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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 6 May 2014***1089. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to any substantiated cases of abuse of children in the care of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and ask:

- (a) how many substantiated cases of abuse of children in the care of the CEO, if any, were reported from 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014;
- (b) what was the type of abuse, if any, of substantiated cases of abuse of children in the care of the CEO for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014; and
- (c) what was the date of substantiated cases of abuse of children in the care of the CEO, from 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014?

1090. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) What was the total funding amount allocated to women's refuge accommodation in the following periods:
 - (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 2013-2014?
- (2) What is the total funding amount planned to be allocated to women's refuge accommodation in each of the following periods:
 - (a) 2014-2015;
 - (b) 2015-2016; and
 - (c) 2016-2017?
- (3) What percentage of the total funding listed in response to (1) was provided by the Federal Government through the National Affordable Housing Agreement and the National Partnership on Homelessness?

1091. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to question on notice No. 723 and ask, what is the breakdown by job title of each employee approved for severance for all of the locations detailed in the response to (8)?

1092. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to question on notice No. 722 and ask, what is the breakdown by job title of each employee approved for severance for all locations detailed in the response to (8)?

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 6 May 2014***1093. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to question on notice No. 722 and ask, in reference to the response to part (5), which positions in what locations have been abolished within the department for the following periods:

- (a) 2013-2014 to date;
- (b) 2012-2013; and
- (c) 2012-2011?

1094. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to question on notice No. 723 and ask, what is the breakdown by job title of each employee approved for severance for all locations detailed in the response to (8)?

1095. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the spillage of the toxic herbicide paraquat through Maddington and Kewdale, which was reported on 29 January 2014, and ask:

- (a) how far did the herbicide spread; and
- (b) what advice was provided to residents in the affected streets and others who may have come into contact with the pesticide?

1096. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the spillage of the toxic herbicide paraquat through Maddington and Kewdale, which was reported on 29 January 2014, and ask:

- (a) who was responsible for the spillage; and
- (b) what penalties have been paid by those responsible?

1097. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) With reference to question on notice No. 964 answered on 9 April 2014, has any funding been allocated by the State Government for the development of heatwave plans?
- (2) If yes (1), please provide details?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

1098. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) With reference to question on notice No. 964 answered on 9 April 2014, has any funding been allocated by the State Government for the evaluation of escalating bushfire risks?
- (2) If yes (1), please provide details?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

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- (1) With reference to question on notice No. 964 answered on 9 April 2014, has any funding been allocated by the State Government for measures to mitigate risks from sea level rise?
- (2) If yes (1), please provide details?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

1100. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) With reference to question on notice No. 964 answered on 9 April 2014, has any funding been allocated by the State Government for measures to mitigate risks from sea level rise?
- (2) If yes to (1), please provide details?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

1101. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) With reference to question on notice No. 964 answered on 9 April 2014, has any funding been allocated by the State Government for research to deliver new crop varieties suited to hotter, drier climates?
- (2) If yes to (1), please provide details?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

1102. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the proposal by Australian Worldwide Exploration Limited (AWE Ltd) to carry out an onshore unconventional gas fracking operation called Drover 01 in the Shire of Coorow in the Mid West, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the location of the proposal;
- (b) what advice did the Minister or the Department of Water (DOW) provide to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in relation to this project and whether or not it ought to be assessed by the EPA;
- (c) is the Minister aware that the proposed fracking operation is close to a proclaimed Priority 1 public drinking water source area called the Mount Perron bore field (or well field);
- (d) can the Minister confirm how close the proposed Drover 01 frack well is to the Mount Perron public drinking water supply bore field and water storage facility;
- (e) did the Minister or the DOW make the EPA specifically aware that the proposed fracking operation is close to the Mount Perron proclaimed public drinking water supply bore field and water storage facility, which supplies the community of Green Head with drinking water;
- (f) if yes to (e), how and when did this notification occur;
- (g) if no to (e), why not;

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- (h) if and when AWE Ltd carries out a full horizontal drilling and fracking campaign based on the Drover 01 well, how far might that extend in any given direction, given overseas experience;
- (i) is the Minister aware that the 2008 DOW report on the management of the Mount Perron facility refers to the Mount Peron well field area as a 'leaky semi-confined aquifer'?
- (j) is the Minister aware that a meeting was convened on 31 October 2013 between officers from the DoW, Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), Office of the EPA and the proponent to discuss the proposal;
- (k) if yes to (j), did the DoW officials make it clear to those present that the proposed frack well is in close proximity to a proclaimed, Priority 1 public drinking water source bore field;
- (l) if no to (j), why not;
- (m) is the Minister aware that nowhere in the public documents produced by the EPA or the proponent (AWE Ltd) in relation to this proposal is there any mention of the fact that the proposed frack well is close to, or anywhere near, a proclaimed public drinking water source area;
- (n) will the Minister conduct a transparent investigation to establish whether DoW either failed in its statutory responsibility to alert the EPA and the public about the proximity of the frack well to the proclaimed public drinking water source area, or, alternatively, colluded with the proponent to ensure this information was withheld from the EPA and the public;
- (o) if no to (n), why not;
- (p) given the proximity of the proposed frack well to the proclaimed public drinking water source area and the non-assessment of this by the EPA, will the Minister intervene to prevent any fracking of Drover 01 pending a proper assessment; and
- (q) if no to (p), why not?

1103. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the proposal by Australian Worldwide Exploration Limited (AWE Ltd) to carry out an onshore unconventional gas fracking operation called Drover 01 in the Shire of Coorow in the Mid-west, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm he has approved the proposal;
- (b) is the Minister aware that the proposed fracking operation is close to a proclaimed, Priority 1 public drinking water source area, called the Mount Perron bore field (or well field), operated by the Water Corporation;
- (c) can the Minister confirm how close the proposed Drover 01 frack well is to the Mount Perron public drinking water supply bore field and water storage facility;
- (d) in making its decision not to assess the Drover 01 fracking proposal, was the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) specifically aware that the proposed fracking operation is close to a proclaimed public drinking water source bore field and water storage facility which supplies the community of Green Head with drinking water;

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- (e) if yes to (d), how and when did the EPA become aware of this;
- (f) if no to (d), why not;
- (g) if the EPA was aware of the proximity of a proclaimed public drinking water source bore field and water storage facility, why was there no reference to this important information in any publicly available EPA report on this proposal, including its public advice released on 18 November 2013;
- (h) if and when AWE Ltd carries out a full horizontal drilling and fracking campaign based on the Drover 01 well, how far might that extend in any given direction, given overseas experience;
- (i) is the Minister aware of the 2008 Department of Water report on the management of the Mount Perron facility which refers to the Mount Peron well field area as a “leaky semi-confined aquifer”;
- (j) is the Minister aware that a meeting was convened on 31 October 2013 between officers from the Department of Water (DoW), Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), Office of the EPA and the proponent to discuss the proposal;
- (k) at the meeting in (j), did the Office of the EPA officials ask any questions about the Mount Perron public drinking water source area and facility;
- (l) if no to (k), why not;
- (m) will the Minister conduct a transparent investigation to establish whether the EPA either failed in its statutory responsibility to alert the public about the proximity of the frack well to a proclaimed public drinking water source area, or, alternatively, colluded with the proponent to ensure this information was withheld from the public;
- (n) if no to (m), why not;
- (o) given the proximity of the proposed frack well to a proclaimed public drinking water source area and the non-disclosure and non-assessment of this by the EPA, will the Minister cancel his approval of the proposal and insist the EPA carry out its statutory functions lawfully; and
- (p) if no to (o), why not?

