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2763. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Speaker:

Since March 2013, please list the following:

- (a) how many trips has the Speaker undertaken;
- (b) to which destination has the Speaker travelled;
- (c) what has been the purpose of each trip;
- (d) what has been the total cost of each trip undertaken by the Speaker;
- (e) which hotels has the Speaker stayed in on each trip;
- (f) in each flight taken by the Speaker what class of aircraft travel has the Speaker flown in; and
- (g) has the Speaker accepted any upgrades from any airline, and if so:
 - (i) to what class was the Speaker upgraded; and
 - (ii) which airline upgraded the Speaker?

2764. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Attorney General:

I refer to Death Certificates issued by the Office of the State Coroner and ask:

- (a) what is current waiting time for inquests to be heard;
- (b) what is the current back log of inquests waiting to be heard;
- (c) what is the average time for reports to be finalised following an inquest;
- (d) what is the average time following a report being handed down for the Death Certificate to be issued; and
- (e) what were the staffing levels for the Coroner's Court in:
 - (i) 2010;
 - (ii) 2011;
 - (iii) 2012;
 - (iv) 2013; and
 - (v) 2014?

2765. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to an article in the *West Australian*, published on July 12, 2014, which raises the possibility that a map by early settler George Fletcher Moore shows that Yagan's grave is near the junction of the Swan River and Ellen Brook, and not near the site of the Yagan memorial park on West Swan Road in Belhus, and ask has the Minister sought any advice as a result of this article, and:

- (a) if yes, what was the advice sought and received; and
- (b) if no, why not?

2766. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to your comments on Drive 6PR on 21 July 2014 at 4:07 p.m., where you spoke about the Synergy board resignations and said, "there had been some issues on the board, which I'd left up to the board to resolve", and ask:

- (a) who indicated there were issues on the board;
- (b) when were the issues indicated to you;
- (c) were these issues indicated in writing or verbally;

- (d) if verbal, who was present; and
- (e) were notes kept?

2767. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the board of Synergy and ask:

- (a) did you speak or meet with Mark Chatfield between 1 May and 21 July 2014;
- (b) if yes to (a), when and where did you communicate;
- (c) have you written or emailed with Mark Chatfield between 1 May and 21 July 2014; and
- (d) if yes to (c), when did you communicate?

2768. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the board of Synergy, specifically to the legislative provisions in the Act which provides the board must be comprised of not less than four, and not more than eight, directors appointed by the Governor of Western Australia on the nomination of the Energy Minister, and that the Minister, in making nominations, is required to consult with the board and ask:

- (a) has the Minister sought legal advice from the State Solicitor's Office, or any other legal body, with respect to the appointment of board members when the current board of two members does not meet the statutory requirements to appoint further members, and;
- (b) if yes to (a), when did the Minister receive this advice; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

2769. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Economic Regulation Authority's (ERA) final report, entitled *Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia*, specifically to page 66 where the ERA recommend implementing 'cost-reflective retail electricity tariffs', and ask:

- (a) does the Minister fundamentally agree or disagree with the ERAs recommendation;
- (b) what advice or consultation has the Minister received surrounding cost-reflective tariffs thus far; and
- (c) has the Minister been approached by any proponents from within the energy sector about this issue?

2770. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Treasurer:

I refer to the Economic Regulation Authority's (ERA) final report, entitled *Inquiry into Microeconomic Reform in Western Australia*, specifically to page 42 on the Government's Financial Position, and ask:

- (a) what was the major contributor to the decline in the Government's financial position in recent years; and
- (b) the ERA has said the State Government may not have, 'made the best use of the benefits delivered by the mining boom', how does the Minister explain this mismanagement?

2771. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the board of Synergy and ask:

- (a) did you speak or meet with Michael Goddard between 1 May and 21 July 2014;
- (b) if yes to (a), when and where did you communicate;

- (c) have you written or emailed with Michael Goddard between 1 May and 21 July 2014; and
- (d) if yes to (c), when did you communicate?

2772. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

What percentage of total revenue of Lottery West was paid to retailers by way of commission for the following years:

- (a) 2008–2009;
- (b) 2009–2010;
- (c) 2010–2011;
- (d) 2011–2012;
- (e) 2012–2013; and
- (f) 2013–2014?

2773. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to the net sales made by Lottery West and ask:

- (a) for the financial year 2010–2011, what was the net value of sales made by internet purchase, and what per cent of net sales does this represent;
- (b) for the financial year 2011–2012, what was the net value of sales made by internet purchase, and what per cent of net sales does this represent;
- (c) for the financial year 2012–2013, what was the net value of sales made by internet purchase, and what per cent of net sales does this represent; and
- (d) for the financial year 2013–2014, what was the net value of sales made by internet purchase, and what per cent of net sales does this represent?

2774. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to Lottery West's internet sales and ask:

- (a) have there been any inquiries, consultations, or studies undertaken into the success of internet sales;
- (b) have there been any inquiries, consultations, or studies undertaken into the impacts of internet sales on consumer purchasing patterns;
- (c) have there been any inquiries, consultations, or studies undertaken into the impacts of internet sales retailers; and
- (d) is the impact of internet sales on consumer behaviour being studied or monitored, and if so, by whom?

