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- 5946. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

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- 6026. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 18 September 2012***6027. Hon Ed Dermer to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health**

I refer to the St John's Ambulance Service, and ask —

- (1) How many traffic accidents have St John's ambulances been involved in during 2012 to date?
- (2) How many of these accidents occurred during normal driving circumstances and how many were responding to emergency situations?
- (3) What permission is required by St John's ambulance staff to exceed the speed limit, run red lights or go through stop signs and under what circumstances is this permission granted?
- (4) What is the minimum level of driver training St John's paid paramedics are required to hold and are St John's volunteers required to have the same level of driver training?
- (5) What on-the-job driver training does St John's provide for its paramedic staff and are there any plans to increase the level of driver training required?

**6028. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health**

I refer to the waiting times for therapies at the State Child Development Service. What are the current waiting times to access the following child development services in regional areas by district for —

- (a) speech pathology;
- (b) occupational therapy;
- (c) physiotherapy;
- (d) clinical psychology;
- (e) social work; and
- (f) an appointment with a paediatrician at the service?

**6029. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs**

In his 13 June 2012 letter to Joseph Roe, the Minister advised Mr Roe that 'DIA has also confirmed that Aboriginal heritage sites identified through the Terrex Report have been registered and appear on the DIA Register of Aboriginal Sites. During 2011 and in consultation with Goolarabooloo people, DIA added the Song Cycle path as it had been presented in 1991 to the DIA Sites Database', and I now ask —

- (1) Was the Song Cycle path explicitly identified as an Aboriginal site by the senior Aboriginal men consulted in 1991 by the Western Australian Museum for the purposes of the Terrex Report?
- (2) Did the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee, on 11 July 1991, evaluate the Song Cycle path as mapped in 1991 and described in the Terrex Report against the criteria in subsections 39(2)-(3) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*?
- (3) What did the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee conclude on this occasion about the Song Cycle path and the activities that should be undertaken in relation to it?

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(4) I refer the Minister to the decision of the Broome Mining Warden's Court delivered on 20 August 1991 by Dr J A Howard SM, and reported as *Terrex Resources N L v Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community, Kimberley Conservation Group, Broome Botanical Society and the Kimberley Land Council on behalf of Goolarabooloo Aboriginal Community and Boonaroo Pastoral Pty Ltd*. In relation to this, I now ask —

- (a) did the Mining Warden conclude that the areas defined as the Song Cycle path in the 1991 Terrex Report 'were effectively resolved by the committee to encompass places of importance and significance as defined in section 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*'; and
- (b) was the Mining Warden's decision ever appealed?

**6030. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) Is liquid cyanide transported to Fremantle port?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) how;
  - (b) how often; and
  - (c) in what quantities,
 is it transported?
- (3) Is sulphuric acid transported to Fremantle port?
- (4) If yes to (3) —
  - (a) how;
  - (b) how often; and
  - (c) in what quantities,
 is it transported?
- (5) Is hydrochloric acid transported to Fremantle port?
- (6) If yes to (5) —
  - (a) how;
  - (b) how often; and
  - (c) in what quantities,
 is it transported?
- (7) What emergency procedures are in place if there is a spill of any of these materials in transit through the metropolitan area?

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**6031. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

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  - (a) how;
  - (b) how often; and
  - (c) in what quantities,
 is it transported?
- (7) What emergency procedures are in place if there is a spill of any of these materials in transit through the metropolitan area?

**6032. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services**

I refer to Report 77 of the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services ‘Report of an Announced Inspection of Broome Regional Prison’, and I ask —

- (1) Regarding the Inspector’s statement at footnote 115 on page 65 that your department’s response to Recommendation 4 does not meet avowed objectives of the West Kimberley Regional Prison for innovation and development of culturally specific initiatives in conjunction with Kimberley Aboriginal people —
  - (a) what action if any are you taking to remedy this; and
  - (b) what Kimberley-specific offender programs that meet those objectives will be available when the new prison opens, and how often will they run?
- (2) Regarding the Inspector’s statement at footnote 116 on page 66 that your department has not responded to Recommendation 5, will the Minister ensure that there is additional staff coverage in reception Monday to Friday using existing staff?



