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3233. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Public Sector Management

I refer to the Auditor General's Public Sector Performance Report for March 2008 which found that 40 per cent of randomly selected Government computers contained highly sensitive information and ask:

- (a) why have people's personal, private and very sensitive information not been kept safe by the Government;
- (b) has any official action been taken to find out why the above happened; and
 - (i) if the answer is yes, what specific actions have been taken and what staffing and funding have been allocated to undertake these actions; or
 - (ii) if no, why not; and
- (c) are there any plans in place to make sure that this does not happen again; and
 - (i) if the answer is yes, what specific actions have been taken and what staffing and funding have been allocated to undertake these actions; or
 - (ii) if no, why not?

3234. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Is the Minister considering upgrading the police service video record of interview equipment from analogue to digital?

- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes:
 - (a) when will the upgrade be completed;
 - (b) what is the estimated cost of the upgrade;
 - (c) will the upgrade require any structural alterations to police buildings;
 - (d) if yes to (c), what alterations will be required and when will the changes be completed; and
 - (e) what benefits will come from changing to digital equipment?
- (3) If the Minister is not considering upgrading the equipment from analogue to digital, how long can the analogue system continue to be used?

3235. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) On 1 December 2007, can the Minister advise how many police officers were absent under the following leave types:
 - (a) long service leave;
 - (b) annual leave;
 - (c) weekly leave;
 - (d) sick leave;
 - (e) leave without pay;
 - (f) maternity leave;
 - (g) suspension;
 - (h) light non-operational duties;
 - (i) secondment to other agencies or duties; and
 - (j) any other type of leave?
- (2) On 1 December 2007, what was the number of sworn officers in the Western Australian Police Service, minus the officers who were on leave from the above listing?
- (3) On 1 December 2007, what was the number of sworn officers in the Western Australian Police Service, minus the officers who were on leave from the above listing for the whole metropolitan area?
- (4) On 1 December 2007, what was the number of sworn officers in the Western Australian Police Service, minus the officers who were on leave from the above listing, from the country region?

3236. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) What was the FTE sworn and unsworn police strength for the Palmyra Police Station in 2007?
- (2) What was the rate of sick leave for that station in 2007?
- (3) How many hours overtime were incurred at that station in 2007?
- (4) How many hours overtime were incurred recalling officers back to duty to maintain authorised operational strength?
- (5) How many duty hours were dedicated to general patrolling of the Palmyra Police District for 2007?
- (6) How many offence reports were received by staff at the Palmyra Police Station during 2007?

- (7) How many charges were preferred against offenders in 2007 by the Palmyra Police Station?
- (8) Did the Palmyra Police Station provide a night shift patrol service during 2007; and
 - (i) if not, why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, how many hours were allocated to it for the year;
- (9) What hours was the Palmyra Police Station open to serve the general public during 2007?
- (10) What hours will the Palmyra Police Station be open to serve the general public during 2008?

3237. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) With regard to the Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre, what were the overcrowding levels for each month of 2007?
- (2) With regard to the Rangeview Juvenile Detention Centre, what were the overcrowding levels for each month of 2007?
- (3) How long has the Minister been aware that these institutions were overcrowded?
- (4) Have any juvenile detainees been housed in an adult prison or police lockup as a result of the overcrowding during 2007?
- (5) As the Government has allocated \$6.6 million to expand accommodation for juvenile detainees, when and how will this money be spent and when will the expanded accommodation facilities be completed?
- (6) What other steps has the Minister taken to alleviate overcrowding at these centres?

3238. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many FTE first-class constables were promoted to acting sergeant rank in:
 - (a) 2007; and
 - (b) 2008 to date?
- (2) Were any junior officers promoted to that rank and, if so, how many and why?
- (3) How many FTE senior constables were promoted to acting sergeant or higher during 2007 or 2008 and what were the reasons for those promotions?

