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- 1230. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Transport

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- 1231. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment
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- 1238. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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- 1241. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment

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- 1242. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
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- 1247. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
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- 1257. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Education

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- 1258. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
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- 1264. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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- 1266. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Transport
- 1267. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport
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- 1272. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 1273. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
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Questions listed for this sitting: -

1277. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the new regulations under which cat breeders are required to pay an annual fee of \$100 for each breeding cat and ask:

- (a) what is the financial modeling the Government has used to set the fees for the registration of cats;
- (b) what is the anticipated income per local government authority from the registration of cats:
- (c) what percentage of the revenue collected by local government authorities from these fees will go directly into strengthening the welfare of cats and addressing the feral cat problem in Western Australia;
- (d) what does the Government envisage local government authorities will do to strengthen the welfare of cats and address the feral cat problem following the introduction of the new fees; and

(e) based on the Government's extensive consultation with stakeholders about the fees for the registration of cats, what is the anticipated benefits for cat breeders who must now pay anywhere around \$1500 annually to continue with their vocation?

1278. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier:

I refer to page 22 of the 2013 Annual Report of the Public Sector Commission and the statement regarding delays in the commencement of the Aboriginal employment strategy 2011–2015 program, and ask:

- (a) has the entire strategy been delayed;
- (b) what specific components of the strategy have been delayed;
- (c) what is the estimated savings from these delays;
- (d) what impact will this delay have on the Western Australian Government reaching the target of Aboriginal employment in the public sector of 3.2 per cent by 2015;
- (e) if there is a delay to the target of 3.2 per cent by 2015 what is the new expected percentage of Aboriginal people employed in the public sector by 2015; and
- (f) specifically what impact will this delay have on the delivery of the five themes outlined in the Aboriginal employment strategy 2011–2015?

1279. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Tenders WA website and the Department of Housing – Design, Supply and Construct Water Treatment Plant at Jigalong and note that the status is 'All Offers Declined' and I ask:

- (a) how many offers were received;
- (b) what are the names of the organisations that submitted offers;
- (c) why was each offer declined;
- (d) will the Department be seeking further tenders for the design, supply and construction of a water treatment plant at Jigalong, and if so, when;
- (e) will the Department be allocating extra resources for the design, supply and construction of a water treatment plant at Jigalong; and
- (f) what will the Department be doing in respect of the provision of water to Jigalong now that the design, supply and construction of a water treatment plant has been delayed?

1280. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to page 182 of Budget Paper No.1 (volume 1) and the 10 per cent 'underspend provision' contained in the Royalties for Regions Asset Investment Program, and ask:

- (a) why was an underspend provision developed;
- (b) when did the Government make a decision about including a 10 per cent underspend provision;
- (c) was the underspend provision introduced as a result of advice or recommendations from the Department of Treasury or the Department of Finance:
 - (i) if so, who provided the advice and when was it provided; and
 - (ii) if no, who recommended the introduction of an underspend provision, and when was that advice provided;
- (d) of the \$65.216 million underspend provision for the 2013–2014 financial year what are the individual assets and underspend allocation to each asset that makes up this total amount;

- (e) of the total \$215.926 million underspend provision for the 2013–2014 financial year and forward estimates, what are the individual assets and underspend allocation to each asset that makes up this total amount; and
- (f) if the full 110 per cent allocation for each asset is not spent, what happens to the unspent monies that have not been utilised?

1281. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to page 182 of Budget Paper No.1 (volume 1) and footnote (b) referring to a 'recurrent underspend provision of \$314.6million', and I ask:

- (a) why was an underspend provision developed for recurrent programs;
- (b) when did the Government make a decision about including a 10 per cent underspend provision for recurrent programs;
- (c) was the underspend provision introduced as a result of advice or recommendations from the Department of Treasury or the Department of Finance:
 - (i) if so, who provided that advice and when was that advice provided; and
 - (ii) if no, who recommended the introduction of an underspend provision for recurrent services and when was that advice provided;
- (d) for the 2013–2014 financial year what are the individual recurrent programs that attract the allocation of an underspend provision and what is the value of each underspend provision to each program; and
- (e) if the full 110 per cent allocation for each asset is not spent, what happens to the unspent monies that have not been utilised?