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- (3) Regarding the Inspector's statement at footnote 117 on page 66 that your department's allegation in response to Recommendation 6 that it is not viable to re-introduce education services to prisoners in the secure section for reasons based on the configuration of the area and prisoners' length of stay is not accurate because despite those factors education services were previously provided by a male tutor for a considerable period of time until the tutor left —
  - (a) why has a replacement tutor not been engaged;
  - (b) is it correct, as the Inspector states in that footnote, that prison management does not consider it appropriate for a female tutor to be engaged to provide this service;
  - (c) if yes to (3)(b) —
    - (i) why;
    - (ii) what arrangements need to be in place to address those concerns; and
    - (iii) why aren't those arrangements in place, or available to be put in place?
- (4) Regarding the Inspector's statements at footnote 118 on page 66 in respect of your department's response to Recommendation 7 —
  - (a) what is the cost for an in-house maintenance crew to do the welding to make top bunk beds compliant with the Department of Corrective Services' standards;
  - (b) how likely is it that the lack of secured ladders, rails and roll protection for top bunks will lead to a prisoner being injured (please explain the reasoning behind this assessment); and
  - (c) given the health of prisoners at Broome Regional Prison, what is the likely nature of such injury?
- (5) Regarding the Inspector's statement at footnote 119 on page 66 in respect of your department's response to Recommendation 9, will the West Kimberley Regional Prison have a full-time Women's Support Officer?
- (6) Regarding the Inspector's statement at footnote 120 on page 68, does the Minister/your department consider additional training as described in Recommendation 17 is required?
- (7) If no to (6), given the findings of the inspection, why not?
- (8) If yes to (6), what steps have been taken to ensure that extra training is provided?

**6033. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health**

Given the prevalence of potentially preventable chronic diseases in the Stirling-Central area were higher than the State average, and in 2010, Stirling-Central residents were hospitalized a total of 1,709 times due to chronic conditions which equates to 8,887 bed days at an approximate cost of \$13,156,419, as outlined in the *Department of Health: Population Health and Profile for Stirling-Central Statistical Local Area*, I ask —

- (1) Is the Minister concerned about access to General Practitioner services for Stirling-Central residents?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the Minister doing to rectify this?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 18 September 2012***6034. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services**

I refer to Report 78 of the Inspector of Custodial Services 'Report of an Announced Inspection of Albany Regional Prison', and I ask —

- (1) Regarding the statement at page vi that the Department of Corrective Services has not yet produced policies for management of foreign national and culturally/linguistically diverse prisoners despite having committed to do so more than two years ago —
  - (a) if these policies have now been finalised, will the Minister please table them; and
  - (b) if these policies have still not yet been finalised, will the Minister ensure they are finalised by the end of this year?
- (2) If no to (1)(a) and/or (b), why not?

**6035. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development**

I refer to the elements 'Business Exit Assistance', 'Industry Development Assistance', 'Workers Assistance', 'Community Development Assistance', 'Relocation Compensation', and 'Furniture Promotion Fund' of the 'Protection of Old Growth Forests' Policy Funding Package, and I ask —

- (1) Will the Minister please provide a list of the companies, company directors, businesses or business proprietors that received assistance or compensation under these elements of the package and indicate in respect of each —
  - (a) the amount of assistance or compensation;
  - (b) the element of the package that was the source of the assistance or compensation;
  - (c) where the assistance or compensation related to partially or wholly exiting the native forest timber industry or an associated industry, what terms were attached to the assistance/compensation regarding remaining in, or subsequent re-entry to —
    - (i) the same industry (please provide full details);
    - (ii) a related industry (please provide full details);
  - (d) whether and how these terms are/were enforceable;
  - (e) whether and how these terms have to date been monitored for compliance and any breaches dealt with;
  - (f) whether they have remained in or subsequently re-entered the same industry or a related industry (partially or wholly), and if so, the nature of this;
  - (g) if yes to (1)(f), whether they received further funding to do so, and if so —
    - (i) the amount of further funding;
    - (ii) the reason the further funding was provided; and
    - (iii) the element of the package or other source of the further funding?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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**6036. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Corrective Services**

