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## QUESTIONS

**No. 195**

**Wednesday, 7 March 2012**

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5243. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- (1) What areas currently listed as 'ESL 1' do not currently have reticulated water supply?
  - (2) What areas currently listed as 'ESL 1' do not currently provide fire fighters with access to hydrant water supply?
5244. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- (1) What are the plans for moving the Joondalup career fire station?
  - (2) What is the time frame for any move?
  - (3) What is the time frame for construction of a replacement station?
  - (4) Has a new site been identified for the new station and, if so, where is that site?
5245. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- (1) In total, what amount was paid by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority to Spotless Maintenance for maintenance at career fire stations in the financial years 2010-2011 and to date 2011-2012?
  - (2) Under the contract with Spotless, what is the standard amount charged for changing -
    - (a) a tap washer; and
    - (b) a light bulb?
  - (3) Under the contract with Spotless, what is the standard amount charged for pruning and tree removal?
  - (4) What is the most that has been charged for changing a tap washer, and at what site?
  - (5) What is the most that has been charged for changing a light bulb, and at what site?
5246. Hon Sue Ellery to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- I refer to the review of the role of Justices of the Peace (JPs) in Western Australia, public submissions to which closed in December 2010, and I ask -
- (1) When does the Attorney General anticipate releasing the final Government policy on JPs?
  - (2) What is the reason for the delay since closing of submissions?
5247. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- (1) Has the Western Australian Emergency Radio Network (WAERN) project been completed?
  - (2) If no to (1), why not, and when does the Minister anticipate it will be completed?
  - (3) If yes to (1), what areas are now covered by the network?
  - (4) If yes to (1), what areas still experience blackout or some level of radio interference requiring other means of communication?



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5248. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

What is the estimated cost of extending the free seniors concession for public transport from 8.30am, instead of 10.00am, for those travelling into the city from zones five to nine?

5249. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police

I refer to the Department of Housing directive that only reports from direct neighbours where police attend at premises will be relevant for the operation of its anti-social policy, and I ask -

- (1) Were police consulted about this change in policy?
- (2) What impact will this change have on the capacity of police to maintain order in a particular location?

5250. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What percentage of the total adult prison population was, as at 31 December 2011, identified as having a mental health illness?
- (2) What percentage of the female adult prison population was, as at 31 December 2011, identified as having a mental health illness?
- (3) What percentage of the male adult prison population was, as at 31 December 2011, identified as having a mental health illness?
- (4) What percentage of the indigenous adult prison population was, as at 31 December 2011, identified as having a mental health illness?
- (5) What percentage of the total juvenile prison population was, as at 31 December 2011, identified as having a mental health illness?
- (6) What percentage of the indigenous juvenile prison population was, as at 31 December 2011, identified as having a mental health illness?
- (7) What was the total number of prisoners, adult and juvenile, identified as suffering from a mental illness, as at 31 December 2011?
- (8) What percentage of the total number of prisoners, adult and juvenile, was identified as suffering from a mental illness, as at 31 December 2011?
- (9) In the event the percentages or total number is not known, as at 31 December 2011, what is the most recent statistic or number known?

5251. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What specific funding is currently available to enable the Children's Court to order and receive psychological and psychiatric reports to assist in its decision making?
- (2) Has the Minister received any advice that the funding is not adequate to enable the Children's Court to order and receive psychiatric and psychological reports in a timely manner?

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5252. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) Has the Minister consulted with the Minister for Health about transferring responsibility for health services in prisons to the Department of Health?
- (2) Has the Minister consulted with the Minister for Mental Health about transferring responsibility for mental health services in prisons to the Mental Health Commission?

5253. Hon Linda Savage to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to my question without notice No. 265 of 7 April 2011 to the Attorney General, and ask -

- (1) Has the Attorney General directed an examination of the operation of the Children's Court Clinic in Victoria with a view to ascertaining whether it is appropriate for there to be a similar clinic in Western Australia?
- (2) Has the Attorney General raised the issue of the establishment of a secure facility for children under 18 years of age, similar to the Frankland Centre, with the Minister for Mental Health?

5254. Hon Linda Savage to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to comments by the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General on 25 May 2011 in discussion concerning the motion of the Hon Alison Xamon related to establishing a mental impairment court intervention program in Western Australia, and ask what progress has the Attorney General made in relation to the placement of a mental health practitioner at the Western Australian Children's Court to deal with issues involving juveniles?

5255. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) Has the Minister consulted with the Minister for Corrective Services about transferring responsibility for mental health services in prisons to the Mental Health Commission?
- (2) Has the Attorney General raised the issue of the establishment of a secure facility for children under 18 years of age, similar to the Frankland Centre, with the Minister for Mental Health?

5256. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Mental Health

Has the Minister consulted with the Minister for Corrective Services about transferring responsibility for health services in prisons to the Department of Health?

5257. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to recent reports about Synergy outsourcing work overseas, and I also make reference to the Minister's statement of 2 April 2009 relating to Synergy and jobs where it was claimed, and I quote, 'keep jobs in Western Australia, support local industry and establish a new industry which brings new skills and knowledge to this State', and I ask -

- (1) What exactly is the nature of the work that it couldn't, as claimed, be carried out by Western Australian workers?
- (2) Exactly how many jobs have been lost to Western Australians as a result of this outsourcing?

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5258. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the course AS1796 in relation to the welding trade where some apprentices were apparently undertaking this course for a cost of around \$350 at Polytechnic West. As it has been reported to me that the course fees have now increased to around \$3,500, I ask -

- (1) What can possibly justify such a huge increase?
- (2) If the shortage of funds is the reason these course fees to have increased, why is there a lack of funding?

5259. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the course Diploma of Applied Language (LOTE) at the Central Institute of Technology, and I ask -

- (1) Why have fees increased so prohibitively that students who expected to take their Diploma in some of the LOTE courses this year now find after two years of study they are unaffordable?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that some of these LOTE courses are being discontinued because these substantial fee increases mean the minimum enrolment number is not being met?
- (3) Why are concession rates or payment plans no longer available, as they have been previously?

5260. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the course Diploma of Applied Language (LOTE) at the Central Institute of Technology, and I ask -

- (1) Why is the Institute experiencing 'limited funding'?
- (2) What caused the 'limited funding'?
- (3) What is the Minister going to do for the students who have undertaken courses to Diploma level so that they can actually gain that Diploma rather than have the years they have spent studying so far go to waste?

5261. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection, from February 2011 to February 2012 (months inclusive), can the department please provide the number of applications by -

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

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5262. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

With regard to the Proposed Burrup Peninsula Conservation Reserve (PBPCR) Draft Management Plan and submissions to the Burrup Peninsula Conservation Reserve Planning Advisory Committee, I ask -

- (1) How many submissions were made on the PBPCR?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of all the names of submitters to the Burrup Peninsula Conservation Reserve Planning Advisory Committee?
- (3) Will the Minister provide or make available copies of all the submissions on the PBPCR?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council