1282. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer:

I refer to page 182 of Budget Paper No.1 (volume 1) and the 10 per cent 'underspend provision' contained in the Royalties for Regions Asset Investment Program, and I ask:

- (a) why was an underspend provision developed;
- (b) when did the Government make a decision about including a 10 per cent underspend provision;
- (c) was the underspend provision introduced as a result of advice or recommendations from the Department of Treasury, and if so, when was that advice provided;
- (d) if the full 110 per cent allocation for each asset is not spent, what happens to the unspent monies that have not been utilised;
- (e) does the 2013–2014 State Budget contain any other underspend provision for any other part of the Asset Investment Program outside of Royalties for Regions;
- (f) if the answer to question (e) is yes:
 - (i) which programs attract an allocation of a 10 per cent underspend provision and what is the value of the underspend provision for each program;
 - (ii) what is the total underspend allocation for the Government's entire Asset Investment Program for the 2013–2014 financial year; and
 - (iii) what is the total underspend allocation for the Government's entire Asset Investment Program for the 2013–2013 financial year and the forward estimates; and
- (g) if the answer to question (e) above is no, why are other parts of Government exempt from the allocation of an underspend provision?

1283. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer:

I refer to page 182 of Budget Paper No.1 (volume 1) and footnote (b) referring to a 'recurrent underspend provision of \$314.6million', and ask:

- (a) why was an underspend provision developed for recurrent programs;
- (b) when did the Government make a decision about including a 10 per cent underspend provision for recurrent programs;
- (c) was the underspend provision introduced as a result of advice or recommendations from the Department of Treasury, and if so, when was that advice provided;
- (d) if the full 110 per cent allocation for each asset is not spent, what happens to the unspent monies that have not been utilised;
- (e) does the 2013–2014 State Budget contain any other underspend provision for any other part of the Government's recurrent spending outside of Royalties for Regions;
- (f) if the answer to question (e) above is yes:
 - (i) which programs attract an allocation of a 10 per cent underspend provision and what is the value of the underspend provision for each program;
 - (ii) what is the total underspend allocation for the Government's entire recurrent spending for the 2013–2014 financial year; and
 - (iii) what is the total underspend allocation for the Government's entire recurrent spending for the 2013–2013 financial year and the forward estimates; and
- (g) if the answer to question (e) above is no, why are other parts of Government exempt from the allocation of an underspend provision?

1284. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the many letters and emails that you have received regarding the Government's proposal to take the Crown complex and the site of the new Perth Stadium from the Town of Victoria Park and place into new boundaries of the City of Perth and the Minister's response that the Government has decided the significance of these attractions means they require co-ordinated planning by the capital city authority, and ask:

- (a) how has the current planning requirements hindered the significance of these attractions;
- (b) upon what advice did the Government come to the conclusion that the current planning requirements were hindering the significance of these attractions;
- (c) by providing two specific examples, how has the current planning requirements for these attractions been hindered by a lack of planning co-ordination; and
- (d) by bringing these attractions into the City of Perth, how will this result in better planning co-ordination as compared with the current planning regime?

1285. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Minister's statement that the financial impact of the loss of the Crown Complex on the new South Perth and Victoria Park local government will be offset by the retention of the residential areas of the Burswood Peninsula and the addition of around 7000 households including parts of St James and Bentley, and ask:

- (a) in respect of the retention of the residential areas of the Burswood Peninsula does the Minister accept that these are currently already in the boundary of the Town of Victoria Park;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is yes, does the Minister also therefore accept that the revenues from the residential areas of the Burswood Peninsula have already been factored into the Town of Victoria Park's planning and budget;

- (c) if the answer to (b) is yes, how then will the retention of the residential areas of the Burswood Peninsula be an offset from the loss of the Crown complex and new Perth Stadium:
- (d) in respect of the addition of around 7000 households including parts of St James and Bentley, does the Minister accept that services will be required to be provided to these 7000 households;
- (e) if the answer to (d) is yes, does the Minister assume that there will be a surplus between revenue raised from these 7000 households and the cost of the provision of services to these households;
- (f) if the answer to question (e) is yes, why does the Minister assume that there will be a surplus and what is that assumed surplus; and
- (g) if the answer to question (e) is no, then does the Minister accept that the additional 7000 households will therefore not be an offset to the loss of the Crown complex and new Perth Stadium, and if not, why not?

