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- 3961. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
- 3962. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 3963. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

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- 3964. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
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- 3978. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education

Questions listed for this sitting: -

- 3979. Ms L.L. Baker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) What was the weekday average total boarding for each station on the Midland line during March 2010?
- (2) What is the cost of installing entry barriers at a train station?
- 3980. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) On what days and at what times did the Department of Transport monitor the noise levels of the freight trains in Woodbridge, which the Minister refers to in an article in the ECHO newspaper dated 7 August 2010?
- (2) Will the Minister make public the results from the monitoring that took place; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

3981. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

In relation to Government support for the arts, I ask:

- (a) does the Minister support Western Australian arts funding being used for exhibitions, prizes or awards that condone plagiarism or copyright violation;
- (b) does the Department have any guidelines or contract conditions regarding plagiarism or copyright violation;
- (c) has the Minister or his department provided any guidance or advice to Lotterywest, Tourism Western Australia, the Royalties for Regions Division of the Department of Regional Development and Lands or any other government department and/or agency regarding plagiarism or copyright violation; and
 - (i) if not, why not;
- (d) does the Minister support as best practice the Royal Agricultural Show Open Art Award's current 'Open Art Exhibition Application for Entry' form which includes a signed declaration that the submitted artwork is entirely the work of the submitting artist, has not been previously exhibited and is not a direct copy of published photos or other artists' work;
- (e) is the Minister aware of plagiarism allegations, first detailed in the 'Inside Cover' column in *The West Australian* newspaper earlier this year surrounding the winning entry in the 2008 prize Royal Agricultural Show Open Art Award (RAS), 'Going to Town' by artist Mirella Pica which was found to be a copy of another artist's work, which had been previously published in 2007;
- (f) what is the Minister's vision for artists who feel they have been victims of plagiarism and publicly funded bodies who award prizes to plagiarised work;
- (g) regardless of whether the department is directly funding the RAS art awards, as the RAS receives public funding, will the Minister recommend to the government that future RAS funding, regardless of which agency is the conduit, be conditional on respect for copyright and ethical intellectual copyright;
- (h) has the Minister made formal or informal contact with the RAS over the issue of the 2008 prize and will he demand that the RAS adhere to its own art award guidelines; and
- (i) can the Minister table all correspondence on this issue received and sent within his ministerial and electorate office, and his Department?

3982. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Auditor General's Report, 'Fitting and Maintaining Safety Devices in Public Housing', and ask as at 10 September 2010:

- (a) what funding has been provided to enhance the 'Caretaker' system;
- (b) what specific enhancements have been made to the 'Caretaker' system;
- (c) what percentage of maintenance and property services staff have received training regarding the Department's procedures to manage safety devices and record property information correctly; and
- (d) has the recommended review of the Department's other safety maintenance policies, programmes and procedures taken place; and
 - (i) if not, why not?

3983. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

Outside of stimulus-funded public housing dwellings, will new or existing properties owned by the Department of Housing have their freehold titles transferred over to Community Housing Organisations?

3984. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing

- (1) Of the stimulus-funded public housing dwellings being transferred to the Community Housing Organisations, how many of those dwellings have been built on existing Department of Housing Land?
- (2) What is the total value of the land to be transferred?

3985. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 2621 regarding meetings between himself and his staff with Professor Clive Palmer, or a representative of Professor Palmer or Mineralogy, and ask:

- (a) could the Minister name all persons present at the meetings with Professor Palmer, or a representative of Professor Palmer or Mineralogy, on the following dates:
 - (i) 3 February 2009;
 - (ii) 3 April 2009;
 - (iii) 29 May 2009;
 - (iv) 11 August 2009;
 - (v) 26 March 2010; and
 - (vi) 12 May 2010?

3986. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) Since 20 May 2010 has the Minster met with businessman and mining identity Professor Clive Palmer; and
 - (a) if so, on what dates, and what was the subject of discussion?
- (2) Since 20 May 2010 has the Minister met with any representatives of the company Mineralogy; and
 - (a) if so, on what dates, and what was the subject of discussion?

- (3) Since 20 May 2010 has the Minister met with any lobbyists representing Professor Clive Palmer or Mineralogy; and
 - (a) if so, on what dates, and what was the subject of discussion?
- (4) Since 20 May 2010 have any of the Minister's ministerial staff met with Professor Clive Palmer; and
 - (a) if so, what are the names of the staff member/s, on what dates were meetings held and what was the subject of discussion?
- (5) Since 20 May 2010 have any of the Minister's ministerial staff met with any representative of Mineralogy; and
 - if so, what are the names of the staff member/s, on what dates were meetings held and what was the subject of discussion?
- (6) Since 20 May 2010 have any of the Minister's ministerial staff met with any lobbyists representing Professor Clive Palmer or Mineralogy; and
 - (a) if so, what are the names of the staff member/s, on what dates were meetings held and what was the subject of discussion?
- (7) For any meetings held between the Minister, or the Minister's staff, with Professor Palmer, or a representative of Mineralogy, or a lobbyist representing Professor Palmer or Mineralogy, could the Minister name all persons other than the Minister or the Minister's staff present at the meeting/s?

3987. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question without Notice No. 433 on 19 August 2010 from the Member for North West regarding the trial rice crops in the Ord area, including the Minister's explanation that 1,700 tonnes of rice were grown on 240 hectares of land, or 7.083 tonnes per hectare, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that this yield is below Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE) estimates for rice production in Australia which are 8.71 tonnes per hectare (2008–2009), 10.79 tonnes per hectare (2009–2010), 9.00 tonnes per hectare (2010–2011) and 8.29 tonnes per hectare (five year average);
- (b) can the Minister explain why the Ord lands appear on the surface of this information to be less productive than the average for Australia's other rice growing areas;
- (c) can the Minister advise at what total production tonnage will the Ord scheme be economically sustainable for rice production;
- (d) can the Minister advise where the rice will be processed;
- (e) if the rice is to be processed overseas, as stated by the Minister on 19 August 2010, will the rice be re-imported to Australia; and
- (f) if the rice is to be processed overseas and then re-imported to Australia, what quarantine arrangements will be required by Australian authorities?

3988. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Treasurer

I refer to Legislative Assembly Tabled Papers Nos 2106 and 2445 and I note that Tabled Paper No. 2106 states that the individual cost of each review, board, committee or taskforce in respect of the Red Tape Reduction Group is said to be \$53,527. However, Tabled Paper No. 2445, which sets out all individual costs for the Red Tape Reduction Group, lists expenses for the Red Tape Reduction Group of \$73,179.32, and I ask:

- (a) why were the full costs of the Red Tape Reduction Group not included in the figure contained in Tabled Paper No. 2106;
- (b) what is the aggregate hours that each member of the Regulatory Reform Group of the Department of Treasury and Finance applied solely to the Red Tape Reduction Group (such as attending formal and informal meetings, travelling time, writing and preparing briefings);
- (c) at what public service grade is each of these officers engaged; and
- (d) including the costs of salaries and the other expenses which were not included in Tabled Paper No. 2106 for the Red Tape Reduction Group, what was the actual (full and complete) costs of the Red Tape Reduction Group?

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly