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**QUESTIONS**

**No. 172**

**Wednesday, 24 February 2016**

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3763. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Commerce

3765. Hon Sally Talbot to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services

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3768. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water

3769. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

*Notice Given*                      *Wednesday, 2 December 2015*

3770. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

3771. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services

3772. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water

3774. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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*Notice Given*                      *Thursday, 3 December 2015*

3776. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water

3777. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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3778. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education

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- 3810. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 3811. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
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3813. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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3815. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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3816. Hon Darren West to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

3817. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

3818. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Housing

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3819. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services

3820. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts

3821. Hon Darren West to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

3822. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning

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**3824. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

What was the value and breakdown of foster care allowances for 2015-2016?

**3825. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to foster care allowances, and I ask what was the value and breakdown for each of the following periods:

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

**3826. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Armadale Family Support Network, and I ask how many families were assisted in the following periods:

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

**3827. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Armadale Family Support Network, and I ask how many FTE positions were allocated in the following periods:

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

**3828. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Armadale Family Support Network, and I ask what funding was allocated in the following periods:

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

**3829. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to Kidzone camps, and I ask, by region how many occurred in the following periods:

- (a) 2014-2015;
- (b) 2013-2014;
- (c) 2012-2013;
- (d) how many children participated in each period in (a), (b) and (c); and
- (e) how many Kidzone camps are budgeted and funded in 2015-2016?

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**3830. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to Cultural Day Programs, and I ask, by region how many occurred in the following periods:

- (a) 2014-2015;
- (b) 2013-2014;
- (c) 2012-2013;
- (d) how many children participated in each period in (a), (b) and (c); and
- (e) how many Cultural Day Programs are budgeted and funded in 2015-2016?

**3831. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the 78,528 clients supported, and I ask, what is the percentage and number breakdown of assistance by the following categories:

- (a) assessment of child protection concerns;
- (b) family support services, including Parent Support or Best Beginnings;
- (c) provision of financial assistance;
- (d) carer management services;
- (e) case support services; and
- (f) adoption services?

**3832. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to other revenue which was higher than the original budget by \$1.5 million (123.8 per cent), mainly due to the unexpected return of prior year funds from community sector organisations, including \$0.7 million from the Western Australia No Interest Loans Network Inc (NILS):

- (a) besides NILS, which community sector organisations returned funds and what was the value of each return;
- (b) what was the reason for each return of funds; and
- (c) why did the department make the decision to withdraw funds from NILS?

**3833. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to 2013-2014, when the department funded 169 community sector organisations to deliver services to vulnerable children, individuals and families across Western Australia:

- (a) how many community sector organisations were funded to deliver services in 2014-2015;
- (b) which organisations were funded to deliver services; and
- (c) which organisations were funded in 2013-2014 and are no longer in 2014-15, and what was the reason for the withdrawal of funding to the community sector organisation?

**3834. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

How many children benefited from more permanent living arrangements under special guardianship orders and were no longer in the care of the CEO in 2014-2015?

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**3835. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to processing of Working with Children cards, and I ask:

- (a) did the processing of Working with Children cards deliver a net profit or cost to the department in 2014-2015; and
- (b) what was the value of the net profit or cost to the department?

**3836. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the 2014-2015 State Budget for mental health, which received a 6.1 per cent or \$45.7 million boost from the previous financial year, and the proportion of service funding directly to publicly funded community mental health services was 42.8 per cent in 2014-15 down from 43.2 per cent in 2013-14, and I ask:

- (a) what proportion of the additional \$45.7 million funding was directed to community health services;
- (b) why has the rate of funding to community mental health services decreased from the previous year;
- (c) what is the breakdown of expenditure in the \$45.7 million; and
- (d) after accounting for the efficiency dividend, what was the net value of the budgetary increase to mental health services in 2014-2015?

**3837. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the amount of funding allocated to workforce development, which fell substantially from \$571,000 in 2013-2014 to \$410,000 in 2014-2015, and I ask:

- (a) why is this; and
- (b) can community sector organisations access to this pool of funding for Workforce Development?

**3838. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

What was the average cost of a bed per day at the Fiona Stanley hospital in 2014-2015?

