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1461. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Is the Department of Environment Regulation currently considering any works approvals, licences or amendments by GD Pork?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister table for each:
 - (a) the works approvals, licences or amendments sought; and
 - (b) the department's recommendations?
- (3) Has the Department of Environment Regulation completed consideration of any works approvals, licences or amendments by GD Pork in 2014?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister table for each:
 - (a) the works approvals, licences or amendments sought;
 - (b) the department's recommendations; and
 - (c) the Minister's decisions?
- (5) Which of the works approvals, licences or amendments in (1) and (3) were published on the website of the Department of Environment Regulation prior to the close of the period for public submissions or expressions of interest?
- (6) For each of the works approvals, licences or amendments in (1) and (3) that were not published on the website of the Department of Environment Regulation prior to the close of the period for public submissions or expressions of interest, why were they not published?

1462. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Are any trials of genetically modified canola planned, or proposed to be held, in the region of the Shire of Denmark?
- (2) If yes to (1), what companies have been granted licences to conduct the trials?
- (3) If yes to (1), will the Minister table a map of the areas of the trials?
- (4) What communication has there been between the Shire and the department over the trials?

1463. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) Are native forest timber sleepers exported from Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), what quantities were exported in each of the last five years and to what countries and/or Australian states?

1464. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

Regarding the use of timber railway sleepers for re-sleeping rail lines maintained by Brookfield Rail, I ask:

- (a) how many timber railway sleepers have been commissioned;
- (b) how many have been milled in Western Australia, and at what mills;

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- (c) given that railway sleepers are not considered to be value-added products, who authorises the use of native forest timber for railway sleepers;
- (d) does the process involved in the certification of the railway sleepers to ensure that they comply with Australian standards for wooden railway sleepers reported in question on notice No. 8028 of 2012 still apply;
- (e) do all sleepers still comply with the relevant Australian Standards, including AS 3818 Part 2;
- (f) if yes to (e), how does the Minister know that they comply;
- (g) are timber sleepers required to comply with other standards;
- (h) if yes to (g), what are those standards and will the Minister please table a copy;
- (i) how many timber railway sleepers have been delivered to date;
- (j) how many timber railway sleepers have been installed already and where;
- (k) how many timber railway sleepers remain to be delivered;
- (l) how much has the State Government committed to pay to Brookfield Rail for re-sleepering rail lines;
- (m) how much has already been paid; and
- (n) how much of the amount already paid was for timber railway sleepers?

1465. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) I refer to Responsible Parenting Agreements (RPA) and I ask, how many RPAs did the Department of Education (DoE) enter into for each of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (to date)?
- (2) Does the number of RPAs in (1) include those originated by DoE but implemented by another agency, such as the Department for Child Protection and Family Support?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the Minister for Education provide a breakdown for RPAs:
 - (a) initiated and implemented by the DoE;
 - (b) initiated by the DoE but implemented by another agency; and
 - (c) for each RPA in (3)(b), please indicate which agency?
- (4) If no to (2), how many RPAs were initiated by the DoE but implemented by another agency (please indicate which agencies)?

1466. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Will the Minister table the conservation agreement between the Commonwealth Government and Satterley Property Group, that requires the latter to contribute \$200,000 to the then Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (2) Does the conservation agreement between the Satterley Property Group and others, and the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Heritage agree that the Satterley Property Group would pay the then Department of Environment and Conservation \$200,000 over a period of two financial years, namely 2006-2007 and 2007-2008?
- (3) Was this amount for the purposes of undertaking a Western Ringtail Possum habitat assessment, detailed biological surveys, identification or corridors between habitat areas and the development of evaluation and risk management strategies?

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- (4) Has all or part of this \$200,000 been spent and, if so, how much has been spent?
- (5) If some or all of these funds have been spent, will the Minister please provide details of:
- (a) the specific purposes for which the funds were spent;
 - (b) when the money was spent;
 - (c) how much was spent on each of the specific purposes; and
 - (d) the recipients of the funds spent for each of the specific purposes?

