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**3356. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to government-funded advertising for the Perth Freight Link and Roe 8, and ask:

- (a) what has been the government's total expenditure on advertising these road developments since May 2014;
- (b) what additional funds, yet to have been expended, have been allocated to advertising these roads developments; and
- (c) please provide a breakdown of the answer to (a) in terms of spending on:
  - (i) television advertising;
  - (ii) radio;
  - (iii) newspaper;
  - (iv) billboards and other signage; and
  - (v) other mediums (please specify)?

**3357. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the train disruptions to the Joondalup rail line on 7 September 2015, and I ask:

- (a) what time did the delays first occur;
- (b) what were the technical issues responsible;
- (c) when did services resume; and
- (d) how many services were affected?

**3358. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the train disruptions to the Joondalup rail (Clarkson to Butler) line on 5 September 2015, and I ask:

- (a) what time did the delays first occur;
- (b) what were the technical issues responsible;
- (c) when did services resume; and
- (d) how many services were affected?

**3359. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

(1) Were any faults with SmartRider terminals identified at the Edgewater Train Station on the following dates:

- (a) 11 July 2015;
- (b) 12 July 2015; and
- (c) 13 July 2015?

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(2) If yes to (1):

- (a) at what time was the fault identified;
- (b) what was the nature of the fault; and
- (c) at what time was the fault repaired?

**3360. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Other than Optus infrastructure external to the tunnel west of Perth Station, what mobile phone coverage is available?
- (2) Since April 2014, has any mobile phone infrastructure been installed in the tunnel west of Perth Station and what mobile phone coverage is available?
- (3) If yes to (2), when was this completed?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

**3361. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Does the Malaga Drive overpass on Reid Highway have provision for either:
  - (a) heavy rail; and
  - (b) light rail to travel along Reid Highway?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

**3362. Hon Ken Travers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Has Mr Troy Buswell had any contact with the Minister or his office since 17 March 2014?
- (2) If yes to (1):
  - (a) on what date(s);
  - (b) what was the nature of the contact; and
  - (c) what issues were discussed?

**3363. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to Supplementary Information C10 provided to the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee on 10 June 2011 found at

[http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(Evidence+Lookup+by+Com+ID\)/CF30D98E4E1061CC482578B1001BE1FC/\\$file/ef.ehw12.110615.003.aqton.MHC.pdf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(Evidence+Lookup+by+Com+ID)/CF30D98E4E1061CC482578B1001BE1FC/$file/ef.ehw12.110615.003.aqton.MHC.pdf)>[http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(Evidence+Lookup+by+Com+ID\)/CF30D98E4E1061CC482578B1001BE1FC/\\$file/ef.ehw12.110615.003.aqton.MHC.pdf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(Evidence+Lookup+by+Com+ID)/CF30D98E4E1061CC482578B1001BE1FC/$file/ef.ehw12.110615.003.aqton.MHC.pdf), which shows information on mental health patients held in emergency departments for more than 24 hours from 1 June 2010 to 31

May 2011, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister please provide the same data for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;
- (b) can the Minister please detail all administrative changes, including the date of any changes, that affect directly or indirectly how admittance to emergency is recorded during the above periods;

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- (c) are patients ever admitted to a hospital facility and held in emergency while waiting for a mental health bed; and
- (d) if yes to (c), in how many instances for the following periods were patients admitted to a hospital emergency while waiting on a mental health bed for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015?

**3364. Hon Adele Farina to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to student enrolments at the South West Institute of Technology (SWIT), and I ask, for each of the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, what were the total student enrolments at each of the campuses of SWIT?

**3365. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to South West (SW) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), and I ask:

- (a) has the vacant position of Occupational Therapist at SW CAMHS now been filled;
- (b) if yes to (a), when was the position filled; and
- (c) if no to (a), why is the vacant position of Occupational Therapist not reflected in the answer to question without notice No. 777 from Hon Stephen Dawson, answered by the Minister on 19 August 2015?