I refer to the attachment to question A9 ‘Prison Population – Operational Count (as at 11 July 2012)’ provided to the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee by the Department of Corrective Services during the 2012-2013 Budget Estimates Hearings, and I ask —

- (1) In how many weeks out of the past 52 weeks has the Bandyup prisoner population count exceeded that prison’s total available bed capacity?
- (2) In those weeks, where did the excess population of Bandyup sleep?

**6037. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the Minister’s advice of 19 June 2012 regarding Euro population management (question on notice No. 5569, answers (2)-(4)), and I ask —

In relation to meeting the requirements of the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, is the Department of Environment and Conservation still meeting the scientific requirements of the Commonwealth *Environmental Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* by not conducting ground surveys for Euros?

**6038. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the Minister’s advice of 19 June 2012 regarding Euro population management (question on notice No. 5570), and I ask in relation to the answer supplied to the question (3) ‘how much did the surveys/monitoring cost’, for each of the figures supplied, what was the amount spent on —

- (a) aerial surveying; and
- (b) ground surveying for Euros?

**6039. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the Minister’s advice of 19 June 2012 regarding Euro population management (question on notice No. 5569), and I ask in relation to the answer supplied to questions (2)-(4), can the Minister explain why quoting figures for ‘about 30 years’ is an accurate representation of the commercial harvest for Euros given that years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and up to 7 August 2007, 2010, 2011 and 2012, no Euro commercial quota was approved?

**6040. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the Minister’s advice of 19 June 2012 regarding Euro population management (question on notice No. 5569, answers (7-8)), and I ask in relation to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) advice on the lack of a commercial interest in Euros, has DEC, since cessation on 31 January 2010 —

- (a) consulted with processors regarding Euros given that representatives for processors have not been invited to Kangaroo Management Advisory Committee meetings; and
- (b) consulted licensed accredited professional shooters who have harvested in regional areas where Euros exist?

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**6041. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the Minister's advice on the 19 June 2012 regarding Euro population management (question on notice No. 5570, answer (4)), and I ask —

- (1) What Commonwealth regulatory requirements apply to the monitoring of populations of Euro kangaroos which are subject to non-commercial hunting when there is no management plan submitted for approval to the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities?
- (2) What statutory requirements apply to non-commercial shooting of kangaroos regarding the Commonwealth *Environment and Protection Biodiversity Act 1999*?

**6042. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Commerce**

I refer to the Gas Appliance Rectification Program and the expected use of broader specification gas in 2013, and I ask —

- (1) Will consumers be paying the same amount as at present for the new gas?
- (2) What is the heating capacity of the new gas compared to the old gas?
- (3) Will the two gas types be mixed and what is the expected impact on household appliances?
- (4) Will Alinta pay the same price for the new gas as the old gas?

**6043. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Commerce**

I refer to the Gas Appliance Rectification Program. In relation to those consumers whose pre-1980 gas heater has been assessed as being safe to operate on the changed gas, will the Minister advise —

- (1) Whether the heating capacity will remain the same with the broader specification gas?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is no, then what are the anticipated increased costs to consumers or hasn't this been taken into account?

**6044. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Commerce**

I refer to the Gas Appliance Rectification Program, and I ask —

- (1) To date, how many homes have been visited as part of this program?
- (2) How many appliances so far qualify for replacement?
- (3) How many appliances so far qualify for servicing only?
- (4) To date, how many consumers have registered their pre-1980 gas appliances?
- (5) Is this program on track to have all appliances tested, replaced or serviced by the end of 2012?
- (6) How is the organisation that is undertaking the detailed research into the background of each make and model of appliance able to determine if it will pose a safety risk if allowed to operate on the changed gas?
- (7) As part of this research, how many appliances were actually physically tested?
- (8) Who is paying for this research to be undertaken?

