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QUESTIONS

No. 192

Wednesday, 30 November 2011

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(*SO 138(d) response - November 9 2011*)

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4794. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier (*SO 138(d)*
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4831. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health (*SO 138(d) response -*
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5072. Hon Linda Savage to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the Children's Court of Western Australia, and ask -

- (1) How many applications for Violence Restraining Orders were received by the Children's Court in the years -
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006;
 - (c) 2007;
 - (d) 2008;
 - (e) 2009;
 - (f) 2010; and
 - (g) 2011 to date?
- (2) How many of those applications for Violence Restraining Orders were granted in those respective years?
- (3) How many of the applications were referred to mediation in those respective years?
- (4) Does the Youth Legal Service receive any funding to conduct such mediations?
- (5) If yes to (4), how much?
- (6) Is there any mediation currently offered to the parties in relation to applications for Violence Restraining Orders received by the Children's Court?
- (7) Are statistics maintained as to the reasons sought by an applicant for a Violence Restraining Order in the Children's Court?

5073. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police

- (1) Does the Organised Crime Division of Western Australia Police have a database of information relating to sex workers and/or brothels?
- (2) If no to (1), does any other section of Western Australia Police collect and record information relating to sex workers and/or brothels?
- (3) If such data is collected and recorded, in what circumstances can this information be accessed and by whom?
- (4) Are electronic or paper records kept of all accesses to this database?
- (5) If such data is collected and recorded, since 1 January 2009, how many investigations of incidences of alleged unauthorised or inappropriate access to the database have been undertaken by Western Australia Police or the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC)?

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- (6) Since 1 January 2009, how many queries and/or allegations regarding unauthorised or inappropriate access to the database have been received by Western Australia Police or the CCC?

5074. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the answer to my question on notice Nos 3885 and 4443 regarding the Department's *Strategic Policy 5.03 – Metering the Taking of Water*, in which it was identified that of the 1786 licences entitled to draw more than 50ML/annum, only 801 were required to meter and report their usage and of that 801, only 259 were doing so, and I ask -

- (1) What, if any, compliance actions will or has the Department of Water taken to ensure metering and monitoring of the 542 licensees that are not meeting their obligation to meter and monitor their water usage?
- (2) What are the reasons, if any, that 985 licensees that are entitled to extract more than 50ML/annum do not have a condition to meter and monitor their water usage?

5075. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to your answer to question without notice No. 929, asked in this place on 1 November 2011, and I ask -

- (1) What were the restrictions placed on Mr Wayne Howle's building license here in Western Australia?
- (2) How do these restrictions correlate with the restrictions placed on his license in New South Wales?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the circumstances in which two families have found themselves due to the unfinished work of Mr Wayne Howle?
- (4) How was Mr Wayne Howle able to have at least one of those families take out Home Warranty Insurance in Western Australia?
- (5) Will the Minister admit that the system fails the consumer in terms of the builder being able to ignore the Orders to Pay from the Building Disputes Tribunal?

5076. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Science and Innovation

- (1) Since September 2008, on how many occasions has the Minister received invitations to attend major sporting events that incorporated corporate hospitality, including food and beverage?
- (2) Of those invitations, on how many occasions has the Minister accepted?
- (3) What were the events and the name of the company hosting the Minister?
- (4) What are the names of guests accompanying the Minister to the event?

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5077. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) How many supply interruptions arising from power quality problems or blackouts have occurred in Moora, Miling, Watheroo and Coomberdale in 2010, and 2011 to 30 November?
- (2) What were the causes of these interruptions?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that these areas have a reliable, quality power supply?

5078. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) How many supply interruptions arising from power quality problems or blackouts have occurred in Buntine, Dalwallinu and Wubin in 2010, and 2011 to 30 November?
- (2) What were the causes of these interruptions?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that these areas have a reliable, quality power supply?

5079. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Government's 'Switch the Future' campaign, and ask -

- (1) In 2010-11, what was the budgeted amount for this program, and what was spent?
- (2) In 2011-12, what is the budgeted amount for this program, and at 31 October, what had been spent?
- (3) In all expenditure on this program to date, what has been spent on -
 - (a) television advertising;
 - (b) radio advertising;
 - (c) newspaper and print advertising;
 - (d) web advertising, including the website;
 - (e) administering the program; and
- (f) market research?