3239. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) For the year 2007, how many offence reports to police were made concerning graffiti damage?
- (2) What was the total value of the damage resulting from this graffiti?
- (3) How many persons were charged with graffiti offences for the year 2007?
- (4) Of the figure reported in (3):
 - (a) how many were adult offenders;
 - (b) how many adult offenders were sentenced to imprisonment;
 - (c) how many were juvenile offenders; and
 - (d) how many juvenile offenders were sentenced to detention?
- (5) How many orders from the Children's Court were made against juvenile offenders ordering them to clean graffiti off as part of their punishment?
- (6) What initiatives has the Government implemented to reduce graffiti offences and how successful have those initiatives been?

- (7) How many people have reported instances of graffiti to the Goodbye Graffiti hotline number 1800 44 22 55 and to the goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au website since the program was implemented?
- (8) Have any graffiti offenders been caught following information provided by members of the public to the Goodbye Graffiti program since it was implemented; and
 - (a) if so, how many?
- (9) When members of the public call the Goodbye Graffiti hotline to report instances of graffiti, why can it take more than 15 minutes for their details to be recorded by the phone staff?
- (10) As this extensive period of time on the graffiti hotline may deter members of the public from reporting additional instances of graffiti, what measures have been implemented to expedite the calls?
- (11) Will the Government consider making the offenders responsible for cleaning their own graffiti in public areas; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

3240. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Attorney General

- (1) How many FTE magistrates were there in the Western Australian justice system for:
 - (a) 2006; and
 - (b) 2007?
- (2) How many FTE magistrates were based in the new Perth Magistrate's Court in:
 - (a) 2006; and
 - (b) 2007?
- (3) What was the individual workload of each FTE magistrate in the State for:
 - (a) 2006; and
 - (b) 2007?
- (4) Is the Government considering engaging more FTE magistrates to reduce their workload and improve the efficiency of the magistrate court system; and
 - (a) if so, when are any changes planned; or
 - (b) if not, why not?

3241. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Do police currently attend primary schools to lecture students on road safety issues?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes:
 - (a) what is the program called;
 - (b) how long has it been running; and
 - (c) how is its success measured?
- (3) If the answer to (1) is no, why not?
- (4) As statistics show that younger drivers are disproportionately represented in road crashes:
 - (a) are driver training programs available to high school students through the school curriculum; and

- (b) if yes, what are these programs and which schools in the metropolitan area offer these programs?
- (5) If the answer to (4) is no, will the Minister give consideration to establishing a driver training program that students could participate in while at high school?
- (6) If no to (5), what alternative driver training programs are available for high school students?

3242. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Public Sector Management

I refer to the State Government's Austrade office in Tokyo, and ask:

- (a) how many staff are employed on either a full-time, part-time or casual basis;
- (b) what is the annual total of salaries and remuneration paid to these employees;
- (c) what costs, if any, are incurred to provide rental assistance or housing for these employees;
- (d) what is the floor space of the office;
- (e) what is the annual rental paid for this office space; and
- (f) what are the total outgoings for the running of this office?

3243. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the following:

- (a) what was the average waiting time to be treated by a doctor within a designated emergency department in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007; and
- (b) what was the number of patients on a waiting list to see a specialist at 31 December 2007?

3244. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise how many people in Western Australia were waiting to see specialists to decide whether they should go on a public hospital waiting list for surgery as at:

- (a) 1 August 2007;
- (b) 1 October 2007;
- (c) 1 September 2007;
- (d) 1 November 2007;
- (e) 1 December 2007;
- (f) 1 January 2008;
- (g) 1 February 2008; and
- (h) 1 March 2008?

