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

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82. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS) for May 2013:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

83. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in May 2013, can the department please detail how many applicants were from:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) Mid West?

84. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in May 2013, can the department please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;

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- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

85. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Do any Western Australian schools for children with special education needs (e.g. intellectual disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy and sensory impairments) run school holiday programs on their sites?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) which schools;
 - (b) what programs have been run at each site in 2012 and 2013 to date;
 - (c) what programs are planned for the rest of 2013 and 2014;
 - (d) who runs these programs;
 - (e) what is the cost of each program; and
 - (f) who is eligible to participate in these programs?
- (3) Where special education needs schools are not running school holiday programs on their sites, what other activities are taking place on these sites during school vacations?

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

I refer to the Minister's comments on cane toads, reported in *The West Australian* of 22 May 2013, and I ask:

- (a) when does the Government expect the cane toads to reach Perth:
 - (i) and each of these places in the Mining and Pastoral Region:
 - (A) Halls Creek;
 - (B) Fitzroy Crossing;
 - (C) Derby;
 - (D) Broome;
 - (E) Port Hedland;
 - (F) Karratha; and
 - (G) Onslow;
 - (b) what action is the Minister going to initiate to deal with the effects of cane toads on the environment in each of these locations;

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- (c) how much funding will the Minister allocate for each of the strategies or initiatives described in answer to (b);
- (d) what action is the Minister taking to inhibit the further migration of cane toads across Western Australia;
- (e) what action is the Minister taking to eradicate cane toads from Western Australia;
- (f) when does the Minister expect the action in (e) to have succeeded; and
- (g) how much funding will the Minister allocate for each of the strategies or initiatives described in answer to (d) and (e)?

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

With reference to Central Petroleum Limited Exploration Permits 16/08-9 EP, 17/08-9 EP and 18/08-9 EP:

- (a) what is the status of these applications;
- (b) is it correct that, if granted, Central Petroleum Limited will be exploring these leases for unconventional Lower Larapinta (shale) gas/oil;
- (c) if yes to (a) and/or (b), has the Environmental Protection Authority been advised of these activities; and
- (d) if yes to (a) and/or (b), have the Native Title parties been advised of these activities?

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

I refer to the Minister's media release of 29 May 2013 "Mid West Energy Project reaches milestone", and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister describe what specific initiatives or investments this State Government is taking in working towards a clean energy future;
- (b) what measures is this State Government taking in the Mining and Pastoral Region to work towards a clean energy future;
- (c) if yes to (a), will this state be able to achieve the national goal of 20 percent supply of renewable energy across the whole state by 2020;
- (d) if no to (a), why not;
- (e) if yes to (a) and no to (c), why not; and
- (f) if yes to (c), will the Minister outline the initiatives or strategies that will achieve this goal across the whole state?

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89. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development:

I refer to page 18 of the Strategic Energy Initiatives Directions Paper, under the heading "Regional and sector electricity demand forecasts in Western Australia", and for each of the proposed magnetite mines in the Mid West region, I ask:

- (a) how much diesel fuel will be used for transport per year at peak operational capacity;
- (b) how much energy will be required to be generated per year to keep the mine at peak operational capacity;
- (c) what proportion of that energy will be generated from renewable fuel sources; and
- (d) what is the total estimated annual greenhouse gas emissions when operating at peak capacity?

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

I refer to reports (*North West Telegraph*, 8 May) of a drilling program by Atlas Iron at the Corunna Downs prospect, and I ask:

- (a) what restrictions on the activities of Atlas Iron are in place to protect the social, historic and scientific heritage values of the Corunna Downs World War II airstrip; and
- (b) how are these restrictions being monitored?

91. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Heritage:

- (1) Is the area containing the Corunna Downs World War II airstrip subject to any form of heritage listing?
- (2) If yes to (1), what measures are in place to protect its heritage values?
- (3) Is mining or any potentially destructive industry permitted in the area referred to in (1)?

92. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer the Minister to Professor Plimer's address to the Resources and Energy Investment Symposium, reported in MiningNews.net of 22 May, and I ask:

- (a) how many Department of Aboriginal Affairs staff are currently stationed in Halls Creek;
- (b) have these, or any other public servants stationed in Halls Creek, reported they are in fear of whether or not they will get home from work safely, as implied by Professor Plimer; and
- (c) will the Minister follow Professor Plimer's suggestion and move the department to Halls Creek?

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

I refer to the Minister's statements on a 7:30 Western Australia broadcast of 17 May on ABC-TV, and ask:

- (a) what is the anticipated purchase cost per kilojoule to the Western Australia domestic electricity market of gas from the Canning Basin project;
- (b) how does the cost of gas from the Canning Basin compare with projected costs of gas for the domestic market from the Gorgon project; and
- (c) how does each of the costs outlined in (a) and (b) compare with the projected costs to the domestic market of wind and solar-thermal energy?

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

In regard to the proposed magnetite industry in the Mid West region, I ask:

- (a) how many construction jobs will each proposed mine create;
- (b) how many full-time jobs will each proposed mine create when operating at peak capacity; and
- (c) what is the proposed operating life of each mine?

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

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Clerk of the Legislative Council