1467. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

According to Steadman Ellis, of the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, in a letter to the Editor of the *Geraldton Guardian*, 21 July 2014, over 700 wells have been fracked in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) is the above statement correct;
- (b) will the Minister identify each of the wells that have been fracked, including:
 - (i) the date of each frack;
 - (ii) the depth of each frack;
 - (iii) the pressure used in each frack;
 - (iv) were chemicals used and, if so, please provide a list of chemicals used in each frack;
 - (v) the volume of water used in each frack;
 - (vi) the volume of fluids used in each frack;
 - (vii) the amount of solid material used in each frack;
 - (viii) where the water or fluids used in each frack were obtained from;
 - (ix) which aquifers were intersected by each frack and how many per frack;
 - (x) if directional drilling was used in each frack;
 - (xi) if horizontal drilling was used in each frack; and
 - (xii) if horizontal fracking was used in each frack; and
- (c) if no to (b), why not?

1468. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) For each Western Australian Government School for both 2012 and 2013:
- (a) how much was spent on electricity;
 - (b) how much spent on water;
 - (c) how much was spent on supplying gas (either bottled or reticulated); and
 - (d) what additional monies, if any, have been supplied by the Department of Education to each school for each of the utilities in (a), (b) and (c)?
- (2) What is the mechanism under the new funding model to account for increases in the cost of utilities to schools?

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1469. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

I refer to school nurses, and I ask:

- (a) what was the formula for calculating a school's allocation of school nursing staff hours for this year;
- (b) will this formula change under the new funding model and, if so, what will be the new formula; and
- (c) for each Western Australian Government school for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (to date), how many hours of school nurse staff time was allocated?

1470. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

I refer to school psychologists, and I ask:

- (a) do all school referrals of students to non-Department of Education mental health services occur only through the school's psychologist;
- (b) if no to (a), who else is authorised to refer a student to these services;
- (c) for each of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (to date):
 - (i) how many students were referred to these services; and
 - (ii) how many were referred by each authorised category of staff; and
- (d) if yes to (a), for each of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date:
 - (i) how many students were referred to these services; and
 - (ii) how many of the students in (d)(i) were referred to each category of service?

1471. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

For each Western Australian Government school for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (to date):

- (a) how many hours of cleaning staff time was allocated; and
- (b) how many hours of gardening staff time was allocated?

1472. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the allocation of cleaning and gardening hours for Western Australian schools:

- (a) what was the formula for calculating a school's allocation of cleaning staff hours for this year;
- (b) will this formula change under the new funding model and, if so, what will be the new formula;
- (c) what was the formula for calculating a school's allocation of gardening staff hours for this year;
- (d) will this formula change under the new funding model and, if so, what will be the new formula; and
- (e) does the Minister anticipate anything will change in how schools manage cleaning and gardening staff and resources as a result of the new funding model?

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1473. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

For each of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (to date), how many critical incidents were reported, and of these:

- (a) how many were verbal assaults;
- (b) how many were physical assaults;
- (c) how many were physical assaults;
- (d) how many were assaults on staff by:
 - (i) students;
 - (ii) parents; and
 - (iii) other (please specify);
- (e) how many were assaults on students by:
 - (i) students;
 - (ii) parents; and
 - (iii) other (please specify); and
- (f) how many were incidents other than assaults, please specify incident type and number of each type?

1474. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

For each Western Australian Government school for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (to date):

- (a) how many students' attendance rate was between 80 and 89 per cent; and:
 - (i) what is this number of students as a percentage of the total school enrolment for each school;
- (b) how many students' attendance rate was between 60 and 80 per cent; and:
 - (i) what is this number of students as a percentage of the total school enrolment for each school; and
- (c) how many students' attendance rate was at, or below, 59 per cent; and:
 - (i) what is this number as a percentage of the total student enrolment for each school?