**3366. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the proposed Class A Nature Reserve, bounded on the North and West by the Derby Mudflats, on the East by Leprosarium Road and on the South by the Gibb River Road and to a bush fire during early July during which firebreaks were cut, and ask:

- (a) was the use of graders and/or bulldozers to cut a 6 kilometre internal firebreak allowed by the Department of Environment and Conservation;
- (b) if yes to (a), who authorised the operation;
- (c) if this operation was authorised, why was it authorised;
- (d) what environmental effects have there been on the Pliestocene Wanganut sand dunes and surrounding mature pristine native bush as a result of these largely ineffectual fire breaks being cut;
- (e) will the area be rehabilitated;
- (f) if yes to (e), when will it be rehabilitated; and
- (g) if no to (e), why not?

**3367. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts:**

- (1) Is it true that the recently announced Regional Venues Improvement Fund is available only to performing arts venues and that visual arts venues are ineligible to apply?
- (2) If yes to (a), what alternative avenues for funding are available to meet infrastructure needs for the visual arts sector in regional Western Australia?

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- (3) Is it true that of the five funding categories available through the Creative Regions initiative, three are dedicated to the performing arts, one to Indigenous arts practice and one is a general category to which all artforms, including the visual arts, can apply?
- (4) Why has the Government prioritised support of the performing arts in regional areas over other art forms such as the visual arts and literature?

**3368. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Education:**

I refer to donations made by Parents and Citizens groups to public schools in the South West region, and I ask:

- (a) for each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and up to 30 June 2015, what was the total of funds donated by Parents and Citizens groups to public schools in the South West region;
- (b) itemised by each public school in the South West region, what funds were donated by Parents and Citizens groups in each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 up to 30 June; and
- (c) for each of the schools identified in (b), what percentage of the total annual school budget was made up of donations:
- (i) from Parents and Citizens groups; and
- (ii) from other sources such as private businesses?

**3369. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the findings of the recent parliamentary inquiry into the management of native sandalwood which recommended an urgent reduction in the sandalwood exploitation quota without which the species could be wiped out across Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) what process is the Minister using, or will the Minister be using, to make the decision on a new quota for wild sandalwood exploitation post-2016;
- (b) will the setting of a new quota be subject to any form of open, independent, expert or public process, such as an Environmental Protection Authority assessment;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) what advice will the Minister be relying upon in making the decision;
- (e) for what period of time will the post-2016 quotas remain in effect;
- (f) will the Minister table the latest research on the conservation status of sandalwood in the wild;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) in making the decision, will the Minister be placing the survival of the species in the wild above commercial vested interests, including those of the Forest Products Commission, Mt Romance Australia Pty Ltd or TFS Corporation Ltd;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) has the Minister met with representatives of Mt Romance Australia Pty Ltd or its parent company TFS Corporation Ltd at any time in the past 12 months;
- (k) if yes to (j), how many times and on what dates;



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- (l) is the Minister aware of evidence given to the recent parliamentary inquiry by a senior manager at the Department of Parks and Wildlife with long experience in sandalwood in which he said that a sustainable quota for green sandalwood might be around 200 tonnes per annum;
- (m) given that the current level of exploitation of green sandalwood in the wild is around 700 percent greater than this, will the Minister be basing the decision on this advice;
- (n) if no to (m), why not; and
- (o) when will the Department of Parks and Wildlife be producing an up-to-date and science-based management plan for sandalwood to ensure its long term survival in the wild?

