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

- (1) What is the current status of the Main Roads State-wide Purpose clearing permit?
- (2) How many hectares of native vegetation have been cleared under this permit per year, in the last five years?
- (3) Has any of this clearing activity been at variance with Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) Native Vegetation Clearing Principles?
- (4) If yes to (3), how much?
- (5) Does the State-wide Purpose Permit require Main Roads to take steps to minimize native vegetation clearing?
- (6) If yes to (5), what steps have been taken by Main Roads to minimize native vegetation clearing undertaken under the permit?
- (7) Can the Minister outline what the intended purpose of this permit is?
- (8) Does the permit require the permit holder to consult with stakeholders prior to undertaking clearing activity?
- (9) If yes to (8), can the Minister outline what consultation has occurred, who has been consulted, and what have been the outcomes of such consultation?
- (10) What community input was sought as part of a review by DEC of the State-wide Purpose clearing permit?
- (11) Does DEC consider that there are any shortcomings or issues with the existing permit that would impact on its effectiveness to provide protection of the environment and native vegetation?
- (12) What changes have been made to the permit to address issues raised during the review of the permit by DEC, or by community organisations?
- (13) Who in DEC or the Minister's office made the decision to continue the existing permit?
- (14) Has the Minister's office or the previous Minister's office received advice from any other agencies regarding this permit?
- (15) If yes to (14), what was the nature of this advice and where was it received from?
- (16) Are annual reports submitted to DEC by Main Roads Department under the permit made publicly available?
- (17) If no to (16), can the Minister table these reports?
- (18) Does the DEC Native Vegetation Clearing Branch review these annual reports?
- (19) If no to (18), why not?
- (20) If yes to (18), what have these reviews found and what action has been taken by the DEC?

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- (21) If yes to (18), can the Minister table any documentation held by DEC relating to the review of these reports?
- (22) Can the Minister advise what action has been, or is being taken by DEC to respond to the serious failings identified by the Auditor General in his report into the implementation of the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations?
- (23) Can the Minister outline what actions have been, or are being taken to address the serious shortcomings identified in the review of native vegetation clearing regulations by Gary Middle?

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

- (1) For each of the following categories, how many incidents were recorded on the Public Transport Authority (PTA) database for the Perth Urban Rail network in the 2011-12 financial year:
 - (a) assault;
 - (b) assault public officer;
 - (c) disorderly conduct;
 - (d) offensive behaviour;
 - (e) substance abuse; and
 - (f) violent/disruptive behaviour?
- (2) For each category in (1), what is the most recent year-to-date figure recorded by the PTA database for the 2012-13 financial year?
- (3) Does the PTA database break these incidents down by area or rail line?
- (4) If yes to (3), can the Minister table a breakdown of figures in (1) and (2) by area or line?

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

In regard to statements made about the Canning Basin by the Director General of the Department of Mines and Petroleum Mr Richard Sellers as reported in the *Sunday Times* of 11 June 2013 under the heading "Our Next Resource Boomer", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of these statements and does he concur;
- (b) in relation to Mr Seller's statement "There is potential for there to be enough gas (in the Canning Basin) to unlock some of the very large mineral deposits that haven't been unlocked to date because of lack of infrastructure and energy", can the Minister explain specifically which "very large mineral deposits" the Director General was referring to;
- (c) given that the Premier has clearly indicated that the very large bauxite deposits in the north Kimberley will not be developed and will instead be incorporated into the recently announced Wanjina National Park, will the Minister rule out any use of Canning Basin gas to process bauxite from the north Kimberley;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;

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- (e) how many fracking wells does the Minister expect will be required to extract the 288 trillion cubic feet of gas that the Director General says is predicted to be available from the Canning Basin; and
- (f) what form of public environmental and social impact assessment will the Government undertake to ensure that any extraction of gas from the Canning Basin will not have unacceptable impacts on people, communities and the environment?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

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