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 18 September 2012***6045. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the appointment of Ms Elizabeth Carr to a position on the board of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in October 2011, and I ask —

- (1) Why was Ms Carr appointed at that time in full knowledge that she had a conflict of interest in relation to the EPA's assessment of the Browse Basin Liquefied Natural Gas proposal?
- (2) What position(s) did Ms Carr hold, at that time or in the past that caused a conflict of interest in relation to the EPA's environmental impact assessment of the Browse Basin Liquefied Natural Gas proposal?
- (3) At the time of her appointment, was Ms Carr a member of the Liberal Party?

**6046. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the issuing of T-class licences for recreational use in the Ningaloo Marine Park, and I ask —

- (1) Is the Department of Environment and Conservation responsible for issuing a vessel named Aqua Rush a T-class licence to operate in the Coral Bay region of the Ningaloo Marine Park?
- (2) If yes to (1), what kind of operation is this vessel allowed to operate under the terms and restrictions of this licence?
- (3) If no to (1), who issued the licence?
- (4) What licence conditions apply to this vessel with respect to the speed and environmental harm that it may cause within the Ningaloo Marine Park?
- (5) What assurances does the Department of Environment and Conservation make that issuing T-class licences for use within marine park confines will not affect environmental values?
- (6) What assurances does the Department of Environment and Conservation make that issuing T-class licences for use within marine park confines will not pose a risk to public safety within a recreation area?

**6047. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs**

I refer to the timeframes within which heritage reports are expected to be issued by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA), and I ask —

- (1) How many heritage reports are outstanding to date?
- (2) How many heritage reports are being withheld from the DIA by mining companies currently?
- (3) What time limits to report heritage sites to the DIA are imposed by the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* on mining companies currently?
- (4) What does the Minister intend to do to ensure that a time limitation is placed on mining companies to record and protect heritage sites?

**6048. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry**

With regard to the contract with Wallardar to gather sandalwood from Walling Rock Station, I ask —

- (1) Is the Minister aware of excessive land clearing by Wallardar, beyond what is reasonably necessary for the carrying out of their sandalwood gathering?
- (2) If yes to (1), what action does the Minister intend to take in respect to this matter?

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- (3) Is the Minister aware that Wallardar have not been reseeding areas where sandalwood has been harvested, contrary to the conditions of their contract?
- (4) If yes to (3), what action does the Minister intend to take in respect to this matter?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that Wallardar have left quantities of diesel and oil on Walling Station without adequate containment bunkers, and that this has caused contamination of the surrounding environment?
- (6) If yes to (5), what action does the Minister intend to take in respect to this matter?
- (7) Is the Minister aware that Wallardar have operated road building machinery with the blade down, to an extent beyond what is reasonably required for the purposes of track construction, thereby unnecessarily destroying native vegetation?
- (8) If yes to (7), what action does the Minister intend to take in respect to this matter?

**6049. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

In relation to mining activities on Christmas Island, which are administered by the Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum in accordance with a Commonwealth/Western Australian Service Delivery Agreement, in particular, the island contains tenements EC1 70/2 and EC1 70/3, I ask —

- (1) What are the rehabilitation obligations which apply to mining activities on Christmas Island, and in particular to the company Christmas Island Phosphates (CIP)?
- (2) Given that the phosphate resource is nearing exhaustion, has CIP submitted a mine closure plan?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Is the company (CIP) subject to the Western Australian Mining Rehabilitation Fund levy?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Can the Minister provide details of any rehabilitation work undertaken so far by CIP?

**6050. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Housing**

I refer the Minister to question on notice No. 5624 of 12 June 2012 and the answer provided on 14 August 2012, and I ask —

- (1) Will the Minister table the report of water quality carried out at Wakathuni community?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister table the report of water quality carried out at Bellary Springs community?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council