1475. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

Regarding the employment of Aboriginal station workers engaged in domestic duties and/or pastoral work in Western Australia during the years 1955 to 1975, I ask:

- (a) what legislation or Western Australian Government regulations or standards were in place between 1955 and 1975 to ensure adequate wages and other conditions for Ms Helen Clifton and other Aboriginal workers at Bedford Downs Station;
- (b) what role did the Western Australian Governments throughout the period play to ensure the implementation and adequacy of these measures;
- (c) how did the wages and conditions for Ms Helen Clifton at Bedford Downs Station between 1955 and 1975, and other Aboriginal workers at Bedford Downs Station at that time, compare to the wages and conditions of non-Aboriginal workers in Western Australia during that time;

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- (d) were the measures referred to in (a) and (b) effective in ensuring adequate wages and other conditions:
 - (i) for Ms Helen Clifton during the time she worked at Bedford Downs Station; and
 - (ii) for other Aboriginal workers during that time at Bedford Downs Station; and
- (e) does the Government consider that the measures referred to in (d) above were effective or not effective:
 - (i) if effective, why does the Government consider that to be the case; and
 - (ii) if ineffective, why does the Government consider that to be the case?

1476. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) Since 1 January 2011, has the Minister, or his department, had any dealings with the companies and/or directors of the companies listed below:
 - (a) Dreamzone Pty Ltd;
 - (b) Desert Food Security Pty Ltd;
 - (c) Desert Mining Pty Ltd;
 - (d) Priderock Pty Ltd;
 - (e) Resolute Global Supply Pty Ltd;
 - (f) Wright Corporate Services Pty Ltd;
 - (g) Zebra Crossing Holdings Pty Ltd;
 - (h) Djca Pty Ltd;
 - (i) Geomara Pty Ltd;
 - (j) Indi Energy Pty Ltd;
 - (k) Seaspin Pty Ltd;
 - (l) Eureka Benevolent Foundation Ltd;
 - (m) I.C. Underground Pty Limited;
 - (n) Patagorang Pty Ltd;
 - (o) Prompt Corporate Services;
 - (p) Martu Energy Pty Ltd;
 - (q) Western Desert Holdings Pty Ltd;
 - (r) Azure Capital Pty Ltd;
 - (s) Point Torment Supply Base Pty Ltd;
 - (t) Azure Funds Management Pty Ltd; and
 - (u) Nitram Plus Investments Pty Ltd?
- (2) If yes to any of the above in (1):
 - (a) over what matter was the involvement;
 - (b) on what dates did these contacts occur; and

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(c) who were the parties to these dealings?

1477. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

(1) Since 1 January 2011, has the Premier, or his department, had any dealings with the companies and/or directors of the companies listed below:

- (a) Dreamzone Pty Ltd;
- (b) Desert Food Security Pty Ltd;
- (c) Desert Mining Pty Ltd;
- (d) Priderock Pty Ltd;
- (e) Resolute Global Supply Pty Ltd;
- (f) Wright Corporate Services Pty Ltd;
- (g) Zebra Crossing Holdings Pty Ltd;
- (h) Djca Pty Ltd;
- (i) Geomara Pty Ltd;
- (j) Indi Energy Pty Ltd;
- (k) Seaspin Pty Ltd;
- (l) Eureka Benevolent Foundation Ltd;
- (m) I.C. Underground Pty Limited;
- (n) Patagorang Pty Ltd;
- (o) Prompt Corporate Services;
- (p) Martu Energy Pty Ltd;
- (q) Western Desert Holdings Pty Ltd;
- (r) Azure Capital Pty Ltd;
- (s) Point Torment Supply Base Pty Ltd;
- (t) Azure Funds Management Pty Ltd; and
- (u) Nitram Plus Investments Pty Ltd?

(2) If yes to any of the above in (1):

- (a) over what matter was the involvement;
- (b) on what dates did these contacts occur; and
- (c) who were the parties to these dealings?

