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- 1337. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development; Employment Protection; Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern
- 1339. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 1342. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Small Business; Peel and the South West; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education and Training
- 1343. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Attorney General; Health; Electoral Affairs
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1356. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt

1367. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

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1399. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment

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1410. Mr G. Snook to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

1412. Mr G. Snook to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

1414. Mr G. Snook to the Education and Training

1417. Mr G. Snook to the Minister for Housing and Works

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1429. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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1434. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

1435. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

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1440. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1441. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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1443. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Forestry

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1449. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Public Sector Management

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1452. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

1453. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt

1454. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

1455. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation

1456. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Attorney General; Health; Electoral Affairs

1457. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Housing and Works; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information

1458. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1459. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs; Tourism; Culture and the Arts

1460. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for the Environment; Racing and Gaming

1461. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Energy; Science and Innovation

1463. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

1464. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Corrective Services; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs

1466. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Community Development; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth

1467. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

1468. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for State Development

1471. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

1472. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

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1473. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training

1474. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

1475. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health

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- 1479. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment
- 1480. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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- 1482. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer

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- 1483. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 1484. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 1485. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1486. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health
- 1487. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Attorney General
- 1488. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 1489. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1490. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1491. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1492. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Attorney General
- 1493. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

- 1494. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 1495. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
  - (1) Could the Minister please detail the budgeting allocation to the North Metropolitan Health Service, the South Metropolitan Health Service and WA Country Health Services for 2006-2007 compared to the 2005-2006 estimated actual in respect to –
    - (a) cash appropriation;
    - (b) total terms; and
    - (c) health inflation terms for both the cash and total terms?
  - (2) Could the Minister please confirm that the budgets estimated for Health at page 586 of Vol. 2 of the Budget Statements show a \$57 million increase in the Capital User Charge from the estimated actual for 2005-2006 of \$11,303,000 to \$168,130,000 for 2006-2007, or a 51% increase?
  - (3) Why are hospitals and health services having their rent increased by \$57 million or 51% per year?

1496. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister table the full results of the January 2004 survey referred to at Page 1 of the Department of Health, WA, *Capital Equipment Planning Process – Interim and Long - Term, Major Equipment Inventory Status Report*, as at January 2006 that was undertaken to provide a comprehensive understanding of investment requirements for maintaining and supplementing capital equipment stocks?
- (2) How much of that money was spent in the 2004-2005 financial year, and what happened to the remainder?
- (3) When did the Department of Health first receive the Monash Report? When were you, as Minister, first advised of the Monash Report?
- (4) Why has the out-of-date equipment backlog increased to 308 major items representing over 20% of major items?
- (5) Can the Minister list the 308 specific pieces of equipment that are out-of-date and advise when they will be replaced?
- (6) Will the Minister ensure that in future all equipment is replaced by its used-by date, rather than as the consultancy report proposes, reduce the out-of-date equipment down to 10% over 5 years? Please detail the process that will ensure this is the case.

1497. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In regard to the speed cameras in operation within the Perth Metropolitan Area, can the Minister advise –

- (1) What revenues were raised from infringements booked through the use of these cameras on 10 July 2005?
- (2) What revenues were raised from infringements booked through the use of these cameras on 10 July 2006?

1498. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) As the Minister will be aware, a letter from Rob Giles, Chief of Staff, dated 25 October 2005, stated that Main Roads and Public Transport Authority are reviewing and giving serious consideration to the installation of amenity walls at the North-East and North-West quadrants of South Street interchange. Could the Minister please advise –
  - (a) When will the decision on a noise wall for the North-East and North-West quadrants of South Street and Kwinana Freeway be conveyed to the affected residents?
  - (b) Why was irrelevant noise modelling from Roe Highway Stage 7 sent to a resident who required the information for the North-West quadrant?
  - (c) What noise modelling has been done for the North-West Corner and what does it show?
  - (d) When were the noise assessments for the North-East and North-West quadrants taken and what did they show?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise the contacts made by Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority or any contractors with the constituents whose problems were documented in a letter to the Minister dated 29 June 2006, the decisions reached in each case and the reasons for these decisions –
  - (a) Vanessa Baetson of 24 Hassell Crescent, Bull Creek;
  - (b) Patricia Bartlett of 38 Hassell Crescent, Bull Creek;
  - (c) David Belcher of 2 Clifford Way, Bull Creek;

- (d) Daniel Walker of 4 Clifford Way, Bull Creek;
- (e) Allan Fennell of 1 Rowney Close, Bateman;
- (f) Jenny Croucher of 3 Rowney Close, Bateman;
- (g) Colin McGee of 15 Evergreen Court, Leeming;
- (h) Peter Taylor of 24 Brandwood Gardens, Leeming;
- (i) Robert Edgeloe of 5 Neave Close, Leeming;
- (j) David Griffiths of 23 Brian Avenue, Mt Pleasant; and
- (k) Nicole and Aaron Gill of 6A Brian Avenue, Mt Pleasant?

