

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 93

Wednesday, 7 November 2018

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

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Notice Given ***Tuesday, 18 September 2018***

1656. Hon Colin Holt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming (*SO108(2) response – 8 November 2018*)

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1666. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
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1687. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

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1688. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
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1691. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
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1695. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations

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- 1697. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1698. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement
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- 1703. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1704. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
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- 1706. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

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- 1707. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 1708. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
- 1709. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs
- 1710. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General

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- 1711. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
- 1712. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
- 1713. Hon Robin Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 1714. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 1715. Hon Jim Chown to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
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- 1717. Hon Aaron Stonehouse to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
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- 1719. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
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- 1725. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1726. Hon Rick Mazza to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 1727. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

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- 1728. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1729. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1730. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 1731. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
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- 1735. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services
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- 1737. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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- 1739. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning

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- 1740. Hon Jacqui Boyde to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1741. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
- 1742. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
- 1743. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1748. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1749. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

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*Notice Given**Wednesday, 7 November 2018***1750. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:**

I refer to the Member's Statement I made in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, 31 October 2018 in which I tabled documents as evidence that Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) routinely by-passes the state's regulatory requirements, and ask:

- (a) will the Minister confirm whether the Minister or the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage were aware or have given FMG written permission to carry out significance assessments of Aboriginal sites independent of the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC);
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) will the Minister confirm that the four Aboriginal sites recorded by Archaeaus and traditional owners in 2008, referred to as FF08-004, FF08-06, FF08-009, and FF08-011, were deemed by FMG as sites not important enough to the traditional owners to warrant the protection of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (the Act);
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) will the Minister confirm that without the authority of the Minister or the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, FMG themselves issued a Cultural Salvage Permit authorising the alteration of these four sites;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) will the Minister confirm when FMG installed an access track on the land where these sites were located;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) will the Minister advise of the relevant authority in the Act that authorises FMG to carry out significance assessments on Aboriginal sites then issue a permit to salvage them before it carries out ground disturbing activities;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) has the Minister initiated an investigation into FMG's practices to establish:
 - (i) how wide spread is their practice of carrying out significance assessments of Aboriginal sites instead of referring the cultural heritage information to the ACMC per the requirements of the Act;
 - (ii) how many Aboriginal sites have been impacted following FMG's significance assessments where FMG determine whether the law applies to sites; and
 - (iii) how many sites have been damaged, destroyed, altered or concealed through the use of FMG's Cultural Salvage Permit without the express permission from the Minister under section 18 of the Act;
- (l) if no to (k), when will the Minister seek this information from FMG and when does the Minister expect to report back to this Parliament with the findings;

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- (m) will the Minister confirm if the Minister or the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage gave advice to FMG about their obligations to comply with the section 18 conditions attached to the consent granted by the Minister on 30 November 2017, reference 69-03609 that required FMG to invite traditional owners to salvage their cultural material;
- (n) if no to (m), why not;
- (o) will the Minister confirm whether FMG has complied with the condition of consent that requires FMG to invite, in writing, representatives of Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation to have reasonable access to the land to conduct cultural salvage;
- (p) if yes to (o), why;
- (q) if no to (o), why not;
- (r) will the Minister seek to prosecute FMG under section 55 of the Act for not complying with the section 18 consent conditions issued by the Minister on 30 November 2017;
- (s) if no to ®, why not; and
- (t) if yes to ®, when?

1751. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to question on notice No 1604, in which the Minister for Health advised the department was awaiting the outcomes of the July Debilitating Symptom Complexes Attributed to Ticks Patient Forum before considering a Western Australian based approach to Lyme-Like illness, and I ask:

- (a) given the report has now been released what concrete actions have been taken by Western Australia Health towards advancing the outcomes contained in this report;
- (b) in particular:
 - (i) what is the Government doing to raise awareness in the community and amongst general practitioners about Lyme-like illness; and
 - (ii) does the Government intend to put in place education programs to prevent people acquiring tick borne infections; and
- (c) has the Minister given further consideration to a state-wide specialist support service?

