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5038. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

With reference to the declining budget for coordinating the response to climate change over the coming years, I ask -

- (1) Will this Government commit to increasing or at the very least maintaining funding levels for coordinating the response to climate change?
- (2) Does the Minister intend to retain the current climate change unit with current staffing levels within the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (3) If no to (1) or (2), why not?
- (4) When will the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy be released?
- (5) What is the current progress on the development of the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy?

5039. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

With reference to the System for Accounting and Reporting of Government Emissions (SARGE), I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister table a summary of SARGE data for the past three years, with a report for each year outlining the following for each reporting agency -
 - (a) total gross greenhouse gas emissions;
 - (b) greenhouse gas removals;
 - (c) greenhouse offsets;
 - (d) greenhouse intensity;
 - (e) forecast greenhouse gas emission estimate for the following year by total and intensity;
 - (f) abatement (greenhouse reductions) achieved through implementation of projects in the reporting year; and
 - (g) strategies developed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the future?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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5040. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
I refer to question on notice No. 4307, and ask -

- (1) Has the Minister tabled a notice under section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* in respect of the information he did not provide?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5041. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
I refer to questions on notice Nos 4491, 4492, 4493, 4495, 4496, 4497, 4498, 4499, 4450, and ask -

- (1) For each of these questions, has the Minister tabled a notice under section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* in respect of the information he did not provide?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5042. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
I refer to question on notice No. 3959, and ask -

- (1) Has the Minister tabled a notice under section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* in respect of the information he did not provide?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5043. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of any written arrangements since 14 December 2010 between the Minister and any of the agencies in his portfolio regarding the manner in which, and the circumstances in which, dealings are to be had, and communications are to be made, between ministerial officers assisting the Minister and the employees in that department or organisation?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5044. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Electoral Affairs

- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of any written arrangements between the Minister and any of the agencies in his portfolio regarding the manner in which, and the circumstances in which, dealings are to be had, and communications are to be made, between ministerial officers assisting the Minister and the employees in that department or organisation?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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5045. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance

- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of any written arrangements since 14 December 2010 between the Minister and any of the agencies in his portfolio regarding the manner in which, and the circumstances in which, dealings are to be had, and communications are to be made, between ministerial officers assisting the Minister and the employees in that department or organisation?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5046. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What is the purpose of the barcode on new drivers' licences?
- (2) What function will the barcode have?
- (3) How does the barcode improve the security of drivers' licences?
- (4) How will the barcode be used?
- (5) What agencies or organisations will have access to a driver's information using the barcode?
- (6) What data can be accessed using the barcode on a driver's licence?
- (7) Does the Minister propose to link any other functions or government departments to the barcode?
- (8) What guarantees will there be to ensure that the barcode cannot be used to access more personal information?

5047. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to recommendation 32 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the need for a central Office of Early Childhood for coordinating and managing a Statewide plan for early childhood so as to address the needs of Western Australian families and children holistically, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Premier intend to create an Office of Early Childhood in Western Australia?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5048. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendation 44 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for a community education campaign about mental health issues for children and young people, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Mental Health Commission be running any such education campaign so as to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health for young people and children?

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- (2) If yes to (1), what will this campaign involve?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

5049. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to recommendation 37 and 43 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for increased funding for positive social and emotional learning programs in schools, and I ask -

- (1) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Education Department provide for developing the *KidsMatter* framework?
- (2) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to primary schools in Western Australia to implement the *KidsMatter* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of primary school aged children?
- (3) If no funding will be provided in answer to (1) and (2), why not?
- (4) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide for developing the *MindMatters* framework?
- (5) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to secondary schools in Western Australia to implement the *MindMatters* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of secondary school aged children?
- (6) If no funding will be provided in answer to (4) and (5), why not?

5050. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendations 34, 37 and 43 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for increased funding for positive social and emotional learning programs in schools, and I ask -

- (1) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Mental Health Department provide for developing the *KidsMatter Early Childhood* framework?
- (2) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to primary schools in Western Australia to implement the *KidsMatter Early Childhood* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of primary school aged children?
- (3) If no funding will be provided in answer to (1) and (2), why not?
- (4) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Department provide for developing the *KidsMatter* framework?
- (5) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to primary schools in Western Australia to implement the *KidsMatter* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of primary school aged children?
- (6) If no funding will be provided in answer to (4) and (5), why not?

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- (7) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide for developing the *MindMatters* framework?
- (8) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to secondary schools in Western Australia to implement the *MindMatters* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of secondary school aged children?
- (9) If no funding will be provided in answer to questions (7) and (8), why not?

5051. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to recommendations 34, 37 and 43 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for increased funding for positive social and emotional learning programs in schools, and I ask -

- (1) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Health Department provide for developing the *KidsMatter Early Childhood* framework?
- (2) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to primary schools in Western Australia to implement the *KidsMatter Early Childhood* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of primary school aged children?
- (3) If no funding will be provided in answer to (1) and (2), why not?
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- (6) If no funding will be provided in answer to (4) and (5), why not?
- (7) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide for developing the *MindMatters* framework?
- (8) In the 2012-13 Budget, how much funding will the Government provide to secondary schools in Western Australia to implement the *MindMatters* framework so as to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of secondary school aged children?
- (9) If no funding will be provided in answer to questions (7) and (8), why not?