1478. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General:

(1) Since 1 January 2011, has the Attorney General, or his department, had any dealings with the companies and/or directors of the companies listed below:

- (a) Dreamzone Pty Ltd;
- (b) Desert Food Security Pty Ltd;
- (c) Desert Mining Pty Ltd;
- (d) Priderock Pty Ltd;
- (e) Resolute Global Supply Pty Ltd;

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- (f) Wright Corporate Services Pty Ltd;
 - (g) Zebra Crossing Holdings Pty Ltd;
 - (h) Djca Pty Ltd;
 - (i) Geomara Pty Ltd;
 - (j) Indi Energy Pty Ltd;
 - (k) Seaspin Pty Ltd;
 - (l) Eureka Benevolent Foundation Ltd;
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 - (r) Azure Capital Pty Ltd;
 - (s) Point Torment Supply Base Pty Ltd;
 - (t) Azure Funds Management Pty Ltd; and
 - (u) Nitram Plus Investments Pty Ltd?
- (2) If yes to any of the above in (1):
- (a) over what matter was the involvement;
 - (b) on what dates did these contacts occur; and
 - (c) who were the parties to these dealings?

1479. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

- (1) Since 1 January 2011, has the Minister or his department had any dealings with the companies and or directors of the companies listed below:
- (a) Dreamzone Pty Ltd;
 - (b) Desert Food Security Pty Ltd;
 - (c) Desert Mining Pty Ltd;
 - (d) Priderock Pty Ltd;
 - (e) Resolute Global Supply Pty Ltd;
 - (f) Wright Corporate Services Pty Ltd;
 - (g) Zebra Crossing Holdings Pty Ltd;
 - (h) Djca Pty Ltd;
 - (i) Geomara Pty Ltd;
 - (j) Indi Energy Pty Ltd;
 - (k) Seaspin Pty Ltd;
 - (l) Eureka Benevolent Foundation Ltd;
 - (m) I.C. Underground Pty Limited;

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- (n) Patagorang Pty Ltd;
 - (o) Prompt Corporate Services;
 - (p) Martu Energy Pty Ltd;
 - (q) Western Desert Holdings Pty Ltd;
 - (r) Azure Capital Pty Ltd;
 - (s) Point Torment Supply Base Pty Ltd;
 - (t) Azure Funds Management Pty Ltd; and
 - (u) Nitram Plus Investments Pty Ltd?
- (2) If yes to any of the above in (1):
- (a) over what matter was the involvement;
 - (b) on what dates did these contacts occur; and
 - (c) who were the parties to these dealings?

1480. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to question on notice No. 1120 regarding the Stolen Wages Reparations Western Australia claim of Ms Helen Clifton, and to the Stolen Wages Taskforce Report, Appendix 3 Kimberley “Aboriginal station workers were unlikely to experience direct control of their monies by the State but they were likely to experience private warrantee control of their monies”...and...”The State had a responsibility to ensure that Aboriginal people were protected from injustice and fraud and to exercise a general supervision over their interests and welfare. Commonwealth reports from the 1960s raise questions as to whether the department exercised adequate supervision of private warrantees’ expenditure of pension money, and to whether they fulfilled their above duties of protection”, and I ask:

- (a) did the State uphold its responsibility and ensure that “Aboriginal people were protected from injustice and fraud” and did the State “exercise a general supervision of their interests and welfare”:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (a), can the Minister provide instances and examples of where this was done;
- (b) did the State exercise adequate supervision of private warrantees’ expenditure of pension money and fulfil its other duties of protection:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) since the Minister is responsible for all matters relating to Aboriginal Affairs, will the Minister explain why he will not comment on those matters affecting Aboriginal people who were former station workers, even though he considers them “outside the scope of the Stolen Wages Taskforce’s inquiry”:
 - (i) does the Minister also have a responsibility to address these people’s concerns and grievances:
 - (A) if no to (c)(i), why not; and

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- (B) if yes to (c)(i), will the Minister reconsider his answers to questions regarding the Stolen Wages Taskforce where he has replied “outside the scope of the Stolen Wages Taskforce’s inquiry”; and
- (d) since the Stolen Wages Taskforce’s brief did not include an investigation into the stolen wages of station workers, will the Minister authorise research into matters including, but not limited to how Aboriginal people were treated station by station, what conditions applied, what money the stations received relating to Aboriginal people, how the station was involved with Aboriginal people’s money, what permits and regulations applied and what monitoring occurred:
- (i) if no to (d), why not?