1104. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

Up until 31 December 2009 Rangeland Condition Monitoring (RCM) was undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA) for the Pastoral Land Board (PLB) by onsite inspections. This system has ceased. The new RCM system requires pastoral lessees to monitor the Rangeland Condition and report annually to the PLB via an online portal called ARCADIA managed by DAFWA. All RCM sites must be installed and baseline data collected by 2015. I ask:

- (a) how many lessees have reported data during the period 31 December 2009 to 31 December 2013;
- (b) although mandatory reporting does not come into effect until 2016, how has DAFWA and/or PLB monitored the 452 Stations since 31 December 2009;
- (c) what guidelines will be used in determining whether a pastoral lease is renewed, and what constitutes a viable property, for example carrying capacity, soil, and vegetation condition; and

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- (d) where it can be established that minimal pastoral activity is being undertaken, and by the use of a diversification permit income is realised by camping fees, should the pastoralist be subject to appropriate Caravan Park Operator Rates?

1105. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice No. 855, asked on 11 March 2014, regarding water towers in remote communities, and I ask:

- (a) for all of the water towers that cannot be filled or are substandard, what is the filling regime;
- (b) is the filling regime having an impact on power generation in each of the community locations or regions;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), why and how;
- (e) what is the level of load being placed on each community location or region during the filling regime;
- (f) please list the water consumption efficiency measures that have been introduced to affected communities, for example education, spring loaded taps with auto turn on and off, repairs to leaking taps and pipes;
- (g) if none to (f), why not;
- (h) does the infrastructure of the remaining water towers meet safety requirements;
- (i) if yes to (h), please list the water towers that do;
- (j) if no to (h), please list the water towers that do not;
- (k) of the ones listed in (j), does the department have any plans to replace the water towers;
- (l) if yes to (k), which water towers are to be replaced and when; and
- (m) if not to (k), which water towers are not to be replaced and why not?

1106. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the *Your Guide to the 2013/2014 Fire Season* from the City of Swan that can be found at: <http://www.robinchapple.com/qdata> which outlines that Building Protections Zones (BPZs) are required around all buildings/structures of 20 metres; no vegetation above five centimetres allowed within a 20 metres perimeter of any building/ structure beyond this initial 20 metres perimeter, and a further 80 metres BPZ perimeter where vegetation is maintained at or below the rate of 8 tonnes per hectare, and I ask:

- (a) has the City of Swan starting enforcing these bush fire regulations;
- (b) if yes to (a), on what date did this start;
- (c) must residents in the area comply with these guidelines if they wish planning permission to be approved for either an addition, shed, or to commence building a new home; and

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- (d) from the currently proposed bush fire protection measures:
 - (i) what is the extent of land clearing;
 - (ii) what is the impact on wildlife; and
 - (iii) what is the impact of soil erosion?

1107. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to recent hydraulic fracturing (fracking) activities at Arrowsmith 02 near Eneabba, and I ask:

- (a) when did the fracking operation(s) occur;
- (b) who conducted the fracking operation(s);
- (c) is the Minister aware that about 40 x 1000 litre plastic containers full of diesel oil, and possibly other chemicals, are stored uncovered and un-bunded on this frack site;
- (d) how long have the containers been there;
- (e) have the containers been inspected by officers from the Department of Mines and Petroleum:
 - (i) if yes to (e), when did this occur and what were the findings;
- (f) is the long term storage of these 1000 litre plastic containers full of chemicals on the frack site approved under the plans and conditions that apply to this operation under the department's regulatory system:
 - (i) if yes to (f), will the Minister please table these plans and conditions, and if not, why not;
- (g) is the Minister aware that several of these 1000 litre plastic containers are now leaking onto the ground:
 - (i) if yes to (g), what has been done to rectify the situation; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), why not and will the Minister now order an investigation;
- (h) who is responsible for the safe storage, removal and disposal of these chemicals; and
- (i) if the company is responsible, will it be prosecuted if found to be negligent, causing pollution:
 - (i) if no to (i), why not?

1108. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the article 'Nullagine Outraged at Tree Lopping' in the *North West Telegraph* on 24 February 2014, and I ask:

- (a) did Main Roads remove the river gums on Marble Bay Road in Nullagine;
- (b) if no to (a), who was responsible for the removal of the river gums;
- (c) if yes to (a), why were the river gums removed;
- (d) if yes to (a), did Main Roads consult with the Shire of East Pilbara or the Nullagine community regarding the removal of the river gums on Marble Bay Road in Nullagine;

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- (e) if yes (d), what were the forms of consultation and on which dates did consultation take place; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

1109. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

With regard to the Mt Gibson Iron Limited operations on Koolan Island, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that there have been numerous problems relating to the company's operations on Koolan Island in recent months;
- (b) what action is the company and its sub-contractor(s) required to take to clean up the oil leaks and spills from the mobile crushing unit(s) on site;
- (c) what is the company doing to manage the infestation of weeds on the island, particularly the wild passion vine *passiflora foetida*;
- (d) what action is the company taking to prevent further overtopping of the main pit, which is below sea level, as occurred during the recent wet season months:
 - (i) what was the impact on the nearby marine ecosystem of this event;
 - (ii) what did the company do to clean up after this event;
 - (iii) has the clean-up effort been monitored, and by whom;
 - (iv) if no to (iii), why not;
 - (v) has the company been fined for allowing the overtopping to occur;
 - (vi) if no to (v), why not; and
 - (vii) if yes to (v), what was the fine and when was it issued; and
- (e) what method is currently in place to secure the sheer, sloping rock face located on the island side of the main pit:
 - (i) what is the angle of the slope;
 - (ii) why are there no benches built into it;
 - (iii) does the Minister believe this is a safe way to operate; and
 - (iv) if no to (iii), why not?

1110. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

With regard to the Stolen Wages Taskforce report *Reconciling the Past: Government control of Aboriginal monies in Western Australia, 1905-1972* published in 2008, I ask:

- (a) given that the Minister's standard reply to questions regarding the scheme is 'the State Government's response to the issue of stolen wages was largely based on advice from the Stolen Wages Taskforce', why is it that only one of the taskforce's policy options and recommendations 'establish a scheme for an *ex-gratia* 'Common experience payment' to those still living ...' has been adopted and acted upon by the Minister;

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- (b) will the Minister act on policy recommendation 10.2.1 and make a formal acknowledgement in the Western Australian Parliament through a ministerial statement that includes a formal apology for the impacts of Government controls over Aboriginal people, as well as other parts of this recommendation:
 - (i) if yes to (b), when will the Minister do this; and
 - (ii) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) will the Minister act on the other recommendations of the taskforce, such as constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people in the State's Constitution, formal recognition through a policy of 'Welcome to Country' for all events of public significance, community recognition through projects such as funds for memorials, and public recognition through encouraging the use of the Aboriginal flag on Government and other buildings:
 - (i) if yes to (c), which of these will the Minister act on and when will this take place; and
 - (ii) if no to (c), why not;
- (d) will the Government establish a community experience fund to encourage economic development, to acknowledge the broader impact of lost economic opportunity for those who are now deceased and whose money was controlled:
 - (i) if yes to (d), when will the fund be established and who will have oversight of it; and
 - (ii) if no to (d), why not;
- (e) will the Government establish an oral history program, as recommended by the taskforce:
 - (i) if yes to (e), when will this take place; and
 - (ii) if no to (e), why not;
- (f) will the Government establish a program of community healing and therapeutic services aimed at dealing with the effects of past Government controls as recommended by the taskforce:
 - (i) if yes to (f), when will this take place; and
 - (ii) if no to (f), why not;
- (g) will the Government establish an Aboriginal history service, as recommended by the taskforce:
 - (i) if yes to (g), when will this take place; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), why not; and
- (h) will the Government establish a program to train Aboriginal archivists, as recommended by the taskforce:
 - (i) if yes to (h), when will this occur; and
 - (ii) if no to (h), why not?