3245. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With regards to the State's surgery waiting list, can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007;

- (b) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery for other reasons (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007;
- (c) how many cases were removed from the waiting list as 'Admission for Procedure' (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007;
- (d) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each of the following categories:
 - (i) external audit (health service);
 - (ii) patient no longer wants procedure;
 - (iii) patient non contactable;
 - (iv) procedure no longer performed; and
 - (v) surgery no longer appropriate,

for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007; and

- (e) how many cases were removed from the waiting list without surgery (other removals) (tertiary and non-tertiary hospitals only) for each of the following categories:
 - (i) admitted as emergency for waitlisted condition;
 - (ii) duplicate entry;
 - (iii) patient had procedure elsewhere (e.g. attended GP or private hospital);
 - (iv) procedure performed during emergency admission for other condition; and
 - (v) transferred to another hospital,

for each for each month from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007?

3246. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister provide the following information with regards to staffing of emergency departments for each month of 2007 and January and February 2008, for each of the following hospitals:
 - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
 - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
 - (c) Princess Margaret Hospital;
 - (d) Fremantle Hospital;
 - (e) Armadale-Kelmscott Hospital;
 - (f) Joondalup Health Campus;
 - (g) Peel Health Campus;
 - (h) Rockingham Hospital; and
 - (i) Swan District Hospital?
- (2) How many doctors and specialists positions were not filled?
- (3) How many nurses positions were not filled?

3247. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the following:

- (a) how many administrative staff were located at Alvan Street and Centro Avenue Subiaco as at 1 July 2004, 2005, 2006, for each month of 2007 and 2008 to date;
- (b) at what levels were each of the staff in (a) employed;
- (c) how many consultants were located at Alvan Street and Centro Avenue Subiaco for each of the years 2004 to 2008; and
- (d) the current placement details of all employees and consultants following the closure of the Department of Health offices at Alvan Street and Centro Avenue Subiaco in 2008?

3248. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) for each of the metropolitan hospitals, which employment agencies have been used to obtain agency personnel since 1 January 2007 to date; and
- (b) how many agency staff have been employed through those agencies?

3249. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each month of 2007, which clinical departments have been asked to cut FTEs and by how many in each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (c) Fremantle Hospital;
- (d) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (e) King Edward Memorial Hospital;
- (f) Joondalup Hospital; and
- (g) Peel Health Campus?

3250. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

I refer to rural and regional public hospitals, and ask:

- (a) how many vacancies were there for doctors at 31 December 2007 in each regional and rural public hospital in Western Australia; and
 - (i) where were those vacancies and for how long have they existed;
- (b) how many vacancies were there for nurses at 31 December 2007 in each regional and rural public hospital in Western Australia; and
 - (i) where were those vacancies and for how long have they existed?

3251. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner hospitals from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?

3252. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each department or agency in the Health portfolio, can the Minister provide the following information as at 1 July 2007 and 1 January 2008:

- (a) how many staff were employed in total and at each level;
- (b) how many permanent staff were employed;
- (c) how many non-permanent staff were employed;
- (d) how many substantive positions were filled in an acting capacity; and
- (e) how many substantive positions were filled in an acting capacity for longer than three months?

3253. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many administration staff were employed in Western Australian public hospitals at 31 December 2007 (provide a breakdown of numbers and hospitals); and
- (b) how many administration staff have resigned, retired or were terminated from Western Australian public hospitals in 2007?

3254. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many doctors (total individual headcount) were there in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007?
- (2) What number of doctors' positions are required, but remain unfilled, in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007?
- (3) How many doctors have resigned, retired or were terminated from the Western Australian public health system in 2007?
- (4) How many doctors were recruited into the Western Australian public health system in 2007, and what percentage has been filled by new graduates or overseas-trained practitioners?
- (5) What is the ratio of doctors to population in Western Australian public hospitals at 31 December 2007 and how does this compare to other Australian states and territories?
- (6) How many accrued annual leave hours for doctors employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 31 December 2007?
- (7) How many accrued long service leave hours for doctors employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 31 December 2007?
- (8) How many accrued sick leave hours for doctors employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 31 December 2007?