1286. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Minister's statement, in justifying the Crown complex and proposed new stadium forming part of the City of Perth, that they are a major focus for recreation by the whole of the metropolitan area, and ask:

- (a) as more people in the metropolitan area use Cottesloe Beach and visit Hillary's Marina and Rottnest Island than will attend the new Perth Stadium, do these attractions also require co-ordinated planning:
 - (i) if so, how; and
 - (ii) if not, why not;
- (b) are attractions that are a major focus for recreation by the whole of the metropolitan area a new consideration that will be applied to future local government boundary considerations, and if so, what are the specific requirements in terms of patronage and recreation statistics that will apply before a particular attraction will therefore require greater co-ordinated planning;
- (c) in terms of planning for the local government amalgamations what are the list of attractions that are considered a major focus for recreation by the whole of the metropolitan area; and
- (d) will all assets that are a major focus for recreation by the whole of the metropolitan area be required to move into the boundaries of the City of Perth:
 - (i) if no, why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, by when will all these assets be moved within the City of Perth?

1287. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to page 35 of the Swan River Trust's 2012–2013 annual report, which states that three Trust members declared a conflict of interest in three items, and ask:

- (a) which Trust members declared a conflict of interest;
- (b) in which items did each of these Trust members declare an interest;
- (c) did these Trust members step aside from considerations of proposals, as well as the final decision making, in these particular items; and
- (d) what is the quorum required for Trust decisions?

1288. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Shire of Dardanup and their failure to meet eligibility criteria for the Country Local Government Fund in the 2013–2014 State Budget, and ask:

- (a) can you advise what the 2012–2013 funding allocation to the Shire of Dardanup was under the Country Local Government Fund;
- (b) for what project or projects, under infrastructure provision and renewal, was this funding used;
- (c) if applicable, what was the total cost of the project or projects; and
- (d) if applicable, what shortfall now exists between the 2012–2013 Country Local Government Fund allocation and the estimated completion cost of the project or projects undertaken by the Shire of Dardanup?

1289. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup and their failure to meet eligibility criteria for the Country Local Government Fund in the 2013–2014 State Budget, and ask:

- (a) can you advise what the 2012–2013 funding allocation to the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup was under the Country Local Government Fund;
- (b) what project or projects, under infrastructure provision and renewal, was this funding used for;
- (c) if applicable, what was the total cost of the project or projects; and
- (d) if applicable, what shortfall now exists between the 2012–2013 Country Local Government Fund allocation and the estimated completion cost of the project or projects undertaken by the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup?

1290. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Shire of Nannup and their failure to meet eligibility criteria for the Country Local Government Fund in the 2013–2014 State Budget, and ask:

- (a) can you advise what the 2012–2013 funding allocation to the Shire of Nannup was under the Country Local Government Fund;
- (b) for what project or projects, under infrastructure provision and renewal, was this funding used;
- (c) if applicable, what was the total cost of the project or projects; and
- (d) if applicable, what shortfall now exists between the 2012–2013 Country Local Government Fund allocation and the estimated completion cost of the project or projects undertaken by the Shire of Nannup?

1291. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the Shire of West Arthur and their failure to meet eligibility criteria for the Country Local Government Fund in the 2013–2014 State Budget, and ask:

- (a) can you advise what the 2012–2013 funding allocation to the Shire of West Arthur was under the Country Local Government Fund;
- (b) for what project or projects, under infrastructure provision and renewal, was this funding used;
- (c) if applicable, what was the total cost of the project or projects; and
- (d) if applicable, what shortfall now exists between the 2012–2013 Country Local Government Fund allocation and the estimated completion cost of the project or projects undertaken by the Shire of West Arthur?