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1111. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

With regard to Aboriginal public sector employment, I ask:

- (a) does the Government have public sector employment policies and targets aimed at improving prospects for Aboriginal people:
 - (i) if yes to (a), what are the targets and when were they established;
 - (ii) if yes to (a), how often are they reviewed;
 - (iii) if yes to (a), do the targets and policies vary from one part of the State to another, urban versus rural versus remote; and
 - (iv) if no to (a), why not; and
- (b) does the Government have qualitative as well as quantitative targets for the employment of Aboriginal people in the public sector:
 - (i) if yes to (b), what are they and how is progress monitored; and
 - (ii) if no to (b), why not?

1112. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

With regard to Aboriginal public sector employment, I ask:

- (a) does the Government have public sector employment policies and targets aimed at improving prospects for Aboriginal people:
 - (i) if yes to (a), what are the targets and when were they established;
 - (ii) if yes to (a), how often are they reviewed;
 - (iii) if yes to (a), do the targets and policies vary from one part of the State to another, urban versus rural versus remote; and
 - (iv) if no to (a), why not; and
- (b) does the Government have qualitative as well as quantitative targets for the employment of Aboriginal people in the public sector:
 - (i) if yes to (b), what are they and how is progress monitored; and
 - (ii) if no to (b), why not?

1113. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the plans of Rey Resources Ltd to truck coal from its proposed Duchess Paradise mine for 175 kms along the Great Northern Highway and then down the main street of Derby to the Derby wharf, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that under this plan, there would at peak operation be up to 140 truck movements each day (70 full; 70 empty), 24 hours a day, along the highway and through the centre of Derby, involving triple trailer road trains with a load capacity of about 100 tonnes of coal each;

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- (b) based on departmental records, how many road trains of this size per day currently travel:
 - (i) along this section of the Great Northern Highway; and
 - (ii) through the centre of Derby;
- (c) have either the Department of Transport or Main Roads conducted any studies or produced any reports assessing the health and safety risks and impacts of this transport proposal in relation to local communities in the Fitzroy valley, the residents of Derby, tourists and other road users:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (c), will the Minister table those studies or reports;
- (d) have officials from either agency held any meetings with Rey Resources Ltd to discuss any concerns in relation to community health and safety issues arising from the coal transport plan;
- (e) does the Minister believe it is responsible to expose local communities and visitors to the region to this type and level of transport proposal without proper assessment and consultation about the health and safety risks and likely impacts;
- (f) what monitoring of impacts on the residents of Derby and the Fitzroy valley, including accidents, noise, coal dust and diesel fumes, will be undertaken by government agencies if this proposal proceeds:
 - (i) if none, why not; and
- (g) if accidents or other serious harm result from this transport proposal, will the Minister or the department be legally liable due to a failure to properly investigate, inform and intervene in this matter?

1114. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Road Safety:

I refer to the plans of Rey Resources Ltd to truck coal from its proposed Duchess Paradise mine for 175 kms along the Great Northern Highway and then down the main street of Derby to the Derby wharf, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that under this plan, there would at peak operation be up to 140 truck movements each day (70 full; 70 empty), 24 hours a day, along the highway and through the centre of Derby, involving triple trailer road trains with a load capacity of about 100 tonnes of coal each;
- (b) based on government records, how many road trains of this size per day currently travel:
 - (i) along this section of the Great Northern Highway; and
 - (ii) through the centre of Derby;
- (c) have the Minister's Road Safety officers conducted any studies or produced any reports assessing the safety risks and impacts of this transport proposal in relation to local communities in the Fitzroy valley, the residents of Derby, tourists and other road users:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (c), will the Minister table those studies or reports;

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- (d) have officials from Road Safety held any meetings with Rey Resources Ltd to discuss any concerns in relation to community safety issues arising from the coal transport plan;
- (e) does the Minister believe it is responsible to expose local communities and visitors to the region to this type and level of transport proposal without proper assessment and consultation about the safety risks and likely impacts;
- (f) what monitoring of impacts on the residents of Derby, including accidents, noise, coal dust and diesel fumes, will be undertaken by government agencies if this proposal proceeds:
 - (i) if none, why not; and
- (g) if accidents or other serious harm result from this transport proposal, will the Minister or the Road Safety officers be legally liable due to a failure to properly investigate, inform and intervene in this matter?

1115. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

In relation to the Federal Government's push for new dams across Australia, I ask:

- (a) has the Minister recently met with the Federal Agriculture Minister, Hon Barnaby Joyce, to discuss possible new dams in Western Australia;
- (b) if yes to (a), in the course of these discussions can the Minister confirm that the following possible locations for new dams were discussed:
 - (i) Scott River in the South West;
 - (ii) a site near Albany on the South coast;
 - (iii) the Midwest-Gascoyne region, including Murchison Palaeovalley and West Midlands;
 - (iv) the Kimberley; and
 - (v) the Pilbara's West Canning Basin aquifer and alluvial aquifers in the Hamersley Range;
- (c) if yes to (a), in relation to the Kimberley, specifically what location or locations were discussed;
- (d) if yes to (a), in relation to the South coast near Albany, specifically what location or locations were discussed; and
- (e) what is the Government's policy on constructing new dams in the South West and the Kimberley?

1116. Hon Nick Goiran to the Attorney General:

In the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, how many minors were convicted for child exploitation material offences under Chapter XXV of the *Criminal Code*?

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1117. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the 2012 amendments to the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) to provide for the joint management of lands and waters involving the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW), formerly the Department of Environment and Conservation, and other parties, and I ask:

- (a) when did the new provisions come into effect;
- (b) how many joint management arrangements or agreements have been finalised and formally entered into by DPAW since then, and to which places do they apply:
 - (i) if none, why is this the case;
- (c) how many joint management arrangements or agreements have been proposed or requested since then but not finalised, and to which places do they apply:
 - (i) for each proposal or place in answer to (c), at what stage of negotiation are these proposals or requests;
- (d) has DPAW proactively sought or initiated any such arrangements or agreements with any interested parties since the amendments came into effect:
 - (i) if yes to (d), with whom and for which places;
- (e) does DPAW have a budget to either initiate or respond to requests for such joint management agreements or arrangements:
 - (i) if yes to (e), what is the annual budget and how much has been used this financial year to date;
- (f) are there any published or internal criteria governing the assessment of proposals for joint management received from interested parties:
 - (i) if yes to (f), will the Minister table them; and
 - (ii) if no to (f), why not;
- (g) are there any cases where proposals will automatically be refused by DPAW;
- (h) who in DPAW is responsible for initiating or negotiating joint management agreements or arrangements; and
- (i) how does the Minister propose to increase the use of the joint management provisions of the CALM Act, given statements made at the time as to the significance of the amendments?

