

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 10

Thursday, 15 June 2017

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 47. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
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56. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
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*Notice Given**Thursday, 15 June 2017***64. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the seminar held on 19 May 2017 on Compensation for Domestic Violence at which Adjunct Professor Robert Guthrie, Assessor Criminal Injuries Compensation, advised that in 2014-15 about 45 percent of the awards made by the assessors involved family and domestic violence, and I ask:

- (a) what was the percentage for 2015-16;
- (b) how many full-time assessors are currently appointed;
- (c) how many part-time assessors are currently appointed;
- (d) further to (b) and (c), what is the term of tenure for each assessor;
- (e) noting that the number of applications outstanding has now grown to a level incapable of being finalised by the current assessors, is the Attorney General considering increasing the number of assessors, whether permanently or temporarily; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

65. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to a newspaper article which appeared in the *Collie Mail* on page 3, Thursday, 4 May 2017 titled, *Mining rehab on the agenda*, and also to the Eastern Goldfields Limited and its subsidiary companies Swan Gold, Carnegie Gold and all mining tenure held by these companies including but not limited to covering the Davyhurst, Mount Ida, Lady Ida, Mulline, Riverina, Siberia gold projects, and ask:

- (a) is it correct that the Minister advised the *Collie Mail* that “it is a privilege to mine our once pristine environment and I find it disrespectful to our native flora and fauna for mining companies to find every loophole they can to avoid rehabilitation”;
- (b) if no to (a), what specifically did the Minister state to the *Collie Mail*;
- (c) can the Minister explain what he meant with the statement “Rogue players, as they’ve been called, should not be allowed to shift their costs to the rest of the industry negatively impacting other companies”, as reported in the article referred to above;
- (d) if no to (c), why;
- (e) is it correct that, in January 2016, the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) issued letters or notifications to Carnegie Gold requiring the companies concerned to lodge unconditional performance bonds for an amount over 8.6 million dollars;
- (f) if no to (e), what is specifically correct with respect to precise date and the financial amount of dollars requested for the unconditional performance bonds;
- (g) if yes to (e), can the Minister table a copy of these letters/notifications and provide the specific tenement number, including an explanation and justification for each as to why the DMP decided to take action to request unconditional performance bonds be lodged by Carnegie Gold;

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- (h) prior to January 2016, can the Minister explain why the DMP has been so accommodating in allowing the mining companies for all the above projects concerned to exploit every loophole available to avoid rehabilitation obligations exposing the State of Western Australia to unnecessary liabilities and impacting on the rest of the industry;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) given the company(s) above has publicly stated that there is no guarantee they will be able to meet all of their liabilities in the future, will the Minister take urgent action to impose unconditional performance bonds for all the above projects held by the company(s) so that rogue players are not allowed to persist in the industry;
- (k) if no to (j), why not;
- (l) if yes to (j), when and how will this occur to prevent rogue players;
- (m) will the Minister please table all notices and/or letters that have been sent to Swan Gold, Carnegie Gold and all the other subsidiary companies now owned by Eastern Goldfields Limited, requesting the payment of bonds, the amount of those bonds and the justification for requesting the payment of those bonds;
- (n) when did the department first identify major environmental concerns with the company(s) and their associated mining tenure; and
- (o) will the Minister please list all specific dates when the department was made aware of these concerns and the associated subsidiary company, or relevant mining tenure held?

66. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the machinery of government changes announced on 28 April 2017, which are due to be implemented by 1 July 2017, and I ask:

- (a) who are the proposed directors-general/chief executive officers for each of the twenty-five new amalgamated/reconstituted departments;
- (b) what was the appointment process for each of the successful twenty-five directors-general/chief executive officers;
- (c) were each of these vacant positions advertised publicly;
- (d) if yes to (c), where;
- (e) if no to (c), why not;
- (f) who comprised the selection committee(s) recommending the appointment each of the twenty-five new directors-general/chief executive officers;
- (g) when did these selection committees meet; and
- (h) what role, if any, did Ministers or their ministerial staff play in the appointment of the twenty-five new directors-general/chief executive officers?

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67. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the machinery of government changes announced on 28 April 2017, which are due to be implemented by 1 July 2017, and I ask:

- (a) what total redundancy payment is owed to, or has already been paid to, those directors-general/chief executive officers who will lose their positions on 1 July as a result of the machinery of government changes;
- (b) will the Government table an itemised list of redundancies paid to, or owed to, those affected individuals as described at (a) above;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) what total redundancy payment is owed to, or has already been paid to, those senior public servants, employed at public sector general division level 9.1 and above, but not including directors-general/chief executive officers, who will lose their positions on 1 July as a result of the machinery of government changes;
- (e) will the Government table an itemised list of redundancies paid to, or owed to, those affected individuals as described at (d) above; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

68. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to the government's policy "A McGowan Labor Government will introduce new across government KPIs in the public sector to force agencies to work together and measure the performance of department heads by linking 20 percent of their salary to the achievement of the KPIs", and ask:

- (a) will the Government table the KPIs which apply to every public sector Director-General (DG)/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) performance agreement;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) in the case of each individual DG/CEO performance agreement, is each KPI treated as being equally important to the others, or are some KPIs weighted differently to others;
- (d) in instances where KPIs are afforded differential weighting, can the Government explain the methodology which justifies the weighting;
- (e) will the KPIs adopted apply to the performance of Ministers responsible for those agencies; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council