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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**No. 50**

**WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2013**

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- 1278. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier
- 1293. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1294. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

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- 1303. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

- 1308. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1309. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry
- 1314. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1315. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport
- 1316. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister for Planning

Wednesday, 23 October 2013

- 1318. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing
- 1319. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Police
- 1320. Mr R.H. Cook to the Premier
- 1321. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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- 1325. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1328. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1330. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Housing

- 1331. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Housing
- 1332. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1334. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Finance

Tuesday, 29 October 2013

- 1336. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy
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- 1346. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health
- 1347. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1348. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 1349. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1350. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Transport
- 1352. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Environment
- 1353. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

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- 1354. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Lands
- 1355. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Premier
- 1356. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1357. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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- 1484. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development; Science
- 1485. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health
- 1486. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development
- 1487. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs
- 1488. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Fisheries
- 1489. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 1490. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Tourism; Road Safety; Women's Interests
- 1491. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Forestry
- 1492. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection
- 1493. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Attorney General; Minister for Commerce
- 1494. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Housing

- 1495. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming
- 1496. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1497. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Energy; Finance; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1498. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth
- 1499. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment; Heritage
- 1500. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans
- 1501. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Transport
- 1502. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Health
- 1503. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Transport
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- 1520. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Women's Interests
- 1521. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection
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- 1533. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Commerce
- 1534. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Lands
- 1535. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
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Wednesday, 13 November 2013

- 1564. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Transport
- 1565. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
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- 1567. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1568. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Attorney General
- 1569. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 1570. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Environment

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

**1571. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer:**

I refer to the table on page 74 of the 2013–2014 Economic and Fiscal Outlook entitled *Long-term Financial Projections, Fiscal Action Plan Comparison* and I ask:

- (a) what are the underlying assumptions that result in total public sector net debt reaching \$47,337 million by 2022–2023 in the ‘Base Case’ scenario;
- (b) what is the assumed percentage increase, in each year, of the salaries expense in the General Government operating statement in the ‘Base Case’ scenario;
- (c) what are the underlying assumptions that result in total public sector net debt reaching \$86,351 million by 2022–2023 in the ‘Excluding the Fiscal Action Plan’ scenario;
- (d) what is the assumed percentage increase, in each year, of the salaries expense in the General Government operating statement in the ‘Excluding the Fiscal Action Plan’ scenario;
- (e) what is the assumed revenue from royalties, in each year, in the ‘Base Case’ scenario;
- (f) what is the assumed revenue from royalties, in each year, in the ‘Excluding the Fiscal Action Plan’ scenario;
- (g) in respect of the revenue predictions in the ‘Base Case’ scenario:
  - (i) what was the basis for the assumption of the annual revenue increase for each year out to 2022–2023; and
  - (ii) was the projected revenue increase based on revenue received over previous years, and if so, what years and how was this calculated;
- (h) in respect of the revenue predictions in the ‘Excluding the Fiscal Action Plan’ scenario:
  - (i) what was the basis for the assumption of the annual revenue increase for each year out to 2022–2023; and
  - (ii) was the projected revenue increase based on revenue received over previous years, and if so, what years and how was this calculated;
- (i) in respect of the expense predictions in the ‘Base Case’ scenario:
  - (i) what was the basis for the assumption of the annual expense increase for each year out to 2022–23; and
  - (ii) was the projected expense increase based on expenses over previous years? If so, what years and how was this calculated; and
- (j) in respect of the expense predictions in the ‘Excluding the Fiscal Action Plan’ scenario:
  - (i) what was the basis for the assumption of the annual expense increase for each year out to 2022–23; and
  - (ii) was the projected revenue increase based on expenses over previous years? If so, what years and how was this calculated?

**1572. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Minister’s letter dated 6 November 2013 in response to my query regarding Western Australian Department of Health funding for mosquito control available for my electorate, Maylands, and ask:

- (a) what is the maximum amount of this funding that will be made available for an individual local government to be granted in one given financial year;
- (b) will local governments need to reapply for this funding every year, or is it renewable;



- (c) what other costs associated with mosquito control and methods other than spraying are eligible to be covered by this funding; and
- (d) given the funding criteria outlined in the letter, which suburbs have been designated by the Department as having a “demonstrated public health risk” from mosquitoes?

**1573. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the Minister’s response to Question on Notice 1059 in relation to the Western Trade Coast Industries Committee (WTCIC), and I ask:

- (a) has the study commissioned by the WTCIC been finalised;
- (b) if yes to (a), what was the total cost of the study;
- (c) has the study commissioned by the WTCIC been released;
- (d) if no to (a), when will it be released;
- (e) if yes to (c), will the Minister table a copy of the study; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

**1574. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Heritage:**

- (1) When and how did you become aware that the development approval for Guildford Hotel, due to expire next month, has been extended to June next year?
- (2) Given that the Hotel has been exposed for another winter, will you ask the Heritage Council to order a comprehensive and independent structural report on the state of the building?
- (3) Given the owners have had more than ample opportunity to progress development do you now concede it is time for you to act and place a conservation order on the building?

**1575. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier:**

In relation to employees of the State Government for each of the financial years 2005–2006 through to and including 2012–2013, I ask:

- (a) how many full-time equivalents public servants were employed by the Western Australian public sector;
- (b) what was the average salary of public servants in the Western Australian public sector; and
- (c) what was the median salary of public servants in the Western Australian public sector?