1118. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the recent upsurge of interest in the future of one of Western Australia's most outstanding biodiversity assets, the Helena and Aurora Range in the Yilgarn region, and I ask:

- (a) did the Minister recently visit the Helena and Aurora Range in company with the Minister for Mines and various departmental advisers:
 - (i) if yes to (a), what was the purpose of the visit;
- (b) did the Minister discuss the proposal for the range to be declared a National Park:
 - (i) if yes to (b), what was the outcome of the discussion and what conclusions were drawn;

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- (c) did the Minister discuss the proposed mining of parts of the range:
 - (i) if yes to (c), what was the outcome of the discussion and what conclusions were drawn;
- (d) is the Minister aware of recommendations dating back over 30 years for the range to be fully protected, including recommendations by the then Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), now the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA);
- (e) did the Minister discuss the recently enunciated EPA position that mining of the range within the Helena and Aurora Range Conservation Park was unlikely to be acceptable:
 - (i) if yes to (e), what was the outcome of the discussion and what conclusions were drawn;
- (f) did the Minister discuss recent decisions by the Government to protect other significant parts of Western Australia from mining, namely Margaret River in the South West and Horizontal Waterfalls in the Kimberley, and how the same approach could be applied in the case of the Helena and Aurora Range:
 - (i) if no to (f), why not;
- (g) has the Minister met with representatives from Polaris Metals Limited since assuming the role of Minister for the Environment:
 - (i) if yes to (g), was the Helena and Aurora Range discussed and, if so, what was the outcome of discussions;
- (h) has the Minister met with representatives of Mineral Resources Limited since assuming the role of Minister for the Environment:
 - (i) if yes to (h), was the Helena and Aurora Range discussed and, if so, what was the outcome of discussions; and
- (i) has the Minister met with any of the groups proposing the Helena and Aurora Range become a National Park to discuss the proposal:
 - (i) if no to (i), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (i), what was the outcome of discussions?

1119. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

With regard to an application under the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia by Mr Gordon Barney of Warmun Aboriginal Community in the East Kimberley and its refusal, his subsequent request for a review of his case, which was also refused, and ongoing complaints about the scheme, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please advise what action Mr Barney can now take in order to recoup the wages that have so far been withheld;
- (b) what role did the Government of the day play in permitting station managers to withhold wages from Aboriginal employees;
- (c) were station managers permitted under Western Australian law to similarly withhold wages from non-Aboriginal employees:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not;

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- (d) if there was a discrepancy between the treatment of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal station workers, does the Minister consider this to be fair and reasonable:
 - (i) if no to (d), why not and what will the Minister do to make amends; and
- (e) will the Minister apologise to Mr Barney and others who experienced similar treatment and make amends:
 - (i) if no to (e), why not?

1120. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

In relation to an application to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme Western Australia by Ms Helen Clifton, which was denied, and subsequent requests for re-consideration, which were also denied, I ask:

- (a) does the Minister accept that Ms Clifton's wages, for work she did on Bedford Station between the years 1955 and 1974, were withheld by station managers and that this was as a direct result of the Government policies and laws of the day:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (a), does the Minister agree that Ms Clifton should have a reasonable expectation of Government reparation:
 - (A) if no to (a)(ii), why not;
- (b) does the Minister accept that because of the hours spent working on the station in exchange for rations, Ms Clifton was denied a basic education and that this has had a profound effect on the rest of her life:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (b), does the Minister think this was fair;
- (c) were there any non-Aboriginal people working for rations only during the same years of 1955 to 1974;
- (d) will the Minister apologise to Ms Clifton and others in similar circumstances for the policy of the Government of the day, which made it lawful for station managers to use Aboriginal people's labour in exchange for rations only and in conditions that were inferior to those enjoyed by non-Aboriginal workers:
 - (i) if no to (d), why not; and
- (e) will the Minister institute a new scheme to address the experiences of people who worked on stations and whose wages were withheld:
 - (i) if no to (e), why not?

1121. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) Prior to the restructuring process, what was the total number of employees for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?

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- (2) How many employees were given redundancy packages during the restructuring process for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (3) What was the cost of the redundancy packages for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (4) How much revenue has the cut in the number of employees provided?
- (5) How many employees who received redundancy packages have since been hired as contract workers and/or consultants for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (6) Regarding the answer to (5), what was the total cost of hiring the contract workers and/or consultants?
- (7) Currently, what are the total number of employees for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?

1122. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the 'Diesel Particulate Study of Goldfields Mines' from *Resources Safety Matters*, Volume 2, Number 1, January 2014, pages 8-11 that may be found here: http://www.robinchapple.com/sites/default/files/RSM_Magazine_Jan14_Extract_0.pdf which outlines the finding that based on the time weighted average (TWA) exposure recorded on the day of sampling, 10 of 29 sites or 34 percent would have exceeded the accepted TWA exposure standard had workers been exposed to that environment for eight hours, and given that the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has publicised through the World Health Organisation (WHO) that an increased risk of death from lung cancer is found among underground miners exposed to diesel fumes, I ask:

- (a) will the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) enforce real-time ambient diesel particulate sampling of all underground mines in Western Australia to gauge ambient contaminant levels;
- (b) if yes to (a), when and how;
- (c) if no to (a), why not;
- (d) if no to (a), and as there is currently no national exposure standard for diesel particulates, how will DMP assess and control diesel emissions to an acceptable standard;

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- (e) given that the lowest diesel particulate TWA and peak measurements were recorded at mine sites that had quality diesel emissions management plans, will DMP enforce the use of these plans for all mine sites;
- (f) if yes to (e), when and how;
- (g) if no to (e), why not;
- (h) will DMP include direct personal exposure monitoring in future studies;
- (i) if yes to (h), when and how;
- (j) if no to (h), why not;
- (k) given the sites that committed to fitting diesel particulate filters to all underground machinery had the lowest exposure data for both TWA and peak readings, will DMP enforce all mine sites fit diesel particulate filters, and other emission controls including an effective maintenance regime, low sulphur fuel, low ash engine oil, and a doubling of the frequency at which air filters were being replaced;
- (l) if yes to (k), when and how;
- (m) if no to (k), why not;
- (n) will the Minister enforce an industry standard for conducting primary and secondary ventilation surveys and for reporting the measured data;
- (o) if yes to (n), when and how;
- (p) if no to (n), why not;
- (q) will the Minister enforce an industry standard in the levels of experience, competence and authority of statutory appointed ventilation officers;
- (r) if yes to (q), when and how;
- (s) if no to (q), why not; and
- (t) will the Minister table any future further sampling and studies of remaining underground mines in Western Australia?

1123. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to all electricity accidents/incidents, including electrical shocks, accidents and fatalities, and fuel gas incidents that occur in Western Australia, and as reported to the Department of Commerce-EnergySafety under the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991*, and Regulation 42 of the *Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999* for the following energy providers Horizon Power, Wester Power, including the South West interconnected system, Alinta Networks, Synergy, Verve Energy, Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton Newman and BHP Billiton Nickel West, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide details of how many work safety incidents have occurred over the past three months (please list the numbers specific to each energy provider);
- (b) will the Minister please provide details of how many investigations into the work safety incidents are currently being conducted (please list the numbers specific to each energy provider);

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- (c) will the Minister please provide details of how many investigations are currently outstanding (please list the numbers specific to each energy provider); and
- (d) if the Minister will not provide details for (a), (b), and/or (c), why not?