1752. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to the Mental Health Commission's request for tender seeking to expand the number of beds in the South West of Western Australia by up to three low medical withdrawal/stabilisation beds and up to 30 residential alcohol and drug treatment beds which closed on 30 July 2018, and I ask:

- (a) have providers been selected to deliver these services;
- (b) if no to (a), why not; and
- (c) if yes to (1) please:
 - (i) list the successful applicants;

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- (ii) advise the number of beds allocated by location; and
- (iii) advise if any beds are reserved for priority populations and, if so, which populations and associated number of beds?

1753. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to Western Australia Health's service contract with Parkinson's Western Australia for four full time equivalent Parkinson's Nurse Specialists which expires on 30 June 2019, and I ask:

- (a) will Western Australia Health be renewing their service contract with Parkinson's Western Australia to ensure this valuable service continues beyond June 2019;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), will funding be maintained to ensure Parkinson's Western Australia are able to continue to employ 4 nurses; and
- (d) if no to (c), please advise of the Government intentions in relation to funding Parkinson's Western Australia Nurse Specialists?

1754. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment; Disability Services:

I refer to the planned transfer of 200 Local Coordinators from the Department of Communities to the National Disability Insurance Agency, and I ask:

- (a) how many Local Coordinators have been transferred to the National Disability Insurance Agency as of 30 October 2018;
- (b) are the numbers transferred to date in accordance with the original schedule;
- (c) if no to (b), why not; and
- (d) when is the full transfer of Local Coordinator staff scheduled to be completed by?

1755. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to the Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS) and charges applied to patients in order to receive an annual medical assessment in order to retain a motor vehicle drivers license, and I ask:

- (a) for how long has WACHS been charging for the assessment for non-commercial assessments;
- (b) at what locations has this practice been occurring;
- (c) at each location identified in (b), how many occasions per year have been identified in which a charge has been applied;
- (d) how has it occurred that this over-charging appears to be contained to sites located in the Kimberley despite WACHS operating state wide; and
- (e) please table a copy of any circular, advice or direction distributed to WACHS sites with respect to charging for services above mentioned?

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1756. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the State Government's election commitment to establish a 'specialist local procurement officer' in each Regional Development Commission (RDC) and I ask:

- (a) with respect to each RDC please advise:
 - (i) the name of each specialist local procurement officer;
 - (ii) the employment level of each position;
 - (iii) the commencement date of each position;
 - (iv) if the position is full-time or part-time and if part-time the extent to which it is part-time; and
 - (v) if the position has responsibilities other than that of a specialist local procurement officer and if so what those responsibilities are;
- (b) what are the key performance indicators by which the success of these positions can be assessed;
- (c) on how many occasions has each officer directly assisted a regionally located business to secure a government contract;
- (d) of those identified in (c,) please identify the business and the contract identified;
- (e) on how many occasions have officers supported decision making for the awarding of State Government contracts; and
- (f) of those identified in (e), please identify the contract and the decision making process assisted by the officer?

1757. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement:

I refer to work undertaken at the Perth GPO Building in Forrest Place, and specifically to work on the H&M shop site, for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2017, and I ask:

- (a) did Worksafe visit this site;
- (b) if yes, on what dates;
- (c) did Worksafe issue any improvement notices;
- (d) if yes, for each improvement notice please advise:
 - (i) the date the notice was issued;
 - (ii) the subject of the improvement notice; and
 - (iii) please table a copy of the notice;
- (e) did Worksafe issue any prohibition notices;
- (f) if yes, for each prohibition notice please advise:
 - (i) the date the notice was issued;
 - (ii) the subject of the prohibition notice; and
 - (iii) please table a copy of the notice;
- (g) did Worksafe issue any fines; and

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- (h) if yes, for each fine issued please advise:
 - (i) the date the fine was issued;
 - (ii) the fine amount; and
 - (iii) the reason the fine was issued?

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