**3839. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the average cost of a bed per day for people with mental illness living in community supported residential accommodation that was below the target of \$247 at \$238, the same actual cost in 2013-2014, and I ask how were these savings made?

**3840. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the expenditure on consulting fees, and I ask, what is the breakdown of the \$1.4 million spent?

**3841. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the last quarterly report from the Stokes Implementation Group tabled in February 2015, and I ask, when can the next update be expected on the Mental Health Commission website?

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**3842. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the average cost for a bed per day in a sub-acute unit, which has dramatically decreased from an actual of \$830 per day in 2013-2014 to \$612 in 2014-2015, and I ask:

- (a) were the savings made reinvested into funding additional sub-acute beds; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

**3843. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the 2014-2015 State Budget for mental health, which received a 6.1 per cent or \$45.7 million boost from the previous financial year, and the proportion of service funding directly to community organisations was up slightly in 2014-2015 to 12.9 per cent from 12.6 per cent in 2013-2014 but still below the 15 per cent target, and I ask:

- (a) what proportion and value of the \$45.7 million was directed to community organisations; and
- (b) what is the estimated value of additional funding required over the forward estimates to meet the 15 per cent target?

**3844. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the new Mental Health Act, which was expected to come into force on 30 November 2015:

- (a) is this commencement date still on track; and
- (b) what requisite actions remain outstanding for completion before this date?

**3845. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to substantial savings made in the average cost of an Individualised Community Living Strategy (ICLS), of approximately \$18,372 or 22 per cent per ICLS, and I ask:

- (a) were the savings made reinvested into funding additional Individualised Community Living Strategies;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) how many people are waitlisted for ICLS;
- (d) will the Minister table a copy of the evaluation of the ICLS that was expected to be finalised early in 2015-2016; and
- (e) if the evaluation of the ICLS has not been finalised, when is completion expected?

**3846. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the net increase in staff to 106, and I ask, does this number include staff from the Drug and Alcohol Office (DAO) and, if yes, how many staff were transferred from DAO?

**3847. Hon Samantha Rowe to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the commitments made by the State Government during the 2013 election to commit \$13.5 million to fund CCTV throughout Western Australia, and I ask, how much money has the State Government spent on CCTV since March 2013?

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**3848. Hon Kate Doust to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to telecommunications metadata stored on Australian residents, and I ask:

- (a) how many Western Australian Government agencies or enterprises have, or have sought, warrantless access to telecommunications metadata;
- (b) what are the names of the agencies or enterprises, and on what grounds have they sought, or been granted, this access; and
- (c) in relation to (b), have any of the agencies or enterprises accessed any stored data?

**3849. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the Stokes Review Implementation Partnership Group (IPG), *Chairman's Quarterly Report October 2015*, and I ask:

- (a) with the impending cessation of the IPG, the report highlights the importance of monitoring the 53 recommendations of the Stokes Review that have not yet been completed, how will the progress of these recommendation be monitored and will the Minister give a commitment to update and release the progress status dashboard each quarter;
- (b) will the Minister table a copy of the evaluation into the first year of operation of the pilot transport service received by the Mental Health Commission in July 2015;
- (c) in regard to the three new State-wide Standardised Clinical Documents (SSCD's), can the Minister advise:
  - (i) whether all three SSDC's have now been implemented;
  - (ii) if no to (a), which have not been implemented and what is the cause of the delay in implementation;
  - (iii) if no to (a), when can each SSDC expect to be implemented; and
  - (iv) from the 1 January 2016, have all patients discharged been provided with a discharge plan and, if not, what is the estimated percentage who have not received a discharge plan; and
- (d) has the final IPG meeting taken place and, if yes, when will the final report by the Chairman be publically released?