1124. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the Coolgardie State Battery Mineral Processing Reserve 9435 and the report by CSIRO Minerals, which may be found at: <http://www.robinchapple.com/sites/default/files/Hg%20speciation%20results.pdf>, and ask:

- (a) has the Department of Mines and Petroleum worked with the responsible parties, including the Department of Environment Regulation and the Contaminated Sites Committee to conduct an investigation of this site for contamination;
- (b) if yes to (a), is this a contaminated site;
- (c) if no to (a), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), who is responsible for ensuring remediation occurs;
- (e) if yes to (b), when will remediation occur; and
- (f) if the site is contaminated but remediation will not occur, why not?

1125. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Has the State Government or any of its agencies entered into any contracts for sale of land in the Elizabeth Quay development?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) which sites has it agreed to sell;
 - (b) what is the purchase price;
 - (c) who is the purchaser(s);
 - (d) on what date is it expected that the contract will become unconditional; and
 - (e) on what date is it expected that settlement will occur?
- (3) Does the Minister expect that for any land sold at the Elizabeth Quay development there will be conditions on the purchaser of the land to commence or complete development on the land within a certain timeframe?
- (4) If yes to (3):
 - (a) what does the Minister expect the conditions will be; and
 - (b) by what timeframe does the Minister expect them to be completed?
- (5) Are there any circumstances that would allow the purchaser to not comply with these conditions?
- (6) If yes to (5):
 - (a) what are they; and
 - (b) what penalties does the Minister expect if the development fails to meet any of the conditions?

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(7) If no to (1):

- (a) when does the Minister expect to enter into its first contract for sale;
- (b) what is the estimate purchase price;
- (c) who is expected to be the purchaser; and
- (d) on what date is it expected that settlement will occur?

1126. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposed Wandi North Station, and ask:

- (a) did the Government complete a plan for the Wandi North Station;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister table a copy;
- (c) how much was spent on the plan;
- (d) when did the Government decide not to build the Wandi North Station; and
- (e) what were the reasons for not building the Wandi North Station?

1127. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the proposed Wandi North Station, and ask:

- (a) did the Government complete a plan for the Wandi North Station;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister table a copy;
- (c) how much was spent on the plan;
- (d) when did the Government decide not to build the Wandi North Station; and
- (e) what were the reasons for not building the Wandi North Station?

1128. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government completed a plan for the Ellenbrook Bus Rapid Transit?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
- (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?

1129. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government completed a plan for the extension of Tonkin Highway to Jarrahdale?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
- (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?

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- (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
 - (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
 - (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?
- 1130. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) Has the Government completed a plan for the extension of the Mitchell Freeway to Hester Avenue?
 - (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
 - (3) If no to (1), why not?
 - (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
 - (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?
 - (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
 - (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
 - (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?
- 1131. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) Has the Government completed a plan for the overpass on Reid Highway at Malaga Drive?
 - (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
 - (3) If no to (1), why not?
 - (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
 - (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?
 - (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
 - (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
 - (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?
- 1132. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) Has the Government completed a public transport plan for the area covered by the Stirling Alliance?
 - (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
 - (3) If no to (1), why not?
 - (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
 - (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?
 - (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
 - (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
 - (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?

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- (1) Has the Government completed a light rail plan for the area covered by the Stirling Alliance?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
- (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?
- (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
- (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
- (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?

1134. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government completed a plan to relocate the Midland Train Station?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
- (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?
- (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
- (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
- (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?

1135. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government completed a plan to extend the Armadale Rail Line to Byford?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) When does the Minister expect this plan will be completed?
- (5) When does the Minister expect this plan will be released?
- (6) How much has been spent on the plan so far?
- (7) What is the nature of the works to date?
- (8) Who else, other than departmental staff are, or have, worked on this plan?

1136. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Canning Highway Signal Optimisation Trial, and ask:

- (a) what impact does the trial have on surrounding roads;
- (b) what monitoring is undertaken of the impacts on surrounding roads;
- (c) has there been any increase in the length of time it takes for vehicles to enter Canning Highway;

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- (d) if yes to (c), what is the increase; and
- (e) does the estimated time savings include any increase in the length of time it takes for vehicles to access Canning Highway?

1137. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government carried out any assessment of a bus rapid transit along Alexander Drive and into Perth city?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) did it include a cost-benefit analysis of this option; and
 - (b) what was the estimated cost-benefit ratio?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Will the Minister table any report or analysis of the assessment they have undertaken on a bus rapid transit along Alexander Drive and, if not, why not?

1138. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) What is the daily cost to operate the Showgrounds station on the Fremantle rail line?
- (2) What events does Transperth open the station for?
- (3) Are event organisers required to pay a charge for the station to open?
- (4) If yes to (3), how much are they charged?
- (5) Are event organisers required to include the cost of public transport in their tickets if the station is opened?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

1139. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the maintenance contract for the 'A' series railcars, and ask:

- (a) does the contract provide for penalties to be applied when a railcar breaks down;
- (b) if yes to (a), what are the circumstances when penalties can be applied;
- (c) on how many occasions were penalties applied in:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012; and
 - (iii) 2013;
- (d) on each occasion in (c):
 - (i) what was the reason for the penalty; and
 - (ii) what was the penalty amount;

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- (e) on how many occasions in each year did a train break down with no penalty applied in:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012; and
 - (iii) 2013; and
- (f) for each case in (e), why was no penalty applied?

1140. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the maintenance contract for the 'B' series railcars, and ask:

- (a) does the contract provide for penalties to be applied when a railcar breaks down;
- (b) if yes to (a), what are the circumstances when penalties can be applied;
- (c) on how many occasions were penalties applied in:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012; and
 - (iii) 2013;
- (d) on each occasion in (c):
 - (i) what was the reason for the penalty; and
 - (ii) what was the penalty amount;
- (e) on how many occasions in each year did a train break down with no penalty applied in:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012; and
 - (iii) 2013; and
- (f) for each case in (e), why was no penalty applied?

1141. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the trial of new line markings on Kwinana Freeway on-ramps, and ask:

- (a) under the *Road Traffic Act 1974*, are vehicles using the selected northbound on-ramps changing lanes or merging;
- (b) who is liable in the event of an accident;
- (c) what road rule will be applicable to on-ramp roads with the new line markings;
- (d) what education campaign is being run to advise people of changes to the rules that apply;
- (e) what is the cost of the education campaign; and
- (f) what criteria will be used to assess whether the trial is a success?

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1142. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government given any consideration to using land on the eastern side of Alexander Drive, north of Reid Highway, opposite Polytechnic West for a light railcar depot?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the outcome?

1143. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposed MAX Light Rail project, and ask:

- (a) how many square metres will be required for the depot;
- (b) how many light railcars will be stored at the depot; and
- (c) how many square metres will be required for storage of an additional light railcar?

1144. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the tier three rail network, and ask:

- (a) who is the owner of the rail corridor;
- (b) does the Public Transport Authority have any control over infrastructure in the rail corridor; and
- (c) could the Public Transport Authority allow the construction of another rail line in the rail corridor if an investor wanted to set up competing infrastructure?

1145. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the tier three rail network, and ask:

- (a) who owns the infrastructure in the rail corridor if a rail line is closed or put into care and maintenance; and
- (b) can the lessee sell off or remove the infrastructure such as rail sleepers, flashing lights and bridges?

1146. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the tier three rail network and ask, what is the definition of 'care and maintenance' in relation to rail lines no longer being used?

1147. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

How many times did traffic queue up in the eastbound lanes of the Northbridge tunnel travelling east in the afternoon peak times in:

- (a) February 2014; and
- (b) March 2014?