**3370. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:**

Noting the Minister's joint media announcement of 21 August 2015, *Land tenure boost for irrigated agriculture* and subsequent coverage in *The West Australian* entitled "Land Tenure Deal to Drive Investment", I ask:

- (a) was the Minister aware at the time of the announcement that the Government is considering more than 10 million hectares of Western Australian public (Crown) land for possible conversion to intensive irrigated agriculture;
- (b) if the Government is not considering more than 10 million hectares of land for possible conversion to intensive irrigated agriculture as reported, what is the correct figure for area under consideration for possible conversion to intensive irrigated agriculture;
- (c) of this area, how much is currently under native vegetation;
- (d) how many hectares of native vegetation would need to be cleared to achieve the irrigation area the Government is seeking to create;
- (e) is the Minister aware of any studies or assessments that have been done either by his department or by the Ministers for Lands or Water on the conservation significance of this large area of native vegetation; for example its biodiversity and threatened species habitat values;
- (f) if yes to (e), will the Minister table those studies;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) given the large area of native vegetation clearing involved, and the large volumes of groundwater involved, does the Minister expect the proposed conversion of these areas to intensive irrigation to be referred by the relevant government department or Minister to the Environmental Protection Authority for assessment as a strategic proposal;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) will any proposal for conversion be required to comply with the native vegetation clearing principles set out in the *Environment Protection Act 1986*;
- (k) if no to (j), why not;

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- (l) over what timeframe is the Government planning for this conversion of millions of hectares of public land to intensive irrigated, and possibly freehold, land to occur;
- (m) is the Minister aware of any economic analysis of this potential large scale clearing of native vegetation in terms of either its carbon emissions impacts or its impacts on the regional tourism industry;
- (n) if yes to (m), will the Minister table those analyses;
- (o) if no to (n), why not;
- (p) is the Minister aware of studies done on the carbon sequestration status of areas such as the Great Western Woodlands showing that these rangelands and pastoral ecosystems store carbon at a level of around 60 tonnes, on average, per hectare in soil and vegetation;
- (q) is the Minister concerned that the conversion of up to or more than 10 million hectares of native vegetation across Western Australia's rangelands could equate in total to hundreds of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, which is many times greater than Western Australia's current total annual carbon dioxide emissions;
- (r) if yes to (q), what does the Minister expect the Government to do in order to ensure this massive carbon dioxide emissions outcome does not occur;
- (s) is the Minister aware as to whether the Western Australian Government has advised the Federal Environment Minister, Hon Greg Hunt, that it is considering a proposal to create hundreds of millions of tonnes of additional carbon dioxide emissions via this irrigated agriculture proposal;
- (t) if yes to (s), when was the Federal Environment Minister advised;
- (u) when does the Minister expect the Government to refer this proposal for assessment under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act);
- (v) does any of the 10 million or so hectares under consideration by the Government for intensive irrigation fall within any of the below categories and, if so, in each case, what area, in hectares, is involved:
  - (i) former pastoral properties purchased by the Department for Conservation and Land Management (CALM), Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) for transfer to the conservation estate;
  - (ii) current conservation reserve of any kind;
  - (iii) Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) or CALM/DEC/DPaW proposed conservation reserve; for example Red Book or subsequent recommended areas;
  - (iv) national heritage-listed areas, such as the Fitzroy River;
  - (v) the Great Western Woodlands;
  - (vi) areas identified by Tourism Western Australia or the tourism industry as having significant and strategic tourism and aesthetic values, for example widely promoted regional wildflower tourism destinations; and

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- (vii) areas known to be at risk of serious and repeated flooding as mapped or otherwise documented by the Department of Water or other responsible state or federal government agencies;
- (w) what legal protections does the Minister expect the Government will put in place to ensure the public is protected from liability if areas identified by the Government for conversion to freehold and/or intensive irrigation subsequently fail due to flooding, inadequate soils, insufficient sustainable water supplies, in quality or quantity, attack by known pests and diseases or lack of adequate supporting infrastructure;
- (x) to the best of the Minister's knowledge, do any of the 10 million hectares of potential irrigation land rely on the construction of new dams on any rivers or other major watercourses; and
- (y) if yes to (x), which rivers or other major watercourses, by region, have been identified as having potential dam sites?