3255. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many nurses (total individual headcount, discounting duplicated employment of individual nurses at different sites and excluding agency nurses, registered dental nurses and dental clinic assistants) were there in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007?
- (2) How many nurses (total FTE and excluding agency nurses, registered dental nurses and dental clinic assistants) were there in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007?

- (3) How many nursing positions are required, but remain unfilled, in the Western Australian public health system at 31 December 2007?
- (4) How many nurses have resigned, retired or were terminated from the Western Australian public health system in 2007?
- (5) How many nurses were recruited into the Western Australian public health system in 2007 and what percentage has been filled by new graduates or overseas-trained nurses?
- (6) What is the ratio of nurses to population in Western Australian public hospitals at 31 December 2007 and how does this compare to other Australian states and territories?
- (7) How many accrued annual leave hours for nurses employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 31 December 2007?
- (8) How many accrued long service leave hours for nurses employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 31 December 2007?
- (9) How many accrued sick leave hours for nurses employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 31 December 2007?

3256. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise for each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Sir Charles Gardiner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Princess Margaret;
- (e) Rockingham-Kwinana;
- (f) Swan;
- (g) Armadale-Kelmscott;
- (h) Joondalup Health Campus;
- (i) Peel Health Campus;
- (j) Albany;
- (k) Bunbury;
- (l) Geraldton; and
- (m) Kalgoorlie,

and for each month of July 2007 to December 2007:

- (i) how many nurses resigned from their positions;
- (ii) how many have been replaced;
- (iii) how many positions are still vacant; and
- (iv) at which hospitals are these vacancies located?

3257. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each department or agency in the Health portfolio, can the Minister provide the following information:

- (a) how many redundancies were offered in the Health Department in 2007;
- (b) what was the payout for the year; and

- (c) how many directors and executive officers received redundancies?

3258. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister provide the following information as at 1 July 2007 and 1 January 2008:

- (a) what was the total number of full-time medical staff employed by the Health Department of Western Australia;
- (b) what number of these actually practised 'hands on' medicine;
- (c) what number worked in administration;
- (d) what was the total number of full-time registered nurses employed by the Department;
- (e) what number of these actually practised 'hands on' medicine; and
- (f) what number worked in administration?

3259. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

For each of the following hospitals:

- (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (c) Fremantle Hospital;
- (d) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (e) King Edward Memorial Hospital;
- (f) Joondalup Hospital; and
- (g) Peel Health Campus,

can the Minister advise how many surgical procedures were performed by consultants working on a sessional basis for each year in 2006 and 2007?

3260. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many consultants have been engaged by the administration of Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007?
- (2) Who were the consultants?
- (3) What is the purpose of each consultancy?
- (4) What is the duration of each consultancy?
- (5) What is the cost of each consultancy?

3261. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total amount expended on advertising by the Western Australian Health Department for the year 2007?

3262. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the number of vacant positions at each of the dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics for each month from August 2007 to the end of February 2008 for:

- (a) dentists;

- (b) dental nurses;
- (c) dental assistants; and
- (d) dental prosthetists?

3263. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many patients were treated at each of the dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics for each month of 2007; and
- (b) how many patients were there on the waiting list for dental treatment at dental hospitals and other Government dental clinics for each month from 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008 in terms of waiting times and the total number of people waiting for treatment?

3264. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

Can the Minister advise the following:

- (a) how many dialysis machines are available to patients in Western Australia;
- (b) at which hospitals and clinics are these located;
- (c) how many patients did each machine service for each month of 2007;
- (d) what was the average wait time for access to the machines in 2006 and 2007; and
- (e) what is the current average wait time for access?

3265. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

What were the total number of emergency departments' patient presentations at the following hospitals for 2007:

- (a) Sir Charles Gardiner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Princess Margaret;
- (e) Rockingham-Kwinana;
- (f) Swan;
- (g) Armadale-Kelmscott;
- (h) Joondalup Health Campus;
- (i) Peel Health Campus;
- (j) Albany;
- (k) Bunbury;
- (l) Geraldton; and
- (m) Kalgoorlie?

