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243. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) What suburbs are currently in the catchment area for:
 - (a) Kalamunda Senior High School;
 - (b) Eastern Hills Senior High School;
 - (c) Governor Stirling Senior High School; and
 - (d) Swan View Senior High School?
- (2) What changes have been made in each of the last four years to the suburbs in each of the above schools' catchment areas?
- (3) Is any special consideration given to students who already have a sibling at a senior high school, and if so, what is the nature of that consideration?
- (4) Is consideration given to public transport routes and availability, and if so, what is the nature of that consideration?

244. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

Which high schools are children living in each of the following suburbs eligible to attend:

- (a) Helena Valley;
- (b) Bellevue;
- (c) Boya;
- (d) Darlington;
- (e) Greenmont;
- (f) Guildford;
- (g) Hazelmere;
- (h) Jane Brook;
- (i) Middle Swan;
- (j) Koongamia;
- (k) Midland;
- (l) Midvale;
- (m) Swan View;
- (n) Red Hill;
- (o) Stratton;
- (p) Viveash;

- (q) Woodbridge; and
- (r) South Guildford?

245. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the decision to merge Verve and Synergy, without referring to any deliberation of the Cabinet, and I ask:

- (a) on what date did the Minister first see the Cabinet submission proposing the merger of Verve and Synergy;
- (b) what input, if any, did the Minister have in the preparation of the cabinet submission that proposed the merger;
- (c) was the Cabinet submission prepared by the Public Utilities Office:
 - (i) if not, did the Public Utilities Office provide coordinating comments on this cabinet submission; and
 - (ii) if so, on what date did it provide these comments; and
- (d) why did the Minister decide not to consult with industry and consumer groups regarding his decision to support the amalgamation of Verve and Synergy?

246. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister's comments in relation to electricity supply in the House on 17 April 2013 which states that a reform basically puts state taxpayers' assets hugely at risk, and I ask, how does the State place its assets at risk when:

- (a) Perth Energy enters into an electricity supply contract with one of its private customers;
- (b) Alinta enters into an electricity supply contract with one of its private customers;
- (c) ERM enters into an electricity supply contract with one of its private customers; and
- (d) Griffin Energy enters into an electricity supply contract with one of its private customers?

247. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer the Minister's comments in the House on 17 April 2013 that we are also being forced to buy windmills even if we do not need them, and I ask what windmills have been purchased that we do not need?

248. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister's comments in the House on 18 April 2013 that Synergy has a profit of \$14 million and sales of \$2 billion, but no assets, and I ask:

- (a) who informed the Minister of this information, and if no-one did, how did he come to this conclusion;
- (b) has the Minister read the 2011–2012 Synergy Annual Report which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 20 September 2012;
- (c) is the Minister aware that this report includes a *Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2012*;
- (d) is the Minister aware that this statement notes that *Profit Before Income Tax Equivalent Expense* was \$120,969,000;

- (e) is the Minister aware that this report also includes a *Statement of Financial Position* as at 30 June 2012;
- (f) is the Minister aware that this Statement reports that Synergy's net assets were \$359,378,000; and
- (g) is the Minister aware of these matters, does he still maintain that Synergy has a profit of \$14 million and sales of \$2 billion, but no assets, and if not, when will he be correct the record of the Parliament?

249. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister's comments in the House on 17 April 2013 in relation to the South West Interconnected System stating that there is a large number of stranded assets, and I ask, please list the specific stranded assets to which he referred?

250. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the media release issued by the Hon Peter Collier on 30 November 2011 entitled *Domestic Gas Secured Through Gorgon Contract*, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that this media release noted the signing of gas supply contracts by Verve and Synergy with the Gorgon Joint Venture;
- (b) is it true that the signing of these agreements provides long term and reliable domestic energy supply, which will enable us to maintain a strong and vibrant economy in conjunction with an additional stream of energy security; and
- (c) is it true that signing of these agreements provide supply tenure that will deliver energy security for decades?

251. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister's comments in Parliament on 17 April 2013 stating that the Government is being forced to buy windmills even if they are not needed, and I ask:

- (a) is the State Government committed to the construction of the Mumbida Wind Farm; and
- (b) is Mumbida Wind Farm an example of the windmills that we do not need?

252. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister's comments in the House on 17 April 2013 stating that there is an excess of 700 megawatts, and I ask, how much excess capacity was there on the South West Integrated System on:

- (a) 1 July 2008;
- (b) 1 July 2009;
- (c) 1 July 2010;
- (d) 1 July 2011; and
- (e) 1 July 2012?

253. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Government's decision to merge Verve and Synergy, and I ask:

- (a) will the Economic Regulation Authority be retained in the Minister's plans for the Western Australian electricity market after the merger of Synergy and Verve; and

- (b) if yes to (a), what is the expected annual cost of the operations of the Economic Regulation Authority in respect of the electricity industry in each of the following years:
 - (i) 2013–2014;
 - (ii) 2014–2015;
 - (iii) 2015–2016; and
 - (iv) 2016–2017?

254. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister's comments in the House on 17 April 2013 stating that there are potential problems in the coalfields with regards to the energy industry, and I ask, what are these potential problems?

255. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing:

- (1) For the north metropolitan housing region:
 - (a) how many people applied for priority housing in 2012;
 - (b) at 31 December 2012, how many people were there on the priority housing waiting list;
 - (c) how many people were refused priority housing listing by the initial housing officer in 2012;
 - (d) how many people were approved but subsequently refused priority housing listing by the review officer in 2012;
 - (e) at 31 December 2012, how many people had been on the priority housing listing for 18 months or more;
 - (f) how many people were contacted to update their details after being on the waiting list for more than 18 months;
 - (g) of those in (f) how many failed to respond within seven days;
 - (h) of those in (f) who did respond, how many were found to be ineligible;
 - (i) does the Department record whether the applicant(s) are from a non-English speaking background, and if so, how many of those in (b) were thus recorded; and
 - (j) does the Department record whether the applicant(s) have a visual disability, and if so, how many of those in (b) were thus recorded?
- (2) For the north metropolitan housing region:
 - (a) how many Department of Housing houses are currently untenanted waiting for maintenance;
 - (b) how many new Department of Housing houses are planned for construction or purchase; and
 - (c) how many Department of Housing houses have been transferred to the community sector?

256. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the proposed Albany gas pipeline, and ask:

- (a) is it intended that this pipeline be owned by the proposed merged Synergy;
- (b) is it intended that this pipeline be funded by the proposed merged Synergy;

- (c) is it intended that this pipeline be part funded by the proposed merged Synergy; and
- (d) is it intended that the proposed merged Synergy will build a gas-fired power station in Albany to use the gas from the pipeline, and if so:
 - (i) what capacity will this power station have;
 - (ii) is there a business case for this proposed power station;
 - (iii) will this proposed power station add to what the Minister states is a 700 megawatt overcapacity in the South West Interconnected System; and
 - (iv) how many hours per year is it planned that this power station will be in operation?

257. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Road Safety:

I refer to the recommendations in the 2012 Auditor General's Report 15 on Managing the Road Trauma Trust Account, and ask:

- (a) can the Minister detail what measures have been introduced (against each Auditor General recommendation) to give the Western Australian community confidence that the allocation of funds is going directly to road safety; and
- (b) are all financial and legislative requirements now being met?

258. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Road Safety:

Western Australia is a signatory to the National Road Safety Strategy, and from 2012 the Minister must report annually to the Western Australian Parliament on the progress in road safety, including safety performance indicators. In relation to this, I ask:

- (a) why has the Government not reported to Parliament on Western Australia's progress; and
- (b) when will the Minister report to Parliament?

259. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the Minister list the number and capacity of renal dialysis units in the following regions:
 - (a) Goldfields;
 - (b) Great Southern;
 - (c) Kimberley;
 - (d) Midwest;
 - (e) Pilbara;
 - (f) South West; and
 - (g) Wheatbelt?
- (2) Are there any plans to purchase further renal dialysis machines for regional Western Australia?
- (3) What provisions are made for patients in regional areas who do not have access to a renal dialysis machine at a local health services provider?

260. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

In 2008–2009 how many assaults occurred in each of the metropolitan health service hospitals towards:

- (a) nurses;
- (b) allied health staff; and
- (c) medical staff?

261. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

For each elective surgery category will the Minister outline:

- (a) the daily total of surgeries cancelled for the months of January 2013 to March 2013; and
- (b) in this breakdown the daily totals for each hospital in regards to the cancellation of elective surgeries for each category?

262. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

I refer to Rockingham General Hospital and ask:

- (a) what is the number of patient visits to Rockingham General Hospital Oncology Unit per week;
- (b) how many full-time equivalent staff are budgeted for at the Rockingham General Hospital Oncology Unit; and
- (c) are there currently any vacant staff positions at Rockingham General Hospital Oncology Unit and, if so, which positions, how long have they been vacant for and what action is being taken to fill them?

263. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the following metropolitan hospitals: Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital; Bentley Hospital; Fremantle Hospital; Kalamunda Hospital; King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women; Murray Hospital; Osborne Park Hospital; Princess Margaret Hospital for Children; Rockingham General Hospital; Royal Perth Hospital; and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and ask:

- (a) how many hours of overtime have been paid, and at what cost, in:
 - (i) catering;
 - (ii) patient support assistants;
 - (iii) cleaning;
 - (iv) orderly services;
 - (v) patient transport;
 - (vi) linen/uniforms; and
 - (vii) waste management;
- (b) how many unfilled vacancies currently exist in:
 - (i) catering;
 - (ii) patient support assistants;
 - (iii) cleaning;
 - (iv) orderly services;
 - (v) patient transport;

- (vi) linen/uniforms; and
- (vii) waste management; and
- (c) for all vacancies:
 - (i) how long have they been vacant; and
 - (ii) what action is being taken to fill them?

264. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the Minister list the hospital maternity services that are available in the following country regions:
 - (a) Goldfields;
 - (b) Great Southern;
 - (c) Kimberley;
 - (d) Midwest;
 - (e) Pilbara;
 - (f) South West; and
 - (g) Wheatbelt?
- (2) For the above maternity services, can the Minister list any current staff vacancies, how long the position has been vacant for and what action has been taken to address the vacancy?
- (3) Since the maternity ward at Katanning Hospital was closed in May 2012, what action has been taken to address staffing issues and re-open it?

265. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

- (1) What is the total cost to the Western Australian Government associated with the provision of hospital services at Fiona Stanley Hospital, as of 31 March 2013?
- (2) What is the total cost of the contract with Serco, with relation to the provision of hospital services at Fiona Stanley, as of 31 March 2013?
- (3) What savings have been accrued at Fiona Stanley Hospital, as of 31 March 2013, as a result of the contractual arrangement with Serco to provide services?

266. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

- (1) What health services will Fiona Stanley Hospital provide?
- (2) Which services at Fiona Stanley Hospital will apply for National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards accreditation?
- (3) When is Fiona Stanley Hospital due to complete accreditation for these health services?

267. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

In relation to cochlear implants I ask the Minister:

- (a) how many cochlear implants were made in 2010–2011 and 2011–2012;
- (b) how many cochlear implants have been made so far in 2012–2013;
- (c) have there been any cuts to the cochlear implant program;
- (d) what was the average waiting time for patients to receive the implant in 2010–2011 and 2011–2012; and

- (e) have there been any cuts to the cochlear implant program as a result of the efficiency dividend?

268. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health:

- (1) At Albany Health Campus what is the current number of actual staff for:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration/clerical staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff?
- (2) At Albany Health Campus what is the full-time equivalent breakdown of staff for:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration/clerical staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff?
- (3) What is the projected number (headcount) of staff in the following areas to be employed at Albany Health Campus when it is fully operational:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration/clerical staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff?
- (4) What is the projected number full-time equivalent of staff in the following areas to be employed at Albany Health Campus, when it is fully operational:
 - (a) registered nurses;
 - (b) enrolled nurses;
 - (c) doctors (including interns, registrars and specialist medical practitioners);
 - (d) orderlies/patient care assistants;
 - (e) administration/clerical staff; and
 - (f) payroll staff?

PETER McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
