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5340. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport

In relation to noise barriers, I ask:

- (a) are there any plans for noise barriers to be installed alongside housing estates on Australind Bypass;
- (b) if not, why are the people living alongside the Bypass not treated the same as the residents in the Pinjarra and Mandurah area that have noise reduction measures in place to reduce traffic noise; and
- (c) are there any plans that will see the developers of future sub-divisions built alongside major highways responsible for installing adequate noise barriers prior to any houses being built?

5341. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to Collie Senior High School, I ask:

- (a) how many students travel from Collie to Bunbury by bus to attend classes;
- (b) what subjects are they enrolled for in Bunbury; and

- (c) are any of these subjects that they travel to Bunbury for available in Collie?

5342. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Water

In relation to Wellington Dam walkways, I ask:

- (a) will pedestrians be allowed to walk across the Wellington Dam wall;
- (b) is the Minister aware that the Department of Environment and Conservation have put in a walk trail connected to the dam wall;
- (c) if pedestrians are not permitted to walk across the dam wall, what would need to be done to allow it;
- (d) is the Minister aware that the dam had a walkway a third of the way across before the recent upgrade; and
- (e) what other dams have a walkway or a drive over in this State?

5343. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the clean-up of a farm site contaminated with unwanted genetically modified (GM) seed, I ask:

- (a) does the Minister or his departments have the authority to order a person responsible for unwanted contamination to clean up the affected area;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is yes, what penalties would the person incur if they refused; and
- (c) if the answer to (a) is no, does the Minister intend to introduce such regulations or penalties?

5344. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to the Collie Senior High School staff, I ask:

- (a) how many teaching and support staff are on stress leave;
- (b) how many positions of those on stress leave are currently being filled;
- (c) what assistance is being provided to the stressed staff;
- (d) what is the required number of full time equivalents (FTEs) for Collie Senior High School; and
- (e) how many FTEs are there currently at Collie Senior High School?

5345. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

Since 31 March 2011, will the Minister provide the number, positions, and qualifications (including apprenticeship or certificate standard) of all catering staff at the following hospitals:

- (a) Sir Charles Gairdner;
- (b) Royal Perth;
- (c) Fremantle;
- (d) Rockingham-Kwinana;
- (e) Swan District;
- (f) Armadale Kelmscott; and
- (g) Joondalup?

5346. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education

- (1) Do teachers who resign from the Education Department due to stress or trauma receive any form of assistance or follow up in regard to their situation from the Education Department once they have left the Education System; and
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if yes, what assistance is given or follow up occurs?
- (2) Is there any assistance given for qualified teachers that have resigned from the Education Department due to stress or trauma to re-enter the education system once they have recovered from their stress and or trauma; and
 - (a) if yes, what assistance is given; and
 - (b) if not, why not?

5347. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Government's attempt to create a temporary hospital parking facility at Highview Park, Shenton Park, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that the Government has offered \$4 million as part of a proposal to use Highview Park;
- (b) is the \$4 million a lease payment, compensation, or ex gratia payment; and
 - (i) if none of the above, what is the nature of the payment to the City of Nedlands and from which budget or fund is the payment being made;
- (c) when did the Minister or his staff or the Department of Health approach the City of Nedlands to discuss the proposal;
- (d) was there any consultation with the Principal of Hollywood Primary School or any other stakeholders prior to or since the proposal was put to the City of Nedlands; and
 - (i) if yes, which stakeholders were consulted and when were they consulted?
- (e) what response has been forthcoming from the City of Nedlands; and
- (f) does the status of Highview Park as a Class A Reserve require approval from the Minister for Environment before a temporary car park can be established?

5348. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

Can the Minister please advise the current status of the transmission of racing radio in Collie?

5349. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many kidney dialysis machines are there at the Collie Hospital?
- (2) What is the Minister's policy on accepting a donated kidney dialysis machine for the Collie Hospital?

5350. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) Will the State Government allocate additional financial resources to the community outreach program operating in Newman from the women's refuge, so that it can engage up to three additional staff to run programs to target the needs of families and young people caught up in serious levels of social dysfunction?
- (2) Will the minister indicate what additional programs the Newman community could deploy to tackle the serious issues that have recently emerged amongst the young people of Newman?

5351. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing

- (1) Will the Minister detail what housing support programs are currently available to public housing tenants in Newman?
- (2) Will the Minister detail what resources will be allocated to increase the Supported Housing Assistance Program and introduce additional in-house support and homemaker programs for tenants who are struggling and for neighbourhoods to cope with increased community dysfunction?

5352. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) What urgent steps will the Minister take in response to the recent incidents of very young children in the Pilbara being involved in brutal incidents of animal cruelty?
- (2) Will the Minister urgently allocate additional financial resources and staffing to Newman and Roebourne to tackle the circumstances confronting these children and their families and the wider community; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

5353. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

With reference to reports that power supply fluctuations in the township of Newman are continuing to cause destructive impacts on local people's household computers and appliances:

- (a) what steps will the State Government take to monitor the situation in Newman so that power consumers and family households are not being financially penalised by fluctuations in the private power supplier's power distribution; and
- (b) will the Minister detail what role the State Government has in monitoring the situation in Newman and protecting the interests of householders?

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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