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5052. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Community Services

I refer to recommendation 31 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the need for universal, targeted and accessible parenting programs for parents of children and young people, with some tailored to parents of children and young people who have particular needs, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to providing significantly increased funding in the 2012-13 Budget to increase the delivery of such programs, as recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5053. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to recommendations 19 and 20 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which raises concerns about children and young people with mental illness in contact with the criminal justice system, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to providing, in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission, comprehensive and appropriate mental health assessment, referral and treatment services for children and young people appearing before the Children's Court?
- (2) If yes to (1), how does the Minister intend to ensure this is provided?
- (3) Will the Minister commit to establishing, in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission, a comprehensive State-wide Forensic Mental Health Service for Children?
- (4) If yes to (3), has the Minister considered, and what was the assessment of, the following options -
 - (a) building a dedicated forensic mental health unit in Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre;
 - (b) converting a portion of the Bentley Adolescent Unit into a dedicated forensic facility; or
 - (c) any other options?

5054. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendations 19 and 20 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which raises concerns about children and young people with mental illness in contact with the criminal justice system, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to providing, in collaboration with the Department for Corrective Services, comprehensive and appropriate mental health assessment, referral and treatment services for children and young people appearing before the Children's Court?

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- (2) If yes to (1), how does the Minister intend to ensure this is provided?
- (3) Will the Minister commit to establishing, in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission, a comprehensive State-wide Forensic Mental Health Service for Children?
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 - (a) building a dedicated forensic mental health unit in Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre;
 - (b) converting a portion of the Bentley Adolescent Unit into a dedicated forensic facility; or
 - (c) any other options?

5055. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to recommendation 21 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which raises concerns about the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in the care of the Department of Child Protection, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Department of Child Protection be implementing more thorough mental health screening and monitoring processes for all children in care, in addition to the current screening procedures, including regular and consistent monitoring and evaluation throughout the period of time while children are in care as recommended in the report?
- (2) If yes to (1), please describe what improvements to the existing processes will be made?
- (3) When will these improvements be implemented?
- (4) If no to (1), why not?

5056. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendation 40 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for a specialised, Statewide, 24-hour emergency service for children and young people experiencing a mental health crisis. I refer especially to the finding that such a service would replace a need currently being met by the Western Australian police service, which has unnecessarily escalated some matters to criminal matters, and brought children suffering mental illness into contact with the criminal justice system, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to developing the 24-hour emergency mental health service recommended?
- (2) If yes to (1), by when will this service be operating?
- (3) If yes to (1), did the Mental Health Department budget for this service in the 2011-12 Budget, and if so, how much?

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- (4) If no to (3), will the department budget for this service in the 2012-13 Budget, and if so, how much?
- (5) If no to (1), why not?

5057. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendation 52 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the need for 'step-down' supported accommodation for children and young people discharged from acute in-patient care, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to making 'step-down' short-term residential facilities available specifically for young people being discharged from acute in-patient care?
- (2) If yes to (1), when is this likely to occur?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

5058. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to recommendation 36 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which notes the significant gap in mental health services for infants in Western Australia. I refer especially to the finding that the lack of adequate funding to the Infant, Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health Service (ICYAMHS) meant that it was unable to meet the needs of infants and young children, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to developing a comprehensive, specialist infant mental health service that can provide early intervention and treatment services for very young children and their parents?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5059. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to recommendation 29 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which recommends an urgent increase in the number of community child health nurses so as to provide the increased number of infants and children in Western Australia, and their parents, with optimum support and care. I also refer to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's 2009 *Inquiry into the adequacy of services to meet the developmental needs of Western Australia's children* and the Education and Health Standing Committee's 2010 report *Invest Now or pay later: Securing the future of WA's children*, which both made similar recommendations, and I ask -

- (1) Did the Health Department budget for any additional community child health nurses in the 2011-12 Budget?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many additional community child health nurses were budgeted for?

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- (3) How many additional community child health nurse FTEs were employed in -
- (a) 2009-2010;
 - (b) 2010-2011; and
 - (c) 2011 to date?
- (4) How many additional community child health nurses will be budgeted for in the 2012-13 Budget?