5080. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the proposed State Underground Power Program project in Salter Point, and ask -

- (1) What is the estimated total cost of this program?
- (2) What will be the average cost per residential lot in this project area?

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5081. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Overhead Service Connection replacement project being undertaken by Western Power, and ask -

- (1) How many connections were replaced in 2009-10, and at what cost?
- (2) How many connections were replaced in 2010-11, and at what cost?
- (3) How many connections have been replaced in 2011 to 31 October, and at what cost?

5082. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any new meter installation that did not accurately record the final reading of the old meter?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many old meters were not accurately read before being replaced, and for what reason did this not occur?

5083. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Synergy's new billing system, and ask -

- (1) When was the last time Synergy's bill layout was reviewed, and when will it be reviewed next?
- (2) Is Synergy's billing system able to display a graph indicating comparisons to previous bills in both dollar terms, and usage?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the Minister ensure that Synergy changes its billing layout to include both graphs to enable consumers to monitor their energy usage as well as the impact it is having on their household budget over time?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

5084. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Horizon Power Annual Report 2010-2011, and ask -

- (1) When was the independent survey of Horizon Power customers carried out by Synovate as detailed in page 23?
- (2) How many Horizon Power customers were surveyed by Synovate?
- (3) What was the result of the survey of Horizon Power customers?
- (4) Will the Minister table the Synovate survey and findings of the survey?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

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5085. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Western Power's alleged unauthorised entry to a property at 47 Turner Gully Rd, Dale, and ask -

- (1) Has the Minister reviewed complaints regarding 'unauthorised access' to this property?
- (2) If yes to (1), what action has he taken to address these issues?
- (3) How many complaints has Western Power received regarding unauthorised access to any private property in -
 - (a) 2009-10;
 - (b) 2010-11; and
 - (c) 2011 to 31 October?

5086. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) During the 2010-11 financial year, what was Synergy's -
 - (a) total revenue from credit card transaction fees; and
 - (b) total expenditure on credit card merchant service fees?
- (2) What total amount was paid by credit card by Synergy's customers in -
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10; and
 - (c) 2010-11?

5087. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) Since September 2008, on how many occasions has the Minister received invitations to attend major sporting events that incorporated corporate hospitality, including food and beverage?
- (2) Of those invitations, on how many occasions has the Minister accepted?
- (3) What were the events and the name of the company hosting the Minister?
- (4) What are the names of guests accompanying the Minister to the event?

5088. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Synergy's L1 Small Business Tariff, and ask -

- (1) What was the average bill for small businesses on the L1 tariff in -
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10; and
 - (c) 2010-11?

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- (2) What was the total revenue collected from the L1 tariff in -
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10; and
 - (c) 2010-11?

5089. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

I refer to Horizon's L2 Small Business Tariff, and ask -

- (1) What was the average bill for small businesses on the L2 tariff in -
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10; and
 - (c) 2010-11?
- (2) What was the total revenue collected from the L2 tariff in -
- (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10; and
 - (c) 2010-11?

5090. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any instruction or direction given by any Minister or public servant directing any State Government department or agency not to apply for any Federal Government funding for renewable or clean energy projects?
- (2) If yes to (1), who made the direction, and for what reason?
- (3) If no to (1), will the Minister undertake to ensure that no such direction has been made by any Minister or their representative?

5091. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning

With reference to the area of Red Bluff, located on Quobba Station and photos at [http://robinchapple.com/qdata '2011-08-01 Shacks at Red Bluff.pdf'](http://robinchapple.com/qdata/2011-08-01%20Shacks%20at%20Red%20Bluff.pdf), and I ask -

- (1) Has planning department given permission for this original shaded lunch area to be converted into a shed/accommodation?
- (2) If yes to (1), when did this occur?
- (3) Does this structure conform to the guidelines of the Ningaloo Strategy?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Does this structure meet the design principles required in the Red Bluff development plan?
- (6) If no to (5), will the Minister take any action?

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MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council