3266. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With regards to emergency departments at each public hospital/campus, can the Minister advise the following:

- (a) what was the total number of surgeons (FTEs) available at the end of each month in 2007 and January and February 2008; and
- (b) what was the breakdown for each hospital/campus?

3267. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With reference to Western Australian residents who have registered for organ donation, I ask:

- (a) how many people have registered for each month from September 2007 until February 2008;
- (b) what proportion of eligible people in Western Australia have registered for organ donation for the above period;
- (c) how does Western Australia compare with other Australian states and territories for the above period;
- (d) what positive action has the Western Australian Government taken to increase the number of people on the register; and
- (e) what evaluation has been carried out to assess the effectiveness of community education programs for organ donation?

3268. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With reference to physiotherapy services offered by the Western Australian Health Service:

- (a) which public hospitals in Western Australia currently provide physiotherapy services;
- (b) how many physiotherapists were employed by each hospital as at 30 September for each of the years 2005 to 2007;
- (c) how many patients received physiotherapy services at each hospital and in each of the years 2005 to 2007;
- (d) how many rehabilitation beds are currently available at each hospital; and
- (e) what is the current ratio of physiotherapists to rehabilitation beds?

3269. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Protection

- (1) How many FTE WorkSafe inspectors were available in the metropolitan area on 28 March 2008 to respond to calls from the community about unsafe removal of asbestos materials?
- (2) How many calls does WorkSafe receive on average per day from members of the community about the unsafe removal of asbestos materials?
- (3) Is there a gazetted response time for an inspector to visit a worksite once concerns about the unsafe removal of asbestos materials have been brought to WorkSafe's notice; and
 - (i) if yes, what is that gazetted response time; and
 - (ii) if not, why not?
- (4) How many work improvement notices have been issued by WorkSafe regarding the unsafe removal of asbestos in the last 12 months?
- (5) Regarding the unsafe removal of asbestos materials, what are the three most common concerns that result in a WorkSafe inspector issuing a work improvement notice?
- (6) What procedures does WorkSafe have in place to ensure that the work improvement notices that have been issued regarding asbestos removal are acted on?

3270. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health

I refer to the qualification allowance to be paid to midwives in Western Australian hospitals and ask:

- (a) will the allowance be backdated to July 2007;
- (b) will casually employed midwives be paid the backdated allowance; and
 - (i) if not, why not;
- (c) will casually employed midwives be paid the allowance into the future; and
 - (i) if not, why not;
- (d) what proportion of midwives employed in Western Australian State hospitals in both metropolitan and country regions work on a casual basis; and
- (e) how many Western Australian State hospitals operate currently without the use of casual midwives?

3271. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Member for Joondalup's attempts to use his position to have an infringement against his daughter withdrawn and ask:

- (a) have the reviews in relation to this incident been finalised; and
- (b) if the answer to (a) is yes, what were the outcomes in relation to the fine being withdrawn and the allegations of improper behaviour by the revenue protection officer; and
- (c) if the answer to (a) is no, when are the reviews expected to be finalised;
- (d) will the Minister table a document relating to the incident; and
 - (i) if so, when; and
 - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (e) does the Minister support the actions of the revenue protection officer involved?

3272. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

With reference to the following non-urgent surgery:

- (a) hip replacements;
- (b) knee replacements;
- (c) grommet insertions;
- (d) cataract surgery; and
- (e) endoscopes,

and at each of the following hospitals:

- (i) Royal Perth Hospital;
- (ii) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (iii) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (iv) Fremantle Hospital; and
- (v) Joondalup Hospital,

can the Minister table the following:

- (A) the number of patients on the waiting lists as at the end of December 2006, March 2007, June 2007, September 2007, December 2007 and February 2008;
- (B) the average waiting times (days) as at the above dates;
- (C) the current waiting times to be assessed for inclusion on the lists; and
- (D) the number of patients currently waiting to be included on the lists?

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