

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 66

Wednesday, 27 June 2018

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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Notice Given *Tuesday, 8 May 2018*

1191. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
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1217. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
1268. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development
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Notice Given *Wednesday, 9 May 2018*

1302. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning

Notice Given *Thursday, 10 May 2018*

1303. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
1304. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing

Notice Given *Tuesday, 15 May 2018*

1306. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
1307. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
1308. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1309. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
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1311. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
1312. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment
1313. Hon Colin Holt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
1314. Hon Aaron Stonehouse to the Minister for Environment
1315. Hon Aaron Stonehouse to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General

Notice Given *Wednesday, 16 May 2018*

1317. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1318. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1319. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

Notice Given *Thursday, 17 May 2018*

1320. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1321. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1322. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1323. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

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1324. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
1325. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
1326. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
1327. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
1328. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
1329. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
1330. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection
1331. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1332. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1333. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1334. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
1335. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment
1336. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
1337. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Science

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1339. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
1340. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Fisheries
1341. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
1342. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services
1343. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Veterans Issues
1344. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing
1345. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
1346. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
1347. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport
1348. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
1349. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations
1350. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
1351. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
1352. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
1353. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism
1354. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy
1355. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance
1356. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
1357. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
1358. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General
1359. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
1360. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage
1361. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
1362. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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1363. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services
1364. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1365. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
1366. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1367. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
1368. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
1369. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1370. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
1371. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development
1372. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services
1373. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
1374. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
1375. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
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1387. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1388. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training
1389. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
1390. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water

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1392. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1393. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety
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1396. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands
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1398. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
1399. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

Notice Given **Wednesday, 13 June 2018**

1400. Hon Rick Mazza to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1401. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
1402. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1403. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
1405. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
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1409. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1410. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
1411. Hon Diane Evers to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

Notice Given **Thursday, 14 June 2018**

1412. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning
1413. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer
1414. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
1415. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training
1416. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training

Notice Given **Tuesday, 26 June 2018**

1417. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
1418. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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- 1419. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1420. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1421. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1422. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing
- 1423. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry
- 1424. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 1425. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing
- 1426. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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- 1428. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy
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- 1430. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy
- 1431. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1432. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 1433. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 1434. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY

*Notice Given**Wednesday, 27 June 2018***1435. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the former Pillara lead and zinc mine, now classified as a contaminated site, which is 25km south east of Fitzroy Crossing and adjacent to a proposed irrigation development at Gogo Station in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) when did the mine commence;
- (b) was there an environmental assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA);
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), will the Minister table the EPA report and recommendations on the mine;
- (e) when did the mine cease operations;
- (f) has the mine been rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Government;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) when was the former mine site classified as a contaminated site;
- (i) what contaminants have been found in elevated concentrations in groundwater near the former mine's tailings storage facility and when was it first realised they were discharging into the environment;
- (j) according to a briefing note to the Director General of Lands, one of the contaminants at the site is thallium which is "...a highly toxic metal, cannot be broken down and is comparable to lead or mercury" and that "Australia does not currently have standards for acceptable limits of thallium."? Is the Minister aware that thallium exceeded the trigger value in the Australia and New Zealand guidelines outside the mining tenement, that is on the Gogo Station pastoral lease;
- (k) is the Minister aware that Lennardshelf redirected groundwater discharge from the northern vents to a man-made wetland via a constructed trench, and that the wetland area where discharge was redirected was created in 1997 by Western Metals for discharge of excess dewatering from sediment and de-leading ponds;
- (l) is the Minister aware that during the wet season water from the man-made wetland flowed down a creekline through a Gogo Station paddock area, and that it was understood by Lennardshelf that water from the creek line was used by the pastoralist for use in irrigation to grow cattle feed and excess was possibly released into Blariyaning creek;
- (m) if yes to (l), is the Minister concerned that water containing heavy metals, including thallium and arsenic was used to irrigate cattle feed on Gogo station;
- (n) is the Minister aware that the department requested Gogo Station conduct bore water testing for thallium, arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead and zinc;
- (o) is there evidence to show that Gogo Station conducted the bore water testing on the bores requested by the department;
- (p) if yes to (o), will the Minister table the evidence;

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- (q) Gogo Station provided leaf tissue analysis of samples collected from agricultural crops, does the department have evidence to show that these samples were collected from an area that was being irrigated by potentially contaminated water;
- (r) will the Minister ensure that any future testing be done by departmental staff rather than entities which may have a conflict of interest;
- (s) if no to (r), why not;
- (t) is the Minister aware that water flowing through Blariyaning Creek eventually flows through the floodplains of Mount Pierre Creek and Margaret River which then drain into Duck Hole Creek which flows into the Fitzroy River;
- (u) when was the detailed site investigation initially due;
- (v) if there is a delay, why has the detailed site investigation been delayed;
- (w) does the detailed site investigation now due for completion in May 2018 undertake a risk assessment of any build-up of heavy metals including thallium, which is highly poisonous, in dams or waterways; and
- (x) when will the Minister release the detailed site assessment?

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