5060. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to recommendation 35 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the need for significant investment in State Child Development Services, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to increasing the budget allocation in the 2012-13 Budget to State Child Development Services in Western Australia, including specifically for clinical psychology and social work services?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5061. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendations 49 and 50 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refer to the urgent need to upgrade and replace the inadequate inpatient facilities at Bentley Adolescent Unit (BAU). I also refer to the Government's plan to relocate six of the current beds at BAU to the new children's hospital in Nedlands when it is finally built, maintaining six beds for adolescents at BAU, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Department contribute any funding for urgent upgrades to BAU to provide a more therapeutic service for children and young people at that site -
 - (a) while the new children's hospital in Nedlands is being planned and built; and
 - (b) for use by the six inpatients after the new children's hospital in Nedlands is built?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Has planning for the new children's hospital taken into account the need for comprehensive services for young people up to 25 years of age?
- (4) If yes to (3), how?
- (5) If no to (3), please indicate how the needs of young people up to 25 years of age with mental illness will be met.

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5062. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

I refer to recommendation 24 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the unique problems that Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) children face when trying to access services. I refer also to the Evaluation of the Integrated Services Centre (ISC) Pilot Project, conducted in 2008, which recommended an expansion of this service to provide coordinated service delivery at other school sites, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to maintaining the ISCs at Parkwood and Koondoola?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to expanding the ISC model to additional school sites, in collaboration with the Departments of Health and Education, as recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report and the 2008 Evaluation?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

5063. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

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- (1) Will the Minister commit to maintaining the ISCs at Parkwood and Koondoola?
- (2) Will the Minister commit to expanding the ISC model to additional school sites, in collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Interests and the Department of Education, as recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report and the 2008 Evaluation?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

5064. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to recommendation 24 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the unique problems that Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) children face when trying to access services. I refer also to the Evaluation of the Integrated Services Centre (ISC) Pilot Project, conducted in 2008, which recommended an expansion of this service to provide coordinated service delivery at other school sites, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister commit to maintaining the ISCs at Parkwood and Koondoola?

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- (2) Will the Minister commit to expanding the ISC model to additional school sites, in collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Interests and the Department of Health, as recommended by the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report and the 2008 Evaluation?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

5065. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to recommendation 14 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for increased funding for the State's Infant, Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health Service (ICAYMHS) so that it is able to provide comprehensive early intervention and treatment services for children and young people across Western Australia. I note especially that ICAYMHS estimates that it is currently only funded to provide service to 20 percent of the children and young people who require it. I refer also to the 2007 *Review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services* in Western Australia and the Mental Health Commissions *WA Mental Towards 2020: Consultation Paper* which found that ICAYMHS was under-resourced, unable to meet the needs of its client group and that operating procedures and structures were inconsistent between ICAYMHS clinics. And I ask -

- (1) Will the Government commit to increasing funding to ICAYMHS (through the Child Adolescent Health Service and the Western Australia Country Health Service) in the 2012-13 Budget so as to meet the needs of children in Western Australia suffering from mild, moderate and severe mental illnesses, and if so, by how much?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5066. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendation 11 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for better data collection, monitoring and reporting on the mental health of children and young people to better provide services in this area, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Mental Health Commission initiated any additional procedures to improve data collection on the mental health of children and young people in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), how?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

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5067. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to recommendation 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for better data collection, monitoring and reporting on the mental health of children and young people to better provide services in this area. I refer also to the Barnett Government's termination of the Telethon Institute for Child Research's Child Development Survey that was planned for 2008, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Government provide funding for the Telethon Institute for Child Research to conduct the Child Development Survey in 2012?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5068. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendation 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for the Mental Health Commission to develop a comprehensive mental health workforce strategy in collaboration with the Commonwealth Government, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Government initiated consultations or planning in regards to this strategy?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

5069. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to recommendation 47 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which calls for the Mental Health Commission to coordinate establishment of co-located 'youth service centres' throughout Western Australia, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Mental Health Department intend to establish 'youth service centres' in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), where are these centres likely to be established?
- (3) If yes to (1), when is it likely that these centres will be established?
- (4) If no to (1), why not?

5070. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to recommendations 41 and 42 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report on the *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People* from April this year, which refers to the need for mental health training and greater access to school psychologists in Western Australian schools, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Department of Education provide the extra resources recommended so that appropriate mental health training can be provided to school staff with pastoral care roles?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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- (3) Will the Department of Education increase the number of school psychologists to enable the expansion of the services and programs they provide?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

5071. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to the 14 Indonesian prisoners currently accused of 'people smuggling' charges held in Western Australian adult prisons who claim to be less than 18 years of age and whose cases are currently being investigated by the Indonesian Consulate, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Department for Child Protection sought any advice from the State Solicitor's Office about its potential responsibility for foreign children detained in Western Australian adult prisons?
- (2) Has the Department for Child Protection made inquiries to determine the ages of any of the detainees being kept in custody in Western Australia?
- (3) If yes to (1) -
 - (a) what inquiries were made;
 - (b) to whom; and
 - (c) when?
- (4) Has the Department for Child Protection sought any independent determination of the apparent or actual age of these detainees?
- (5) Has the Department for Child Protection sought any advice from the State Solicitor's Office about the meaning of 'child' under the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* (WA) and the evidence and presumptions relevant to determining a child's age?
- (6) What action will the Minister take to protect the Indonesian prisoners in adult prisons who claim to be under 18 years of age?

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