**3371. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:**

Noting the Minister's joint media announcement of 21 August 2015, *Land tenure boost for irrigated agriculture* and subsequent coverage in *The West Australian* entitled "Land Tenure Deal to Drive Investment", I ask:

- (a) is the Government considering more than 10 million hectares of Western Australia land for possible intensive irrigated agriculture;
- (b) if no to (a), what is the correct figure for area under consideration by the Government for possible intensive irrigated agriculture;
- (c) of this area, how much is currently under native vegetation;
- (d) how many hectares of native vegetation would need to be cleared to achieve the irrigation area the Government is seeking to create;
- (e) has the Government completed any studies or assessments on the conservation significance of this large area of native vegetation; for example its biodiversity and threatened species habitat values;
- (f) if no to (e), when will those studies be done, at what cost and by whom;
- (g) if yes to (e), will the Minister table those studies;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) given the large area of native vegetation clearing involved, and the large volumes of groundwater involved, will the proposed conversion of these areas to intensive irrigation be referred by the relevant government department or Minister to the Environmental Protection Agency for assessment as a strategic proposal;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) will any proposal for conversion be required to comply with the native vegetation clearing principles set out in the *Environment Protection Act 1986*;
- (l) if no to (k), why not;
- (m) over what timeframe is the Government planning for this conversion of millions of hectares of public land to intensive irrigated, and possibly freehold land to occur;

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- (n) has the Government completed any economic analysis of this potential large scale clearing of native vegetation in terms of either its carbon emissions impacts or its impacts on the regional tourism industry;
- (o) if no to (n), why not;
- (p) if yes to (n), will the Minister table those analyses;
- (q) if no to (p), why not;
- (r) is the Government aware of studies done on the carbon sequestration status of areas such as the Great Western Woodlands showing that these rangelands and pastoral ecosystems store carbon at a level of around 60 tonnes, on average, per hectare in soil and vegetation;
- (s) is the Government concerned that the conversion of up to or more than 10 million hectares of native vegetation across Western Australia's rangelands could equate in total to hundreds of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, which is many times greater than Western Australia's current total annual carbon dioxide emissions;
- (t) if yes to (s), what does the Government intend to do in order to ensure this massive carbon dioxide emissions outcome does not occur;
- (u) has the Western Australian Government advised the Federal Environment Minister, Hon Greg Hunt, that it is considering a proposal to create hundreds of millions of tonnes of additional carbon dioxide emissions via this irrigated agriculture proposal;
- (v) if no to (u), when will Hon Greg Hunt be advised;
- (w) when will the Government refer this proposal for assessment under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act);
- (x) does any of the 10 million or so hectares under consideration by the Government for intensive irrigation fall within any of the below categories and, if so, in each case, what area, in hectares, is involved:
  - (i) former pastoral properties purchased by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) for transfer to the conservation estate;
  - (ii) current conservation reserve of any kind;
  - (iii) timber reserve, sandalwood reserve or state forest;
  - (iv) Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) or CALM, DEC, DPaW proposed conservation reserve, e.g. Red Book or subsequent recommended areas;
  - (v) drinking water catchment area;
  - (vi) national heritage-listed areas, such as the Fitzroy River;
  - (vii) the Great Western Woodlands;
  - (viii) areas identified by Tourism Western Australia or the tourism industry as having significant and strategic tourism and aesthetic values, e.g. widely promoted regional wildflower tourism destinations; and