**3850. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the article in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* titled "DMP Royal Commission warranted" on 4 November 2015, and I ask:

- (a) how does the Minister respond to calls for a Royal Commission into the Department of Mines and Petroleum due to, and I quote from the article, "The DMP is not acting in the best interests of the public of Western Australia in managing the resources of the State";
- (b) in regard to the historical relationship with Carnegie Gold and the parent company Swan Gold, I ask:
  - (i) what is the total amount currently owing to the department in royalties and, if interest is accruing what is the total value of the interest and the rate applied;



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- (ii) why did the department not accept the offer of \$113,910 from Swan Gold negotiated through a deed of company arrangement when the company went into administration;
- (iii) what legal action, both internal and external, has already been executed and what has been the cost of this action;
- (iv) has the State Solicitors Office been engaged to assist in the debt recovery and, if so, how many hours have been assigned;
- (v) was any environmental rehabilitation required on the tenement and, if yes, was it undertaken;
- (vi) has a caveat been placed on the tenement and, if yes:
  - (A) what are the details of the caveat;
  - (B) what date was the caveat lodged; and
  - (C) what was the cost to apply the caveat; and
- (vii) what is the timeline of key dates from the commencement of the original Carnegie Gold tenements to date;
- (c) in the past five years have any other “data transfer errors” resulted in debts to the department not being paid and, if yes, what are the details; and
- (d) for any royalty compliance notices currently outstanding, can the Minister please advise the value and the duration the notice has been outstanding?

**3851. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to the new Mental Health Unit at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) how many patients have been discharged to backpacker hostels, or similar short stay accommodation, since the facility opened;
- (b) what was the value of funding expended to provide accommodation for discharged patients to backpacker hostels or short stay accommodation since opening;
- (c) how many days accommodation did the funding amount in (b) equate to; and
- (d) since the opening of the unit, can the Minister advise:
  - (i) how many non-voluntary patients have been admitted;
  - (ii) what is the total number of patients that have been admitted; and
  - (iii) what is the total number of bed days that patients have been admitted?

**3852. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services:**

I refer to the response to question without notice No. 27, asked on 17 February 2016, and I ask:

- (a) what were the times, dates and venues of meetings between Western Australian ministerial and senior officials with their Federal counterparts regarding a new bilateral funding agreement for the National Disability Insurance Scheme; and
- (b) which officials were involved in the meetings detailed in (a)?

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**3853. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the response to question on notice No. 2539, regarding contract DCP26911 with Fujitsu, and I ask:

- (a) in relation to the contract:
  - (i) have any variances to the contract occurred;
  - (ii) if yes to (i), how many variances;
  - (iii) if yes to (i), what are the details of the variances; and
  - (iv) if yes to (i), what is the value of the variances; and
- (b) since the awarding of the contract on 9 July 2012, what is the total amount that has been paid to Fujitsu as part of the contract?

**3854. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the *Broome Regional Centre Growth Plan Project Plan, Landcorp 2015* document produced by Creating Communities that contains the Shire of Broome and Kimberley Development Commission logos, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the Regional Centres Development Plan Steering Committee has accepted this plan;
- (b) is the Minister aware that in a letter to the Broome Shire President, the Executive Chair of Regional Centres Development Plan, Mr Stuart Hicks AO, said that the "...Project Plan provides a sound basis on which the Growth Plan Partnership can procure specialist support and guide development of its Growth Plan";
- (c) is the Minister aware that the Broome Regional Centre Growth Plan Project Plan states on page 6 that the site of the now defunct Woodside LNG proposal at James Price Point, "...is now fully approved for development and represents an important opportunity";
- (d) is the Minister aware that the site of the proposed Woodside LNG proposal at James Price Point is not "fully approved" as it has yet to be recommended for approval by the Western Australian Appeals Convenor, yet to be approved by the Western Australian Minister for Environment, yet to be recommended for approval by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and yet to be approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment;
- (e) is the Minister aware that, in addition to not being approved at either a State or Federal level, there is no proponent for the proposed LNG facilities at James Price Point;
- (f) will the Minister ensure that the erroneous statement that the site of the now defunct Woodside LNG proposal at James Price Point, "...is now fully approved for development" is corrected and that departmental staff, Landcorp staff, the Shire of Broome and the Kimberley Development Commission are aware of this factual error;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) is the Minister aware that if the site was to be approved for use, it can only be used to process gas from the Browse Basin;

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- (i) as the Broome Regional Centre Growth Plan Project Plan states that the proposed site “...represents an important opportunity”, is the Minister, or his department aware, of what this important opportunity is;
- (j) if yes to (i), will Minister explain what this is; and
- (k) if no to (i) and or (j), why not?

**NIGEL PRATT**

Clerk of the Legislative Council