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- (1) Has the Government completed their study to investigate the options for a new rail link from the Avon to Albany line near Brookton to Kwinana?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a copy?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If no to (1), when will the study be completed and made public?
- (5) How much has been spent on the study to date?

1149. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposed fast train to Bunbury and the South West, and ask:

- (a) has the Government resolved all outstanding issues on a proposed route;
- (b) if yes to (a):
 - (i) what is the proposed route; and
 - (ii) what is the Government doing to ensure the route is reserved and protected;
- (c) if no to (a), what work is the Government doing to finalise the route; and
- (d) what are the Government's current plans regarding a fast train to Bunbury and the South West?

1150. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposed MAX Light Rail, and ask:

- (a) does the proposed route involve running through City Square in the City Link development;
- (b) what impact will large crowds in City Square for public events have on the operation of the light rail; and
- (c) how will large crowds be managed to ensure they do not disrupt operations?

1151. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has Main Roads completed their review of traffic flows on Bussell Highway between Busselton and Bunbury?
- (2) If yes to (1), what were the findings?
- (3) If no to (1), when will the review be completed?
- (4) Does the Government have plans to widen the Bussell Highway?
- (5) If yes to (4), when will works commence?
- (6) What is the estimated cost of the project?

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- (1) Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on any work related to the future extension of the Joondalup rail line from Butler to Yanchep?
- (2) What was the total cost of all internal work undertaken on this project?
- (3) Have any consultants been employed to assist in any work on this project?
- (4) If yes to (3):
 - (a) what was the name of the consultant(s);
 - (b) what work did they undertake; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each consultancy?
- (5) Have any other contracts related to this project been let?
- (6) If yes to (5):
 - (a) who was the contract with;
 - (b) what was the contract for; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each contract?
- (7) Have any concept designs, animations or artists impressions been prepared for this project?
- (8) If yes to (7):
 - (a) what were they;
 - (b) who produced them; and
 - (c) what was the cost?
- (9) What is the total amount spent on this project since 1 July 2011?

1153. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on any work related to the future extension of the Thornlie rail line to the Mandurah rail line?
- (2) What was the total cost of all internal work undertaken on this project?
- (3) Have any consultants been employed to assist in any work on this project?
- (4) If yes to (3):
 - (a) what was the name of the consultant(s);
 - (b) what work did they undertake; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each consultancy?
- (5) Have any other contracts related to this project been let?
- (6) If yes to (5):
 - (a) who was the contract with;
 - (b) what was the contract for; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each contract?
- (7) Have any concept designs, animations or artists impressions been prepared for this project?

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- (8) If yes to (7):
- (a) what were they;
 - (b) who produced them; and
 - (c) what was the cost?
- (9) What is the total amount spent on this project since 1 July 2011?
- 1154. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on any work related to the Ellenbrook Bus Rapid Transit project?
- (2) What was the total cost of all internal work undertaken on this project?
- (3) Have any consultants been employed to assist in any work on this project?
- (4) If yes to (3):
- (a) what was the name of the consultant(s);
 - (b) what work did they undertake; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each consultancy?
- (5) Have any other contracts related to this project been let?
- (6) If yes to (5):
- (a) who was the contract with;
 - (b) what was the contract for; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each contract?
- (7) Have any concept designs, animations or artists impressions been prepared for this project?
- (8) If yes to (7):
- (a) what were they;
 - (b) who produced them; and
 - (c) what was the cost?
- (9) What is the total amount spent on this project since 1 July 2011?
- 1155. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on any work related to the MAX Light Rail project?
- (2) What was the total cost of all internal work undertaken on this project?
- (3) Have any consultants been employed to assist in any work on this project?
- (4) If yes to (3):
- (a) what was the name of the consultant(s);
 - (b) what work did they undertake; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each consultancy?
- (5) Have any other contracts related to this project been let?

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- (6) If yes to (5):
 - (a) who was the contract with;
 - (b) what was the contract for; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each contract?
- (7) Have any concept designs, animations or artists impressions been prepared for this project?
- (8) If yes to (7):
 - (a) what were they;
 - (b) who produced them; and
 - (c) what was the cost?
- (9) What is the total amount spent on this project since 1 July 2011?

1156. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on any work related to the rail line to Perth Airport?
- (2) What was the total cost of all internal work undertaken on this project?
- (3) Have any consultants been employed to assist in any work on this project?
- (4) If yes to (3):
 - (a) what was the name of the consultant(s);
 - (b) what work did they undertake; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each consultancy?
- (5) Have any other contracts related to this project been let?
- (6) If yes to (5):
 - (a) who was the contract with;
 - (b) what was the contract for; and
 - (c) what was the cost of each contract?
- (7) Have any concept designs, animations or artists impressions been prepared for this project?
- (8) If yes to (7):
 - (a) what were they;
 - (b) who produced them; and
 - (c) what was the cost?
- (9) What is the total amount spent on this project since 1 July 2011?

1157. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the northern rail line extension to Yanchep?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;

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- (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
 - (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
 - (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
 - (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
 - (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what were the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?
- 1158. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:**
- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the northern rail line extension to Yanchep?
 - (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
 - (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
 - (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
 - (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?

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- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
- (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what were the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?
- 1159. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the Ellenbrook Bus Rapid Transit?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
- (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
- (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
- (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
- (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
- (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
- (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what were the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?
- 1160. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:**
- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the Ellenbrook Bus Rapid Transit?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
- (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
- (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?

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- (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
- (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what were the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?

1161. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the Thornlie rail line extension to the Mandurah line?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
- (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
- (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
- (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what were the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?

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- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the Thornlie rail line extension to the Mandurah line?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
- (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
- (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
- (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what was the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?

1163. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the MAX light rail?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
- (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
- (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?

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- (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what was the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?

1164. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning:

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has any agency in the Minister's portfolio purchased or acquired any land along the proposed route for the MAX light rail?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was the address of the land purchased or acquired;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the purchase;
 - (c) who was the land purchased or acquired from; and
 - (d) what was the cost of the purchase?
- (3) Has any work been undertaken on any property since it was purchased or acquired?
- (4) If yes to (3), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what work was undertaken;
 - (b) what was the purpose of the work;
 - (c) what was the cost of the work undertaken; and
 - (d) where did the funding for the work come from?
- (5) Has any agency held any discussions with any other party or agency about purchasing or acquiring any land along the proposed route?
- (6) If yes to (5), for each parcel of land:
 - (a) what was nature of the discussions;
 - (b) what were the addresses of any land discussed;
 - (c) what was the intended purpose of the land discussed; and
 - (d) what is the estimated value of any land?

1165. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the widening of the Kwinana Freeway between Roe Highway and Armadale Road, and ask:

- (a) does the widening involve the building of additional bridge structures over the freight railway line;
- (b) if no to (a), how will the additional lanes be accommodated;

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- (c) how many lanes will vehicles travelling south under Roe Highway on Kwinana Freeway need to cross to exit at Berrigan Drive; and
- (d) what will the distance be between the first point a vehicle can change lanes to move into the exit lane on the Kwinana Freeway and the Berrigan Drive exit?