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- (ix) areas known to be at risk of serious and repeated flooding as mapped or otherwise documented by the Department of Water or other responsible state or federal government agencies;
- (y) how much per hectare and in total has the Government budgeted in financial costs, subsidies or assistance for the conversion of this 10 million hectares of public land to freehold and/or intensive irrigated land;
- (z) how much per hectare will the Government charge or recover on behalf of the Western Australian public for the conversion of 10 million hectares of public land to freehold and/or intensive irrigated land under this proposal;
- (aa) how much per megalitre will the Government charge for access to and use of publicly owned groundwater to support the area proposed to become intensive irrigation land;
- (bb) has the Minister received advice on the potential for this freeholding of public land to be in contravention of National Competition Policy;
- (cc) if no to (bb), why not;
- (dd) if yes to (bb), will the Minister release that advice;
- (ee) if no to (dd), why not;
- (ff) what legal protections will the Government put in place to ensure the public is protected from liability if areas identified by the Government for conversion to freehold and/or intensive irrigation subsequently fail due to flooding, inadequate soils, insufficient sustainable water supplies, in quality or quantity, attack by known pests and diseases or lack of adequate supporting infrastructure;
- (gg) does any of the 10 million hectares of potential irrigation land rely on the construction of new dams on any rivers or other major watercourses; and
- (hh) if yes to (gg), which rivers or other major watercourses, by region, have been identified as having potential dam sites?

**3372. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

- (1) What is the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Western Australia in relation to interim working arrangements for the regulation of mineral exploration activities by Paladin Energy Ltd within the Yampi Sound Training Area in Western Australia?
- (2) If the MoU is no longer valid:
  - (a) on what date did the MoU become redundant;
  - (b) is there any discussion on drafting a new MoU;
  - (c) has Paladin Energy Ltd ceased any exploration work in the area; and
  - (d) on what date did Paladin Energy Ltd officially conclude their work in the Yampi Sound Training Area?

**3373. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:**

What is the annual salary bill for 2015 for each of the following category of staff:

- (a) Principal;
- (b) Teacher;

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- (c) Education Assistant;
- (d) Cleaner;
- (e) Gardener; and
- (f) School Administration Officer?

**3374. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:**

For 2015, what is the cost to the Department of Education for the total annual salary, including all superannuation, leave, workers compensation and any other expenses, of each of the following categories:

- (a) Teacher, Level 2 or 3;
- (b) School Administrator, Level 3;
- (c) School Administrator, Level 4;
- (d) School Administrator, Level 5;
- (e) School Administrator, Level 6;
- (f) School Psychologist, Level 1, Level 2, Senior;
- (g) Lead School Psychologist;
- (h) Aboriginal Islander Education Officer, Level 3;
- (i) Education Assistant (Auslan);
- (j) Education Assistant (Behaviour Centres);
- (k) Education Assistant (Braille);
- (l) Education Assistant (Mainstream) Level 1/2;
- (m) Education Assistant (Special Needs) Level 2/3;
- (n) Ministerial Officer, Level 1-5;
- (o) Public Servant, Level 1-8;
- (p) Government Officer, Level 1-5;
- (q) School support Officer;
- (r) Cleaner;
- (s) Gardener; and
- (t) other?

**3375. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:**

- (1) How many students have failed the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment once?
- (2) How many students have failed the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment twice?
- (3) How many students have failed the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment more than twice?
- (4) How many of the students in (1), (2) and (3) were Aboriginal?
- (5) How many of those students in (1), (2) and (3) were students that have English as a second language?

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**3376. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:**

How many principals have the following Western Australia public schools had in the last 24 months:

- (a) Marble Bar Primary School;
- (b) Karratha Primary School;
- (c) Pegs Creek Primary School;
- (d) Port Hedland Primary School;
- (e) South Hedland Primary School;
- (f) Tambrey Primary School;
- (g) Wickham Primary School;
- (h) Meekatharra District High School;
- (i) North Tom Price Primary School;
- (j) Onslow Primary School;
- (k) Pannawonica Primary School;
- (l) Paraburdoo Primary School;
- (m) Tom Price Senior High School;
- (n) Laverton School;
- (o) Leonora District High School;
- (p) Ngaanyatjarra Lands School;
- (q) Leinster Primary School;
- (r) Derby District High School;
- (s) Fitzroy Valley District High School;
- (t) Halls Creek District High School; and
- (u) Wyndham District High School?