2775. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to Lottery West retailers, and specifically to the introduction of internet sales, and ask:

- (a) how many retailers have contacted the Premier about internet sales in the years:
 - (i) 2011–2012;
 - (ii) 2012–2013; and
 - (iii) 2013–2014;
- (b) how many retailers have contacted the Premier regarding retail commission in the years:
 - (i) 2011–2012;

- (ii) 2012–2013; and
- (iii) 2013–2014; and
- (c) how many retailers have contacted the Premier with complaints about Lottery West in the years:
 - (i) 2011–2012;
 - (ii) 2012–2013; and
 - (iii) 2013–2014?

2776. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to the cap originally imposed on Lottery West's online sales and ask:

- (a) what was the amount of the cap when internet sales were introduced;
- (b) how was the cap implemented or regulated;
- (c) is there currently a cap on internet sales;
- (d) if yes to (c), what is the current cap; and
- (e) if the cap has been amended since the introduction of internet sales, how many times has this occurred?

2777. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to the Hansard from 14 August 2012 p4747c-4750a, where the Hon. Donna Faragher, in discussing Lottery West, stated: 'online gambling represents two per cent of sales turnover', and ask what per cent of total sales turnover did online gambling represent in:

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

2778. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to the Hansard from 14 August 2012 p4747c-4750a, where the Hon. Donna Faragher, in discussing Lottery West, stated: '(consumers) cannot spend more than \$200 per week', on online Lottery West purchases and ask:

- (a) since the introduction of internet sales has there been discussion to amend the \$200 per week amount and if so for what reason;
- (b) currently, what is the total amount consumers can spend per week on online sales;
- (c) if this amount is more than \$200 per week when was the amount amended;
- (d) if the amount has been amended what studies have been undertaken with respect to the impacts on retailers; and
- (e) if the amount has been amended what studies have been undertaken with respect to the impacts on gamblers?

2779. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Premier:

I refer to the commission paid to Lottery West retailers and ask:

- (a) is commission reviewed annually;
- (b) who reviews the commission paid to retailers;
- (c) when was the last commission increase;
- (d) when considering commission, does Lottery West take into account the rising cost of living for small business owners and their families;

- (e) when considering commission, does Lottery West take into account the rising cost of business expenses faced by retailers;
- (f) what matters are considered in respect to retail commission; and
- (g) does Lottery West consider consumer behaviour when determining commission increases?

2780. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

In regards to the Coolgardie Townsite could the Minister please clarify:

- (a) if open pit mining will be allowed within Environmental buffers in proximity of the Townsite boundary;
- (b) if open cut mining will be allowed within the Townsite boundary;
- (c) if open cut mining will be allowed adjacent to Bayley Street, residential and commercial properties, within the Townsite boundary; and
- (d) if mining is to take place within the Townsite what land will be immediately available for development and how will existing residents and/or businesses be relocated and/or compensated?

2781. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

In regards to restrictions placed upon the Shire of Coolgardie by the Department of Mines and Petroleum regarding light industrial land within the Coolgardie Townsite I ask:

- (a) when will light industrial land be made available in the Coolgardie Townsite;
- (b) who will be funding optional development areas suggested by the Minister or the Department of Mines and Petroleum;
- (c) when will this urgently needed land be made available to the Shire of Coolgardie;
- (d) why is the Shire of Coolgardie not able to access its existing industrial land within the Coolgardie Townsite; and
- (e) why has mining activity been allowed inside the Townsite buffer zones, and will buffer infringement be allowed to continue?

2782. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many redundancies were made in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for the financial year 2013–2014 and the 2014–2015 financial year to date?
- (2) Can the Minister advise for each of those periods, the cost of these redundancies and the positions or work area made redundant?

2783. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Health:

I refer to your answer to part (c) of Question on Notice No. 2382 concerning the school health promotion officer in the Kimberly and ask:

- (a) where was the position based;
- (b) what communities did the worker look after;
- (c) who did the position work with; and
- (d) why was the position created?

2784. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Finance:

I refer to your predecessor's answer to Question Without Notice No. 917 of 5 December 2013 and ask:

- (a) can you confirm the figure of \$525 million is the total expenditure on the Office of Shared Services, and if not, what is the correct figure; and
- (b) of this amount, how much was spent in each of the following financial years:
 - (i) 2013–2014;
 - (ii) 2012–2013;
 - (iii) 2011–2012;
 - (iv) 2010–2011;
 - (v) 2009–2010;
 - (vi) 2008–2009;
 - (vii) 2007–2008; and
 - (viii) 2006–2007?

2785. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the closure of the Perth South Coastal Medicare Local After Hours Clinic on Elanora Drive and ask:

- (a) how many patients had the clinic seen for each of the past five financial years;
- (b) on average how many patients would the clinic see during after hours times; and
- (c) on what basis was the decision made not to open the Rockingham General Hospital After Hours Clinic to contestable tender?

PETER J. McHUGH
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