1166. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

For new asset investment projects being considered or under construction:

- (a) how many graphics, artist impressions, fly-throughs or animations were produced for the Public Transport Authority in:
 - (i) 2011-12; and
 - (ii) 2012-13;
- (b) what projects were the graphics, artist impressions, fly-throughs or animations for;
- (c) what was the cost of each graphic, artist impression, fly-through or animation produced in:
 - (i) 2011-12; and
 - (ii) 2012-13;
- (d) what was the name of the company who produced each of the graphics, artist impressions, fly-throughs or animations for the Public Transport Authority;
- (e) how was each company in (d) selected to produce the graphics, artists impressions, fly-throughs or animations for the Public Authority;
- (f) will the Minister table the graphics, artist impressions, fly-throughs or animations produced for the Public Transport Authority; and
- (g) if no to (f), why not?

1167. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Has the Government given any consideration to reducing the number of speed limits used across Western Australia?
- (2) Has the Government given any consideration to changing the speed limits on approaches to rural towns?
- (3) If yes to (1) or (2):
 - (a) what considerations have been given; and
 - (b) what was the outcome?

1168. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Does Main Roads WA record the number of incidents of rock throwing on roads controlled by Main Roads WA?

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- (2) If yes to (1), how many incidents were recorded in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2009-10;
 - (b) 2010-11;
 - (c) 2011-12; and
 - (d) 2012-13?
- (3) Does Main Roads WA record the suburbs or locations of the rock-throwing incidents?
- (4) If yes to (3), what were the suburbs or locations and how many incidents have occurred at each of these suburbs or locations in:
 - (a) 2011-12; and
 - (b) 2012-13?
- (5) Were any of the rock-throwing incidents referred to any other body for investigation and or prosecution?
- (6) If yes to (5), how many were referred in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2009-10;
 - (b) 2010-11;
 - (c) 2011-12; and
 - (d) 2012-13?

1169. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Does Western Australia Police record the number of incidents of rock throwing on at vehicles on roads in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many incidents were recorded in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2009-10;
 - (b) 2010-11;
 - (c) 2011-12; and
 - (d) 2012-13?
- (3) Does Western Australia Police record the suburbs or locations of the rock-throwing incidents?
- (4) If yes to (3), what were the suburbs or locations and how many incidents have occurred at each of these suburbs or locations in:
 - (a) 2011-12; and
 - (b) 2012-13?
- (5) Were any of the rock-throwing incidents referred to any other body for investigation and or prosecution?
- (6) If yes to (5), how many were referred for prosecution in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2009-10;
 - (b) 2010-11;
 - (c) 2011-12; and
 - (d) 2012-13?

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1170. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many prosecutions were commenced under section 74B of the Western Australian *Criminal Code* in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (2) Of these, how many resulted in a conviction in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?

1171. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General:

- (1) How many prosecutions were commenced under section 74B of the Western Australian *Criminal Code* in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (2) Of these, how many resulted in a conviction in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?

1172. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many people did the Public Transport Authority identify for throwing rocks or projectiles in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (2) How many of those in (1) were:
 - (a) prosecuted; and
 - (b) convicted?
- (3) How many were referred to any other body for investigation in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?

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(4) How many were referred to any other body for prosecution in:

- (a) 2010-11;
- (b) 2011-12; and
- (c) 2012-13?

1173. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Did the Public Transport Authority have a diesel shunter to enable it to retrieve railcars that were stranded on lines when there was a power outage?
- (2) If yes to (1), why was it not used to retrieve any railcars on the Fremantle line on 24 March 2014?

1174. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the comment on the Public Transport Authority website regarding the new Perth Stadium that states 'Nearby stowage for up to 117 railcars to keep a continuous flow of trains following events.', and ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise exactly where this nearby stowage is proposed to be located;
- (b) will the Minister table a map of the proposed stowage locations for these 117 railcars; and
- (c) if no to (1) or (2), why not?

1175. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the study into the lengthening of train platforms at Perth Underground train station and the Esplanade train station, and I ask:

- (a) has the study been completed;
- (b) what was outcome of the study; and
- (c) will the Minister table any reports and, if not, why not?

1176. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Has the Premier's office or any of his agencies, including the Public Sector Commission, been contacted by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in relation to any contracts awarded and, if so, which contracts?
- (2) What was the nature of the ATO contact and the information provided to the ATO?
- (3) What legal advice, if any, has the department sought in relation to tax implications for contracts let by the department?
- (4) Has the department entered into any new contracts of employment, following discussions with the ATO and, if yes, what are the details?

1177. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to question on notice No. 810 and ask, for each offence in (1), on what date did Western Australia Police notify the department that the driver had been charged?

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- (1) How many taxi drivers were charged with offences by Western Australia Police in 2013?
- (2) What offences were they charged for?
- (3) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police charge the driver?
- (4) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police inform the Department of Transport that the driver had been charged?

1179. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many drivers of Transperth buses were charged with offences by Western Australia Police in 2013?
- (2) What offences were they charged for?
- (3) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police notify the Public Transport Authority that the driver had been charged?
- (4) For each offence in (2), was the driver's licence to drive a bus cancelled or suspended?
- (5) If yes to (4), on what date was their licence to drive a bus cancelled or suspended?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

1180. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many drivers of Transperth buses were charged with offences by Western Australia Police in 2013?
- (2) What offences were they charged for?
- (3) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police charge the driver?
- (4) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police inform the Public Transport Authority that the driver had been charged?

1181. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many drivers of Small Charter Vehicles (SCV) were charged with offences by Western Australia Police in 2013?
- (2) What offences were they charged for?
- (3) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police notify the Department of Transport that the driver had been charged?
- (4) For each offence in (2), did the Department of Transport suspend or cancel the driver's licence to drive a SCV?
- (5) If yes to (4), on what date was their licence to drive a SCV cancelled or suspended?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

1182. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many drivers of Small Charter Vehicles (SCV) were charged with offences by Western Australia Police in 2013?
- (2) What offences were they charged for?

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- (3) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police charge the driver?
- (4) For each offence, on what date did Western Australia Police inform the Department of Transport that the driver had been charged?

1183. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

With respect to the removal of the domestic gas reservation policy by the Department of Environment Regulation, I ask:

- (a) what will it be replaced with; and
- (b) was any modelling of the impacts of the removal of the policy carried out:
 - (i) if so, by whom; and
 - (ii) if not, why not?

1184. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) In Western Australia, how many vehicle accidents involved heavy vehicles in:
 - (a) 2010-11;
 - (b) 2011-12; and
 - (c) 2012-13?
- (2) How many of the accidents in (1) resulted in:
 - (a) fatality;
 - (b) critical Injury; and
 - (c) other?
- (3) For each accident in (1), what was the road location?

1185. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) How many taxi related complaints were lodged with the Department of Transport in:
 - (a) 2011-12; and
 - (b) 2012-13?
- (2) For each complaint in (1):
 - (a) what was the complaint;
 - (b) was the complaint investigated; and
 - (c) what was the outcome of the investigation?

1186. Hon Ken Travers to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) How many taxi related complaints were referred to Western Australia Police by the Department of Transport in:
 - (a) 2011-12; and
 - (b) 2012-13?

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- (2) For each complaint in (1):
- (a) what was the complaint;
 - (b) was the complaint investigated; and
 - (c) what was the outcome of the investigation?