1481. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to a recent media report in the *Sunday Times* relating to carers’ neglect, and I ask:

- (a) in 2013-2014, how many cases of neglect were investigated by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and how many of those cases were substantiated;
- (b) how many children, and how many family groups, were involved and what were the ages of those children;
- (c) who reported the substantiated cases of neglect and which departmental office were they case managed from;
- (d) of each substantiated case of neglect, how many involved:
- (i) a relative carer; and
- (ii) a registered foster carer; and
- (e) why were charges not brought against any carers where cases of neglect were substantiated?

1482. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Do all national parks and national reserve boundaries extend indefinitely downwards, or to the centre of the earth?
- (2) If no to (1), please provide a list of which ones do and which ones do not?

1483. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

With regards to Mowen forest, near Margaret River, which is on the Forst Products Commission’s logging list for 2014, I ask:

- (a) by product and species, what volume of wood does the Forest Products Commission anticipate generating from the planning logging of:
- (i) Mowen 1; and
- (ii) Mowen 2;
- (b) what was the cost of new roads to:
- (i) Mowen 1; and
- (ii) Mowen 2;

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- (c) what was the cost of upgrades to existing roads and tracks for:
 - (i) Mowen 1; and
 - (ii) Mowen 2;
- (d) what was the total cost for construction of log landings;
- (e) when was the most recent dieback survey done in:
 - (i) Mowen 1; and
 - (ii) Mowen 2; and
- (f) will another dieback survey need to be done before logging can:
 - (i) commence in Mowen 1; and
 - (ii) recommence in Mowen 2?

1484. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the gas frack well known as Corybas near Dongara, and I ask:

- (a) when was the site drilled and fracked;
- (b) was the well at the site leaking methane;
- (c) when did it start leaking methane;
- (d) when was the leak remediated;
- (e) who brought the leak to the attention of the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), and on what date;
- (f) was the remediation checked by the DMP and found to be successful;
- (g) on how many occasions during the lead up to the frack, and subsequently to the current date, have DMP officers visited the site, and on what days; and
- (h) if none to (g), why has the DMP not visited the site?

1485. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

With regard to Government and government-initiated monitoring of the condition of Western Australia's pastoral rangelands:

- (a) what programs have operated over the past 20 years and across what years;
- (b) for each program, what is/was its specific purpose;
- (c) how many full time equivalent positions have been employed in the operations of each of these programs for each year, for the past 20 years;
- (d) what was the annual expenditure on each of these programs for the past 20 years;
- (e) what are the budget allocations for these programs in the forward estimates;
- (f) how will the information collected on the condition of individual leases be used in the process to renew pastoral leases on 1 July 2015;
- (g) what programs and or methods for monitoring of rangelands conditions on each pastoral lease will be implemented from 1 July 2015;

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- (h) how has the substantial amount of evidence-based rangeland condition information provided by the Department of Lands been used by the Pastoral Lands Board to administer adherence to lease conditions; and
- (i) as an economic development agency, are rangeland management and development decisions underpinned by sound natural resource management science?

1486. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

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- (e) what are the budget allocations for these programs in the forward estimates;
- (f) how will the information collected on the condition of individual leases be used in the process to renew pastoral leases on 1 July 2015;
- (g) what programs and or methods for monitoring of rangelands conditions on each pastoral lease will be implemented from 1 July 2015;
- (h) how has the substantial amount of evidence-based rangeland condition information provided by the Department of Agriculture and Food been used by the Pastoral Lands Board to administer adherence to lease conditions; and
- (i) as an economic development agency, are rangeland management and development decisions underpinned by sound natural resource management science?

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