

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 57

Wednesday, May 7 2003

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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4. Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
(*SO 138(d) response - September 18 2002*)

Notice Given ***Tuesday, March 4 2003***

376. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - April 2 2003*)

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438. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - April 3 2003*)

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556. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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563. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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586. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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588. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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591. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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598. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Government Enterprises

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630. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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638. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

640. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

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642. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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643. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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644. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

645. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

646. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

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- 675. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 679. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 680. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 681. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs
- 682. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 683. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 684. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs
- 685. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- 687. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
- 688. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 689. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
- 690. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 691. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 692. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 696. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
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- 699. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 700. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 701. Hon Jon Ford to Hon Robin Chapple
- 702. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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- 704. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 705. Hon Alan Cadby to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 708. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 709. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 710. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 711. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 713. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 714. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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- 716. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 717. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 730. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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731. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In the debate of the *Reserves (Neerabup National Park) Bill 2000* on November 21 2000, the Government stated that 'to compensate for the lands earmarked for excision, it is proposed that approximately 525 hectares of privately held land be acquired and, together with approximately 47 hectares of existing reserve lands, be incorporated into the reserve.' -

- (1) Has the Government acquired this privately held land?
- (2) If yes to (1), has the Government incorporated the two areas mentioned in the Neerabup National Park?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) If no to (1), when will the Government acquire this land?

732. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister assure South West residents that the Psychiatric Unit of the Bunbury Hospital is fully staffed and able to handle any call for help?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) When will the unit be fully staffed and fully operational?
- (4) What is the current staffing level and what is the required staffing level to enable the Psychiatric Unit to operate to capacity?
- (5) What were the staffing levels at the unit in -
 - (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000; and
 - (c) 2002?
- (6) How many people sought admission to the unit in -
 - (a) 1998;
 - (b) 2000; and
 - (c) 2002?
- (7) How many were turned away, or forced to travel to Perth for treatment?
- (8) Why did the Government offer only a 12 month contract to an established, competent and well-known health professional to work in Bunbury when its labour relations policy encourages long-term, awards-based employment in the City?

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733. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With regard to Fire Emergency Risk Management training -

- (1) Can the Minister outline what kind of emergency risk management training the Fire and Emergency Services Authority provides Local Governments in Western Australia?
- (2) Who was responsible for writing/designing this training program?
- (3) Was the creation of this training program informed by research undertaken by bushfire prevention and natural resource management specialists from Western Australia?
- (4) If yes to (3), who were the specialists and what reports or research findings influenced the creation of this training program?
- (5) Does this training program include any components or objectives relating to ecological and weed management?
- (6) Does this training program include any components or objectives in relation to the importance of environmental protection and biodiversity conservation in relation to pre-emptive burning?
- (7) How often is the training program updated?
- (8) How often are rangers/officers in local shires expected to update their skills through subsequent training programs?
- (9) How many rangers/officers have received FESA's Emergency Management training in Western Australia?
- (10) What responsibilities does this training enable local shires to bestow upon their rangers?
- (11) What discretion do rangers have in relation to the classification of hazardous fuel loading?

734. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In the Minister's answer to a previous question on Wednesday, December 18 2002 it was stated that the Government's analysis '...shows that about 100 hectares of pines east of the Caves might be expected to raise water levels in monitoring bores close to the caves within approximately four years. By comparison, thinning of the pines in this area would show no positive gains in water levels near the caves in this timeframe.' Given that, as the Minister also stated in that answer that 'Groundwater levels on the Gngangara Mound are declining, putting significant pressure on groundwater dependent ecosystems.' -

- (1) Since the analysis of the impact of 1000 ha of pine plantation clearing referred to above was undertaken, has any of pine plantations east of the Yanchep Caves on the Gngangara Mound, been cleared yet?
- (2) If the answer to question (1) is yes, what total area of pine plantation has been cleared so far, since that analysis was undertaken?

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- (3) Has an agreement between the relevant Government agencies been reached to clear 1000 ha of pine plantation east of the Yanchep Caves on the Gnangara mound, since the above mentioned analysis was undertaken?
- (4) If the answer to question (3) is yes, when is this clearing scheduled to occur?
- (5) If the answer to question (3) is no, why not and has an agreement between the relevant Government agencies been reached to clear any area of pine plantations east of the Yanchep Caves?
- (6) If the answer to question (5) is yes, what total area of pine plantation clearing east of the Yanchep Caves has been agreed to, and when has it been scheduled to be cleared?

735. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to the clearing of trees and vegetation on block CG 3819, north of Old Plain Rd adjoining Newdale Road -

- (1) Has a notice of intent to clear trees and vegetation on block CG 3819 been submitted?
- (2) If no to (1), what action does the Minister intend to take in response to the clearing of this vegetation?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council