**3377. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Local Government:**

- (1) Will the Minister please table the report of the *Ballajura Local Area Traffic Management Study*, produced by Donald Veal Consultants for the City of Swan, in particular, what, if anything, is reported about the pedestrian danger spot at the corner of Parkview Drive and Redgum Drive in Ballajura?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Does the Minister believe that it is in the best interest of the community's safety that all residents in the City of Swan should have access to this report, especially as it would inform the community about all pedestrian danger spots in the area, and what priority, or lack of it, they are likely to receive?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

**3378. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

- (1) What is the number and type of vehicles maintained by the Government Garage?
- (2) How many persons does the Government Garage employ and what are their positions?

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- (3) What offices/persons are entitled to access the Government Garage services?
- (4) What was the total cost of administering the Government Garage in each of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?
- (5) Is use and cost of the Government Garage apportioned to entitled users?
- (6) What are the current guidelines and protocols for the use of the Government Garage?
- (7) Will the Premier table these guidelines and protocols?

**3379. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

- (1) What aircraft are currently available under the Ministerial Air Services contract?
- (2) When does the contract expire?
- (3) What are the minimum monthly contract hours for each aircraft type?
- (4) For each of the 2013-14, 2014-15 financial years and the 2015-16 financial year to date, please provide monthly hours accrued for each aircraft under the contract?
- (5) What is the total cost of the contract in each of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?
- (6) What offices/persons are entitled to request aircraft for travel?
- (7) Is aircraft use and cost apportioned to each entitled user?
- (8) What are the current guidelines and protocols for the use of the aircraft?
- (9) Will the Premier table these guidelines and protocols?

**3380. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:**

Over the following periods, how many Western Australian children were referred to an adult mental health facility or ward to access a mental health bed:

- (a) 2014-2015;
- (b) 2013-2014;
- (c) 2012-2013; and
- (d) 2011-2012?

**3381. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) when and why was the decision made to cut the \$1.5 million loan capital for (NILS) in Western Australia;
- (b) what is the value of current operational funding issued to each organisation administering (NILS) in Western Australia and in which geographical areas does each organisation provide loan services;
- (c) was the allocation of current operational funding tied to performance based loans targets and, if not, why not;
- (d) for each organisation receiving operational funding, what is the value of loans offered and what items are covered by the loans;
- (e) in the 2014-15 financial year, how many loans were administered by each organisation receiving operational funding and what was the value of the loans underwritten; and



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- (f) by region, how many loans have been made available to Western Australians by way of the \$1.5 million loan capital State funding for each of the following years:
- (i) 2014-2015;
  - (ii) 2013-2014;
  - (iii) 2012-2013; and
  - (iv) 2011-2012?

**3382. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the news story in the *Sunday Times* on 9 August on page 3, titled “Mentally ill street jabs”, and I ask:

- (a) is it true that homeless Western Australians are being sedated on the streets with anti-psychotic medication because there are no places in supported accommodation to offer them care;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many patients were treated with anti-psychotic medication by the Mobile Community Outreach team in 2014-2015;
- (c) which step-down accommodation providers have had their budget cuts and by what amount;
- (d) last year the Mental Health Commissioner was quoted in an ABC media article on 13 August 2014 as saying “Individual services are fairly drastically under-supplied, we probably only have 30 percent of supply we need in those community-based services,” is this statistic still current or has the situation become worse; and
- (e) what is the estimated number of additional step-down beds needed in Western Australia to meet current demand?

**3383. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

- (1) In the past twelve months, what training courses have been provided to volunteer fire-fighters in the South West region?
- (2) In relation to each course identified in (1):
  - (a) where was the course provided; and
  - (b) how many people participated and successfully completed the course?

**3384. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

What action is the Government taking to ensure that the approximate 22,200 local government fire-fighter volunteers have access to the online Enterprise Training Management System?

**3385. Hon Adele Farina to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

What is the Government doing to improve the provision of introductory, advanced and refresher courses for volunteer fire-fighters in regional Western Australia?

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