

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 112

Thursday, 2 November 2006

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- 4103. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Forestry (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
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- 4110. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
- 4111. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)

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- 4112. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4114. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4115. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4116. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4118. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4119. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4121. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Treasurer *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
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- 4126. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4127. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
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- 4129. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4130. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4132. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4133. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Government Enterprises *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4134. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4135. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
- 4137. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Land Information *(SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006)*
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4141. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4142. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Youth (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4143. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4144. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4146. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4147. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4148. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)
4150. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Women's Interests (*SO 138(d) response - September 21 2006*)

Notice Given Thursday, 14 September 2006

4179. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - October 24 2006*)

Notice Given Tuesday, 17 October 2006

4199. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
4200. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
4201. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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4203. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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4205. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
4206. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works

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4207. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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- 4209. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 4210. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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- 4211. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4212. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 4214. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt
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- 4216. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
- 4217. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Fisheries
- 4218. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 4219. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 4220. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 4221. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
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- 4225. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4226. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
- 4227. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development
- 4228. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 4229. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs
- 4230. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Peel and the South West
- 4231. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Treasurer

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- 4232. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4233. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 4234. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Women's Interests
- 4235. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Employment Protection
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- 4237. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 4238. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 4239. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
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- 4242. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 4243. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
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- 4249. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business
- 4250. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Education and Training
- 4251. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development
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- 4257. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
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- 4260. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
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- 4300. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development
- 4301. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering
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- 4308. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 4309. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

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- 4310. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4311. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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- 4312. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4313. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 4314. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment

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- 4315. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development
- 4316. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Education and Training

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- 4319. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt
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- 4323. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 4324. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 4325. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
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- 4327. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs
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- 4329. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 4330. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4331. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
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- 4337. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4338. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 4339. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for Women's Interests

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- 4340. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Employment Protection
- 4341. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern
- 4342. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 4343. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 4346. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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- 4348. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
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- 4360. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 4362. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- 4363. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 4364. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
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4366. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Did the Corruption and Crime Commission instigate the inquiry into the Department of Education regarding allegations of sexual misconduct of some teachers?
- (2) If no to (1), did the Department of Education invite the Corruption and Crime Commission to carry out the inquiry?
- (3) Did the Director General inform the Minister of the Corruption and Crime Commission's involvement with the Department of Education?
- (4) Did any member of the Minister's office staff have any knowledge of the Corruption and Crime Commission's inquiry before the report was presented on 12 October 2006?

4367. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) Which Government Agencies, Corporations and Departments, have electronic and computer systems which will need to be reprogrammed if daylight saving is introduced?
- (2) For each Agency, Corporation or Department referred to in (1), what are the functions that are reliant on an electronic and computerised system, which will need to be reprogrammed if daylight savings is introduced?
- (3) Can the Minister guarantee that if daylight saving is introduced during this summer, that all reprogramming can be achieved without risk?

4368. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

In relation to the Police operation in Palmer 01 forest block on Tuesday 19 July and Wednesday 20 July 2005, when police officers, including mounted police, TRG officers, the dog squad, SES personnel, an ambulance, a doctor and a meals canteen attended a roading operation conducted by the Forest Products Commission, I ask -

- (1) Who initiated this police operation?
- (2) What was the rationale behind the decision to undertake the operation?
- (3) Did reports of the making of 'spikey lock-on devices' by forest activist contribute to the decision?
- (4) How many police personnel and from what divisions, were involved in the operation?
- (5) What was the total cost of the operation?
- (6) Is the Minister aware that at the time of the operation, the protest camp on private property adjacent to Palmer 01, was regularly monitored by the local police?

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- (7) Is the Minister aware that no attempt was made to search the protest camp prior to the operation?
- (8) Did the police know there were only four people in the protest camp prior to, and during the time of the operation?
- (9) Were the police aware that Palmer 01 action was a non-violent protest as stated at a meeting held earlier in Hon M Murray MLA's Office?
- (10) How many police personnel and from what divisions were involved in the operation to find the small child lost in the vicinity at the same time the above-mentioned operation was taking place?
- (11) What was the total cost of the operation to search for the child?

4369. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Education and Training representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), Notices of Clearing Permits and Undertakings decided on and available for public appeal, published in the West Australian each Monday, between 28 August and 9 October 2006, and I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that according to these notices 26 shires have been granted native vegetation purpose clearing permits to undertake road maintenance, widening and related road works activities that permit clearing of over 490 hectares of vegetation, of which 310 hectares are within the Southwest Australia Hotspot as defined by Conservation International?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the clearing mitigation principles of 'avoid, minimise, rectify, reduce and offset in that order', set out in section 3 part A of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Position Statement No. 9, entitled Environmental Offsets?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Does the Minister support these principles?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) Is the Minister aware that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), assesses clearing proposals against ten clearing principles laid out in its Clearing Permit Decision Reports, and that in respect of all the Shires located within the Southwest Australia Hotspot, the permitted clearing was noted as being at variance to at least one, but up to six of those principles?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Can the Minister explain on what grounds the decision was made by the DEC not to refuse those clearing proposals which were judged to be at variance with one or more of the clearing principles?
- (10) Can the Minister explain what factors, if any, were taken into account by the DEC, other than those relating to the ten clearing principles referred to above, in making its decisions as

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whether the clearing proposals referred to above were unavoidable in the context of the EPA's Position Statement No. 9?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council