**1576. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier:**

In relation to employees of the State Government for each of the financial years 2005–2006 through to and including 2012–2013, I ask:

- (a) as a percentage, how many of these employees were classified as Level 9 public servants or higher; and
- (b) as a percentage, how many of these employees were employed on a permanent, casual/temporary and contract basis?

**1577. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier:**

- (1) What has been the total saving since 1 July 2012 in relation to government media monitoring services following the Department of Premier and Cabinet announcement in May 2012 that more monitoring services would be brought “in house”?
- (2) If the Premier is unable to advise the total saving, why not?
- (3) Has the equipment upgrade required to bring more media monitoring services “in house” proceeded?

- (4) If no to (3), why not?

**1578. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:**

Bearing in mind the Acting Deputy Director General Finance and Administration's advice to schools that Year 7 contributions will rise from \$60 to \$235 in 2015, will this require amendment to the *Schools Education Act 1999* or can this be achieved through regulatory change?

**1579. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Premier:**

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that on 6 May 2009, in relation to the Gindalbie Metals Karara iron ore project in the Mid West, he told the Parliament "this government, along with the EPA and the mining industry, has sorted out the problem. The mining tenement will be released. The A-class reserve will be established"?
- (2) Can the Premier confirm that the A-class reserve, known as Mungada Ridge, has in fact not been established after four years?
- (3) Can the Premier confirm that he remains committed to the creation of the A-class reserve:
  - (a) if not, why not; and
  - (b) if so, when will the reserve be created?

**1580. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Premier:**

- (1) Has the Premier or any member of his staff met with Hon Christopher Ellison, on behalf of Mid West iron ore miners, in relation to the development of the Mungada Ridge?
- (2) If so, when did these meetings take place and who was present?
- (3) What commitments were given at any meeting or meetings by the Premier or his staff?

**1581. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

How many mining leases or exploration licences have been issued in the Helena Aurora Conservation Park since September 2008, and on what dates and to what companies?

**1582. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) Has the Minister or any member of his staff met with Hon Christopher Ellison, on behalf of Mid West iron ore miners, in relation to the development of the Mungada Ridge?
- (2) If so, when did these meetings take place and who was present?
- (3) What commitments were given at the meeting or meetings by the Minister or his staff?

**1583. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) With respect to Mungada Ridge, how many mining tenements or exploration licences have been granted or renewed since 2008, when and to what companies?
- (2) In each case, was the Minister for Environment required to be consulted or provide concurrence?
- (3) If yes, when did this occur and what was the Minister for Environment's response?

**1584. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of staffing levels, in terms of both full time equivalents (FTE) and head count, for each of the State Training Providers for the second pay period for terms one, two, three and four, for both 2012 and 2013 with regards to:

- (a) lecturing staff, for each grade level position level and including Advanced Skills Lecturer 1, Advanced Skills Lecturer 2, Principal Lecturer, Head of Program and any other classification used, the number of:

- (i) permanent male employees;
- (ii) permanent female employees;
- (iii) contract male employees;
- (iv) contract female employees;
- (v) casual male employees; and
- (vi) casual female employees;
- (b) administrative and all other staff the number of:
  - (i) permanent male employees;
  - (ii) permanent female employees;
  - (iii) contract male employees;
  - (iv) contract female employees;
  - (v) casual male employees; and
  - (vi) casual female employees; and
- (c) in 2013, how many redundancies are expected to be given at each of the State Training Providers in terms of:
  - (i) male lecturing employees;
  - (ii) female lecturing employees;
  - (iii) male administrative or other staff; and
  - (iv) female administrative or other staff?

**1585. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) With respect to the Government's 2010 arrangements for mining and conservation in the Mount Manning area, what mining tenements or exploration licences have been granted or renewed since 1 September 2010 for the:
  - (a) Die-Hardy Range proposed A-class reserve;
  - (b) the balance of the Diemals pastoral lease;
  - (c) the ex-Mount Jackson pastoral lease;
  - (d) the Helena-Aurora Conservation Park;
  - (e) the Mount Manning Range Conservation Park;
  - (f) the Mount Manning Range Nature Reserve;
  - (g) the ex-Jaurdi pastoral lease proposed conservation park;
  - (h) the ex-Jaurdi pastoral lease proposed mining and conservation reserve;
  - (i) the ex-Mount Elvire pastoral lease proposed conservation park; and
  - (j) the ex-Mount Elvire pastoral lease proposed conservation and mining reserve?
- (2) In each case:
  - (a) on what date did this occur;
  - (b) was the Minister for Environment required to be consulted or provide concurrence; and
  - (c) if yes to (b), when did this occur and what was the Minister for Environment's response?

**1586. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to recent cuts to power supply in the Bayswater area, particularly incidents which have affected the shops opposite the Bayswater Train station (Corner Whatley Cres and King William Street) and ask:

- (a) how many times have power supplies been cut to the shops in this area since July 2013;
- (b) on what dates did these interruptions occur;
- (c) for each incident in (b), for how long were the shops without power and during what time period;
- (d) for each incident in (b), how much notice was given to business owners about the interruptions; and
- (e) for each incident in (b) what was the reason for the interruption?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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