development by Jandakot Airport Holdings involve staged clearing of 167 ha of Banksia woodland described as very good to excellent condition?
- (9) Does the proposed area to be cleared contain about 40 grand spider orchids and four glossy Leafed Hammer orchids?
- (10) Is the woodland to be cleared a recognised foraging habitat for the Carnaby's Cockatoo?
- (11) Are each of these species (Carnaby's Cockatoo, Grand Spider Orchid and the Glossy Leafed Hammer Orchid) currently on the Western Australian State and Commonwealth Endangered list?
- (12) Mapping of potential Carnaby's Cockatoo habitat in the region indicates that there is approximately 13 756 ha of suitable vegetation within a 20 km radius of Jandakot Airport. The report states 'approximately 7,317 ha of this habitat is within Bush Forever sites and 4 986 ha is within Parks and Recreation reserves, providing a significant level of security for retention of bushland', -
 - (a) how much of this 'suitable vegetation' lies within the Beeliar Regional Park; and
 - (b) how much of this bushland is currently threatened by the proposed Roe eight extension?
- (13) How many areas of a similar size and quality of Banksia woodland currently exist in the, -
 - (a) Perth Metropolitan area;
 - (b) North Metropolitan region;

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- (c) East Metropolitan region; and
- (d) South Metropolitan region?
- (14) How will the project impact on the UPCWA priority one resource zone?
- (15) Is the expansion in conflict with the System six recommendation M94 and the Western Australian EPA Report Bulletin 690 (July 1993) on Future expansion at Jandakot Airport?
- (16) Other recorded species of conservation significance are the Western Brush Wallaby (*Macropus irma*) and the Southern Brown Bandicoot (*Isodon obesulus fusciventer*), which are listed as priority four and priority five respectively by the Department of Environment and Conservation Western Australia, how many Western Brush Wallaby's and Southern Brown Bandicoots are estimated to live in the proposed area to be cleared?
- (17) Please outline the potential environmental impacts of the proposed master plan 2009 development in terms of, -
 - (a) ecosystem disruption and the subsequent loss of flora and fauna;
 - (b) impact on significant flora and fauna species;
 - (c) fragmentation of habitat due to the East Link road;
 - (d) impacts to air quality from vehicles and tenants;
 - (e) impacts to groundwater; and
 - (f) climate change and resource use implications?

1269. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Disability Services

With respect to the program Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPRAC) Program, I ask -

- (1) How many applicants were eligible for YPRAC in the CAP funding round of 22 June 2009?
- (2) Of these applicants, how many were successful?
- (3) What was the average funding amount for the successful applicants?
- (4) What were the total number of clients funded under the YPRAC program in the 2008-09 financial year, with respect to, -
 - (a) people relocated from a residential aged care facility to an appropriately supported disability accommodation facility;
 - (b) people at risk of entering a residential aged care facility who were diverted to more appropriate forms of accommodation; and
 - (c) people who received enhanced specialist service delivery, when they chose to stay in residential aged care, or when this remained the only suitable accommodation option?

1270. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Community Services

- (1) How many breaches of regulations by child care operators have occurred in the period 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009, by licensed category?
- (2) How do the number of breaches compare to the same period in 2008?

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- (3) How many of breaches listed in (1), have proceeded to prosecution?
- (4) What is the outcome of those prosecutions?

1271. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Community Services

Following the collation of the discussion paper feedback in July 2009, what is the timeline for the delivery of an integrated service development for children and family services?

1272. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Community Services

Will the Minister detail the make-up of \$10.1 million worth of Non-Government Services transferred to the Department for Communities from the Department for Child Protection, as stated in the 2008-09 Annual Report?

1273. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

As at 30 September 2009, what are the number of full-time equivalent Community Health Nurses in the following regions -

- (a) Fremantle;
- (b) Midland;
- (c) Great Southern; and
- (d) Pilbara?

1274. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to page 12 of the 2008-09 Annual Report, and I ask -

How many of the 84 additional tier one residential places put to tender through the non-Government sector, have been delivered?

1275. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How many Homeswest houses, flats and units (Properties) are there currently in each of the Homeswest delineated 'Regions' in Western Australia (Regions)?
- (2) In reference to the figures provided under (1), what is the number of Homeswest Properties in each Region as a percentage of the total Properties in that Region (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (3) What was the number of Homeswest Properties in each Region as a percentage of total Properties in that Region in each financial year from and including the 2000-2001 financial year up to and including the 2007-2008 financial year (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (4) What is the predicted number of Homeswest Properties in each Region as a percentage of total Properties in that Region in each financial year from and including the 2008-2009 financial year up to and including the 2013-2014 financial year (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?

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- (5) What proportion of Homeswest Properties were subject to the New Living Program in each financial year from and including the 2000-2001 financial year up to and including the 2007-2008 financial year (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (6) What proportion of Homeswest Properties in the Regions will be subject to the New Living Program in each financial year from and including the 2008-2009 financial year up to and including the 2013-2014 financial year (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (7) How many Homeswest Properties were been sold between 1 July 2000 and 11 August 2009 (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (8) In reference to the figure provided under (7), what percentage of the Homeswest Properties sold, were sold as part of the New Living Program (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (9) By what percentage has the number of Homeswest Properties decreased solely by reason of being sold as part of the New Living Program (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?
- (10) How many Homeswest Properties are proposed to be built and tenanted by the end of the 2008-2009 financial year (Please provide this information on a Region by Region basis)?

1276. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to the fact that the State and Federal Governments announced on 17 August 2009, that they would jointly accept responsibility for any long-term liabilities associated with geosequestration of CO₂ under Barrow Island as part of the Gorgon gas project, and I refer also to yesterday's signing of the final development approval required under the *Barrow Island Act 2003* and the Gorgon Gas Processing and Infrastructure Project Agreement, and ask -

- (1) Given that by 17 August 2009 no modelling had been done to calculate the quantum of liability associated with the underwriting of the geosequestration, was that modelling since done before the State Government signing of final development approval under the *Barrow Island Act*?
- (2) If no to (1), -
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) when will that modelling be done?

1277. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

- (1) What was the total cost of holding the recent Department of Agriculture and Food's information forum at UWA on GM crops, including venue hire, refreshments, publications, invitations and administration?
- (2) Why was the forum held?
- (3) Will the Minister fund to the same value a forum to promote the values of non-GM and organic farming?

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- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Did any company or individual provide assistance of any kind with the forum?
- (6) If yes to (5), will the Minister provide details?
- (7) Was consideration given to provide a contrary view to the pro-GM speakers?
- (8) Why wasn't a contrary view presented?
- (9) Does the Department have a pro-GM policy?
- (10) If yes to (9), please table this policy?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council