1187. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) I refer to the thorium hazard in welding and Alcoa red mud waste at Kwinana, Perth Motorplex, Pinjarra, Wagerup and Worsley and ask if the Minister is aware that welding rods containing up to two percent thorium dioxide (thoria) by weight have been used in Western Australia?
- (2) Are such welding rods still in use in Western Australia?
- (3) Have any measurements of body load of thorium been made in welders or others exposed to thorium contaminated dusts in Western Australia?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that thorium accumulates in the bodies of people exposed, especially in the lung, pulmonary lymph nodes, bones, liver, spleen, kidney and bones?
- (5) Have any autopsy studies been made of thorium and decay products in Western Australian workers versus the unexposed population?
- (6) Has any study been performed in Western Australia regarding the incidence of disease, including cancer, in welders or others exposed to thorium?
- (7) Is the Minister aware that thorium exposure is associated with higher incidence of hodgkins lymphoma, leukaemia, liver cancer, eye cancer, pancreatic cancer, respiratory and digestive tract cancers?
- (8) Can the Minister provide detailed analysis of radon and thoron emissions from the Perth Motorplex site and all red mud residue areas in the State, including areas treated with alkaloam?
- (9) When did Alcoa commence radon and thoron monitoring at its Western Australian facilities, including mines, refineries, railcars and port stockpiles and handling facilities, and what were the maximum concentrations of those radioactive gases detected?

1188. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) I refer to the thorium hazard in welding and Alcoa red mud waste at Kwinana, Perth Motorplex, Pinjarra, Wagerup and Worsley, and ask if the Minister is aware that thorium is present in the alumina product shipped by Alcoa?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Alcoa has been advised that it should bury its red mud waste under two metres of uncontaminated topsoil to avoid windswept residue, and attenuate radon and thoron emanations into the atmosphere?
- (3) What estimates have been made of the extra radiation dose inhaled by residents near Alcoa facilities and Alcoa workers?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the process known as 'dry stacking' dramatically increases dust, radon and thoron emissions from red mud waste?

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- (5) What measurements have been made on thorium and radium decay products including radium, polonium, bismuth, lead, thallium, protactinium, astatine in Alcoa sites?
- (6) Is the Minister aware that a sensitive non-invasive test is available to determine thorium body load, involving measurement of exhaled thoron?
- (7) Will the Minister make arrangements to provide this test, free of charge, to workers, past and present, as well as residents near Alcoa sites who have reason to believe they have accumulated a body load of thorium and its decay products?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) has measured thorium in red mud at 535 to 911 parts per million (ppm) and uranium 10 to 37 ppm?
- (9) Is the Minister aware that ANSTO found its own measurements consistently higher than those reported by Alcoa?
- (10) If yes to (9), has that fact been adequately explained?

1189. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) I refer to Alcoa's use of water from the Wellington Dam and from the Harvey Waroona region, and ask if there is a direct pipeline between Wellington Dam and Wagerup?
- (2) Is there a desalination plant to make this water suitable for Alcoa's purpose?
- (3) If these two items of infrastructure are in place, who built and paid for them and when?
- (4) If it exists, who pays for the running costs and maintenance of this infrastructure?
- (5) Does the water from Wellington Dam go directly to Alcoa's residue storage area (RSA)?
- (6) If the saline Wellington Dam water is fed directly to Wagerup's RSA for dust suppression, what is the effect of run off on the groundwater in that area?
- (7) Does saline water from Wellington Dam in fact go into the Harvey Dam to be diluted, with the equivalent amount of water taken from the Harvey Dam for use at the Wagerup RSA?
- (8) If saline water from Wellington Dam goes into Harvey Dam in an exchange arrangement, what is the effect on the quality of the water in the Harvey Dam?
- (9) What is the quantity of water taken annually from the Wellington Dam for Alcoa?
- (10) How much do Alcoa pay for this Wellington Dam water?

1190. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many Expert Review Group (ERG) reviews were conducted in Western Australian public schools each year from 2008 to 2014 to date?
- (2) For each of the ERG reviews in (1), how many resulted in the school:
 - (a) receiving additional financial resources from the Western Australian Department of Education;
 - (b) being granted a suspension of certain policies and requirements; and
 - (c) receiving coaching and mentoring support for the principal?

1191. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

At 1 August 2013, 1 November 2013, 1 February 2014 and 1 May 2014, how many Department for Child Protection and Family Support staff working in metropolitan and country regions had:

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- (a) a caseload allocation of more than 15 cases;
- (b) the maximum 18 'exceptional circumstances' cases allocated to them; and; and
- (c) a pro rata case ratio greater than 18 cases?

1192. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) I refer to question without notice No. 61 asked on 20 February 2014, and question without notice No. 325 asked on 2 April 2014, and ask if the Minister can please outline in detail the evidence that indicates that one of the three sharks that has been fitted with an acoustic tag is dead?
- (2) In regard to the shark referred to in (1), please state on what date and approximate time this shark was captured and released from a drum line and where?
- (3) What is the reason that no more sharks have been fitted with acoustic tags since the three previously referred to?
- (4) Has specialist training on tagging of sharks been provided to the South West contractor?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), what sorts of tags has the contractor been trained to attach to released sharks?

1193. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta, in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme for March 2014:

- (a) how many applications were received;
- (b) what was the number of approved grants;
- (c) what was the total grant amount; and
- (d) what was the average amount paid?

1194. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta, in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme for April 2014:

- (a) how many applications were received;
- (b) what was the number of approved grants;
- (c) what was the total grant amount; and
- (d) what was the average amount paid?

1195. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in March 2014, please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;

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- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

1196. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support in April 2014, please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

1197. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For the months of November 2013, November 2012 and November 2011, how many applications for financial assistance to pay utility bills for the following suburbs were received:

- (a) Leeming;
- (b) Canning Vale;
- (c) Morley;
- (d) Wanneroo;
- (e) Willagee;
- (f) Samson;
- (g) Spencer Park;
- (h) Balcatta;
- (i) Dalyellup;
- (j) High Wycombe;
- (k) Kingsley;
- (l) Clarkson;
- (m) Noranda;
- (n) Yokine;
- (o) Currambine;
- (p) Parkwood;
- (q) Innaloo;
- (r) Huntingdale;
- (s) Ellenbrook;

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- (t) Darch; and
- (u) Peppermint Grove?

1198. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) how many applications were received and how many applicants were approved and provided with financial assistance to pay utility bills for the following suburbs in February 2014:
 - (a) Leeming;
 - (b) Canning Vale;
 - (c) Morley;
 - (d) Wanneroo;
 - (e) Willagee;
 - (f) Samson;
 - (g) Spencer Park;
 - (h) Balcatta;
 - (i) Dalyellup;
 - (j) High Wycombe;
 - (k) Kingsley;
 - (l) Clarkson;
 - (m) Noranda;
 - (n) Yokine;
 - (o) Currambine;
 - (p) Parkwood;
 - (q) Innaloo;
 - (r) Huntingdale;
 - (s) Ellenbrook;
 - (t) Darch; and
 - (u) Peppermint Grove?
- (2) What was the average payment for each utility for each of the suburbs listed?

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- (1) For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in regards to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) how many applications were received for the following suburbs in February 2010, February 2011, February 2012 and February 2013:
- (a) Leeming;
 - (b) Canning Vale;
 - (c) Morley;
 - (d) Wanneroo;
 - (e) Willagee;
 - (f) Samson;
 - (g) Spencer Park;
 - (h) Balcatta;
 - (i) Dalyellup;
 - (j) High Wycombe;
 - (k) Kingsley;
 - (l) Clarkson;
 - (m) Noranda;
 - (n) Yokine;
 - (o) Currambine;
 - (p) Parkwood;
 - (q) Innaloo;
 - (r) Huntingdale;
 - (s) Ellenbrook;
 - (t) Darch; and
 - (u) Peppermint Grove?
- (2) What was the average payment for each utility for each of the suburbs listed?

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