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QUESTIONS

No. 3

Tuesday, May 22 2001

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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given *Wednesday, May 2 2001*

1. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
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9. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education
10. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Environment and Heritage

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11. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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17. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Energy

With regard to Alinta Gas trying to capture markets by offering free Gas hot water systems to 200 new homes in Mandurah, providing they have two other bayonets fitted -

In the interests of supporting renewable energy systems will the Minister provide a similar incentive in relation to solar water heaters for Mandurah homes?

18. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Energy

Alinta's free magazine (Advantages) offer that if your hot water system of any alternative type fails, Alinta will provide the customer with a new Gas system with no up front costs, as the cost will be repayable over 12 months -

- (1) Will Alinta be replacing solar hot water systems with their offer?
- (2) If so, will such activity be against the interests of establishing or maintaining renewable energy systems in this State?
- (3) Will the Government be making any similar incentive provisions for solar hot water systems?

19. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for Energy

With regard to the reduction of the cost of a unit of electricity and the potential detrimental effects to Greenhouse emissions -

- (1) Will such a move increase the amount of electric hot water units in the field (which are primarily driven by coal fired power)?
- (2) Will this move increase the payback time for electric boosted solar hot water, creating a further disincentive to pay out high up front cost of solar systems over electrically produced hot water?
- (3) Will the Government introduce incentives for the use of solar water heaters to offset the reduced unit costs?

20. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to Question on Notice 540 tabled on November 1998 -

- (1) Has Wesfarmers CSBP developed a groundwater management and remediation plan for the arsenic contaminated groundwater detected in 1996?
- (2) If yes, will the Minister table a copy of that plan, and if not why not?
- (3) Has this arsenic contaminated groundwater entered Cockburn Sound?

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- (4) How extensive is the arsenic contamination and what level (eg. ppm) has it reached?
- (5) When has the DEP carried out sampling of the contamination?
- (6) When has independent sampling been carried out on the contamination and by which organisation(s)?
21. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Has the approximately 525 hectares of privately held land together with approximately 47 hectares of existing 'reserved' land been incorporated into the national park as compensation for lands excised under the *Reserves (Neerabup National Park) Bill 2000*?
- (2) What funds were set aside for these acquisitions and how much has been spent acquiring land?
- (3) Has land proposed for acquisition, or land already acquired, been assessed for its conservation status and if so by whom?
- (4) If the compensation land has not been acquired what is the timetable for acquisition?
22. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In each of the last five financial years how much was spent by the State Government on -

- (a) new road, highway and freeway construction;
- (b) maintenance to existing road infrastructure;
- (c) construction of cycleways/veloways;
- (d) expanding the passenger rail system;
- (e) expanding the freight rail system; and
- (f) expanding the bus fleet administered by Transperth?
23. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In relation to the previous Government's commitment in 1998 to delete the Fremantle-Rockingham Controlled Access road reservation through the Beelihar Park in Cockburn -

- (1) What stage has the proposed deletion reached?
- (2) When does the Government expect to present an MRS Amendment to Parliament?

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24. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) Does the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) monitor particulate matter air quality levels of PM10 ug/m3 or PM2.5 ug/m3 or PM1 ug/m3 in the Perth metropolitan region?
 - (2) If yes -
 - (a) at what locations is this monitoring carried out for each PM level and how regularly is it carried out;
 - (b) what are the average levels of each PM level for each location; and
 - (c) What are the peak levels for each PM level for each location?
 - (3) What 24 hour average ug/m3 standard has the State Government adopted for PM10 and PM2.5 and PM1?
 - (4) What level of premature deaths can be expected from these levels of PM pollution?
25. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- (1) When was the Health Research Working Group established by the Air Quality Coordinating Committee formed?
 - (2) What research has this Group undertaken or commissioned since being formed?
 - (3) What reports or studies has this Group published since its establishment?
 - (4) Are these reports available to the public and if not why not?
 - (5) Who is currently on the Health Research Working Group, what organisation are they from and when does their term expire?
 - (6) How often does this Group meet?
26. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Is the Steering Committee for the Fremantle-Cottesloe Transport Plan still meeting?
 - (2) What was discussed at the last meeting of this Committee?
 - (3) Is the Curtin Avenue extension to be part of the freight route review proposed by the ALP during the State election?
 - (4) If not, why not?
27. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Agriculture
- (1) Has the Meat Industry Authority (MIA) ever used an area in Stirling Crescent, Bushmead to dispose of carcasses of cattle or sheep or pigs?

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- (2) If yes, over what period of time was this area used to dispose of animal carcasses and approximately how many carcasses were disposed of there?
- (3) Were diseased animals disposed of at this site?
- (4) What protective measures were taken to ensure protection of public health and the environment?
- (5) If the location is not used any longer where does the MIA now dispose of animal carcasses?

28. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Regarding the Port Kennedy Resort Development -

- (1) What is the current financial position of the company?
- (2) Who owns the project?
- (3) What does the Government intend to do with the project?
- (4) Will the Minister table the Leonhardt Report on the Port Kennedy Resort Development, and if not why not?

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