1499. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

Will the Minister please advise if any calls were made to the cane toad number, 1800 084 881, following the discovery of one male cane toad at the Kununurra caravan park recently?

1500. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) At 8 September 2006, how many case workers were employed or contracted by the Department of Community Development to assess prospective adoptive parents and report to the Adoption Application Committee?
- (2) At 8 September 2006, how many assessors were employed or contracted by the Department of Community Development to assess prospective adoptive parents and report to the Adoption Application Committee?
- (3) At 8 September 2006, how many assessors of prospective adoptive parents had refused assessment work from the Department in the previous 12 months?
- (4) At 8 September 2006, how many prospective adoptive parents were waiting to be assessed by social workers?
- (5) At 8 September 2006, how many weeks on average were prospective adoptive parents waiting to be assessed by social workers in (1)?
- (6) At 8 September 2006, how many prospective adoptive applicants were living in regional and rural areas?
- (7) At 8 September 2006, what were the causes of the delay in (4)?
- (8) What are the factors preventing the Department from employing more social workers so that prospective adoptive parents do not experience such long delays in the application process?

1501. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) In 2006, how many prospective adoptive parents were unable to send their files to China because they were still waiting to be assessed as applicants by the Department of Community Development?
- (2) In 2006, how many prospective adoptive parents became ineligible to adopt because of age criteria while waiting to be assessed as applicants by the Department of Community Development?

1502. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Community Development

What are the qualifications of all case workers and assessors employed or contracted to the Department of Community Development in the area of child protection?

1503. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the signalling system on the Bunbury to Armadale train line is faulty and in some areas inoperable?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how long the signalling system between the Mundijong Junction and Armadale has been inoperable?
- (3) Can the Minister please confirm when the signalling system will be repaired and become fully operational?
- (4) Can the Minister please explain how the Australind train is able to continue its journey past this junction with an inoperable signalling system?
- (5) Can the Minister please advise if there are any further intermediate signals that are not fully functional on the Bunbury to Armadale train line?
- (6) Can the Minister please advise how many minutes the Australind train is delayed each day due to the faulty signalling system?
- (7) Can the Minister please advise what safety issues have arisen as a result of the malfunctioning signalling system?
- (8) Can the Minister please confirm the cause of the derailment of the Australind earlier this year?

1504. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Why has the Public Transport Authority no longer made provisions for people to purchase tickets for Transwa coaches or the Australind from the Bunbury Visitor Information Centre?
- (2) What is the reason why the Bunbury Visitor Information Centre is no longer able to carry out this function/service?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the only ticketing facility for Transwa Coaches or the Australind train is at the Bunbury Train Station?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the Bunbury Train Station is not situated in the Bunbury CBD and that public transport to the Bunbury Train Station is limited making purchasing of tickets extremely difficult for many would-be patrons?
- (5) Has the Minister attempted to arrange for another booking agency within the Bunbury CBD?
  - (i) If not, why not?
- (6) Does the Public Transport Authority provide multi-rider tickets for patrons on the Australind?
- (7) If so, how does the Public Transport Authority promote this to the public?
- (8) Does the Public Transport Authority provide family tickets for patrons on the Australind?
- (9) If so, how does the Public Transport Authority promote this?
- (10) If not, does the Public Transport Authority propose to introduce a family ticket?
- (11) If not, will the Public Transport Authority introduce a family ticket for special events such as the Perth Royal Show?

1505. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the Multanova camera positioned on Coode Street near the intersection of Hensman Street on Sunday, 17 September 2006, and ask –

- (1) Why was a camera placed in this location given it is not regarded as a major road?
- (2) How many infringement notices will be issued as a result of this action?

1506. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) How much funding did the State Government allocate to Aboriginal health programs in the health portfolio over each of the past five financial years?
- (2) How many Aboriginal health programs were funded in each financial year in (1) and what was the nature of and amount allocated to each program?
- (3) Which of the Aboriginal health programs in (2) were based in the great southern region of Western Australia?
- (4) Will any of the programs funded in (3) have their budgets reduced in 2007 and if so, which ones will experience funding reductions?
- (5) Will any of the programs funded in (3) be discontinued in 2007 and if so, which ones will be eradicated?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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