1292. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to your announcement of 6 July 2011, providing \$85.5 million to nine West Australian towns under the SuperTowns or Regional Centres Development Plan, and ask:

- (a) can you provide a breakdown of this funding (2011–2012) to each of the nominated SuperTowns:
 - (i) Katanning;
 - (ii) Collie;
 - (iii) Esperance;
 - (iv) Northam;
 - (v) Jurien Bay;
 - (vi) Morowa;
 - (vii) Boddington;
 - (viii) Manjimup; and
 - (ix) Margaret River;
- (b) for each funding allocation, how much has each SuperTown acquitted of this initial amount in 2011–2012;
- (c) for on what project or projects has each SuperTown used this funding allocation; and
- (d) in the 2012–2013 and 2013–2014 financial years, what funding allocations for SuperTowns have been budgeted for the nine regional centres initially identified in 2011?

1293. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier:

I refer to the State Government Boards and Committees Register, and ask:

- (a) as at 11 October 2013, on what date were details on the Register last updated;
- (b) as at 11 October 2013, is 334 the total number of State Government Boards and Committees as indicated on the Register; and
- (c) if not to (b), what is the total number of Boards and Committees as at 11 October 2013?

1294. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier:

I refer to the 2012–2013 Annual Report of the Public Sector Commission and ask in relation to Service 3 – Oversight and reporting on page 104, what are the specific delays referred to in relation to implementing the Aboriginal employment strategy 2011–2015?

1295. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier:

I refer to page 50 of the *Burswood Park Board's 2012–13 Annual Report*, which states that 1.2 hectares of land was excised from the Burswood Park Reserve and granted to Burswood Nominees Limited at cost, and ask:

- (a) what was the total cost paid by Burswood Nominees Limited for the grant of this land;
- (b) was this land valued by the Valuer-General and, if so, what was the valuation;
- (c) were there any conditions attached to the sale of the land and, if so, what were they;
- (d) when did Burswood Nominees Limited first approach the Government about buying the land; and
- (e) which Ministers and Ministerial or Departmental staff members were involved in the negotiations to buy the land?

1296. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier:

I refer to page 23 of the *Burswood Park Board's 2012-13 Annual Report*, which discusses the demolition of the Burswood Dome to make way for a 1000-bay car park which will be integrated into the existing Burswood Park Board car park, and I ask:

- (a) who will operate the new integrated car park;
- (b) will any of the revenue from the new integrated car park operations be returned to the State Government and, if so, what is the estimated annual revenue;
- (c) who owns the Burswood Dome land;
- (d) who owns the land surrounding the Burswood Dome on which the existing Burswood Park Board car park is sited;
- (e) does Crown Perth have an arrangement to lease the existing car park land around the former Burswood Dome site and, if so, what are the terms and conditions of the lease;
- (f) has Crown Perth discussed buying this land around the former Dome site with any Minister or staff member, and if so, who;
- (g) does the Government have plans to sell this land to Crown Perth; and
- (h) when was this land last valued by the Valuer General and what was its value?

1297. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

I refer to page 23 of the *Burswood Park Board's 2012-13 Annual Report*, which states that the Board approved a request from Crown Perth to build a temporary 550-bay car park on Burswood Park Board parkland, and I ask:

- (a) is Crown Perth paying a lease on the parkland and, if so, what are the terms and value of the lease:
- (b) will this car park be demolished once the permanent multilevel car park is completed; and
- (c) is Crown Perth required to meet the costs of returning the car park to garden once the multilevel car park is open?

1298. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Regulation (DER), application number CPS 5051/1, submitted in May 2012, and ask:

- (a) in March 2013, a new list of concerns were raised by DER about clearing land, what are those concerns:
- (b) how are these objections different to the concerns initially raised by DER in a reply to the applicant in December 2012;
- (c) why was the DER assessment and subsequent report of March 2013 refusing the application not made available to the applicant; and
- (d) can the DER confirm that that a new submission has been received from the same applicant to clear land at the same site?

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