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QUESTIONS

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Tuesday, 17 November 2009

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- 1349. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
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- 1360. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1361. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 1397. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment

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1403. Hon Ed Dermer to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
1404. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
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1408. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
1409. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services

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1410. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to photographs available at <http://www.mp.wa.gov.au/rchapple/Yeelirrie/>, showing dust pluming from core drilling adjacent to the Yeelerrie-Meekatharra Road, which traverses the BHP Yeelirrie Uranium Exploration Project in Temporary Reserve 6899H, and I ask -

- (1) Given that the dust plume photographed is adjacent to and crossed the road, and given that the workers photographed were wearing protective masks, why was no signage or barriers to private vehicles in place on the road?
- (2) Did the workers undertaking core drilling have access to personal showers and or decontamination for their clothing on completion of their shift?
- (3) If yes to (2), at what location?
- (4) Does the Minister regard the level of aerial dust contamination on display in the photographs as acceptable in terms of health and safety of workers and passersby on the adjacent public road?
- (5) If yes to (4), why?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

1411. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works

Of the 187 Homeswest properties sold in the 12 months to July 2009, -

- (1) What was the total net sale value for these properties?
- (2) How many new Homeswest properties have been purchased with this capital, and in which location?
- (3) What is the net increase in social housing dwellings, as a result of these sales?

1412. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) How many non-government organisations are funded by the Western Australian Government, to provide health services?
- (2) In respect of each non-government organisation funded to provide health services, -
 - (a) what service is it funded to provide;
 - (b) what evaluation criteria apply;
 - (c) who carries out evaluations; and
 - (d) how often does evaluations occur?

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- (3) What is the Minister's overall strategy/vision regarding provision of health services, by non-government organisations?
1413. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- (1) Why is the smallest Government body involved in mainly city structural fires, being made the authority over the Department of Environment and Conservation and local government brigades, in the latest *Bushfires Amendment Bill*?
- (2) How quickly would the Minister expect the new handover provisions to take effect?
- (3) Is it not dangerous leading into a fire season, to introduce new measures at this time, instead of a gradual implementation?
- (4) In relation to the *Bushfires Amendment Bill*, were the Association of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades and its members, who are the field experience people, -
- (a) given sufficient time to consider the Bill;
- (b) provided with all the details of the Bill;
- (c) concerned about the protection of volunteers; and
- (d) immediately support the Bill or did they suggest a deferment?
- (5) What are the names of the FESA Officers residing in the South West Regional of Western Australia, who are accredited to act as Incident Controller for a Level 3 bushfire?
1414. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Environment
- With regard to the recommissioned Muja A&B power station -
- (1) What will be the annual greenhouse gas emissions, expressed as tonnes of CO₂-e per year?
- (2) What percentage of the State's total annual greenhouse gas emissions will that represent?
- (3) What were the annual greenhouse gas emissions from Muja A&B at the time of its decommissioning?
1415. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of the Feasibility Study, into the State Government lodging a bid for the 2018 Commonwealth Games?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
1416. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism
- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of the Feasibility Study, into the State Government lodging a bid for the 2018 Commonwealth Games?

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(2) If no to (1), why not?

1417. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

(1) How many pieces of correspondence relating to the Tourism portfolio, were received by the Minister's office in the following months, -

- (a) October 2008;
- (b) November 2008;
- (c) December 2008;
- (d) January 2009;
- (e) February 2009;
- (f) March 2009;
- (g) April 2009;
- (h) May 2009;
- (i) June 2009;
- (j) July 2009;
- (k) August 2009; and
- (l) September 2009?

(2) Of those, for each of the months above, -

- (a) how many have been acknowledged;
- (b) how many have been responded to by the Minister;
- (c) how many have been responded to by a ministerial staff member;
- (d) how many have been responded to by an Agency employee; and
- (e) how many are outstanding?

1418. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

(1) How many written requests were received by the Ministerial office, to meet with the Minister on matters relating to her Tourism portfolio in the following months, -

- (a) October 2008;
- (b) November 2008;
- (c) December 2008;
- (d) January 2009;
- (e) February 2009;
- (f) March 2009;

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- (g) April 2009
 - (h) May 2009;
 - (i) June 2009;
 - (j) July 2009;
 - (k) August 2009; and
 - (l) September 2009?
- (2) Of those, for each of the months above, -
- (a) how many meetings did the Minister hold;
 - (b) how many meetings did a Ministerial staff member hold on behalf of the Minister;
 - (c) how many did an agency staff member hold on behalf of the Minister; and
 - (d) how many written requests remain outstanding?

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