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QUESTIONS

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5944. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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*Notice Given**Wednesday, 12 September 2012***6008. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection**

- (1) How many children were under the care of the Department of Child Protection (DCP) during the month of August 2012, by district?
- (2) How many of these were placed in non-government group facilities, by district?
- (3) How many of these were in placements with DCP foster carers by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) How many of these were in placements with non-government organisation foster carers by district?

6009. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total funded full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2012 —
 - (a) what were the vacancies in the FTE terms by directorate and district;
 - (b) how many of those vacancies were subject to advertising at 31 August 2012 by district; and
 - (c) of those not subject to advertising as at 31 August 2012, why not?
- (3) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total service delivery FTE employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (4) As at 31 August 2012, what were the total vacant service delivery positions by directorate and district?
- (5) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total FTE case worker allocation by directorate and district?
- (6) As at 31 August 2012, what were the total FTE vacant case worker positions?
- (7) As at 31 August 2012, what was the FTE number of employees by directorate and district on permanent contract and on fixed term contract?
- (8) As at 31 August 2012, how many Department of Child Protection (DCP) field officers have been co-located with Western Australian Police staff from the family protection unit, in regional and rural offices as part of the strategy to combat family and domestic abuse?
- (9) What are the co-location sites where the DCP officers referred to in (8) are situated?

6010. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) As at 31 August 2012, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments for a child recorded during that month by district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2012, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment recorded during the month by district?
- (3) As at, 31 August 2012, what was the number of children in care for more than 20 days with no planning recorded by district?

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- (4) As at 31 August 2012, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessments open for more than 30 days but less than 90 days by district?
- (5) As at 31 August 2012, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with a harm assessment open for more than 90 days by district?
- (6) As at 31 August 2012, what were the number of open Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment by district?
- (7) As at 31 August 2012, what was the number of 'monitored' or 'active holding' cases not allocated to workers caseload, by district?

6011. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) As at 31 August 2012, what was total number of applications to be a foster carer approved by category of relative and non-relative carer and by district?
- (2) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total number of registered foster carers by category of relative carer and non-relative carer and by district?
- (3) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer and by district?
- (4) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total number of registered foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers by district?
- (5) As at 31 August 2012, what was the total number of interim foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers by district?

6012. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) During the month of August 2012, what was the total number of registered carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) During the month of August 2012, what was the total number of interim carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) During the month of August 2012, how many carers had an interim registration for more than 90 days by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) During the month of August 2012, how many carers had a 'carer record screening' overdue or not recorded by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (5) During the month of August 2012, how many carers had overdue 'carer reviews' by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?

6013. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) For the period, 1 June 2012 to 31 August 2012, what was the number of initial inquiries in relation to suspected child sexual abuse received by district and by category of mandated referrer?
- (2) For the period, 1 June 2012 to 31 August 2012, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with harm assessment, by district and by category of harm in relation to —
 - (a) neglect;
 - (b) sexual;
 - (c) physical abuse; and
 - (d) emotional abuse?

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- (3) Has Western Australia Police notified the Department of Child Protection that charges had been laid in respect of any of the Safety and Wellbeing Assessments recorded in the period from 1 June 2012 to 31 August 2012
- (4) If yes to (3), how many individuals were charged and what was the nature of these charges?

6014. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) For the period, 1 June 2012 to 31 August 2012, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection implemented?
- (2) How many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed above originated from a referral from another State government department, and how many were referred by each department?
- (3) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement?
- (4) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to —
 - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
 - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
 - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; or
 - (d) undertake other measures?
- (5) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have —
 - (a) improved their attendance at school; and
 - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?

6015. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) During the months of June 2012, July 2012 and August 2012, how many individuals did the Department of Child Protection refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management by district?
- (2) How many individuals with children have presented seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions to the department for the period 1 June 2012 to 31 August 2012 by district?
- (3) How many of these individuals have been assessed for the purpose of referral to the income management program by district?

6016. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

For the months of August 2012, August 2011 and August 2010, how many applicants were provided with financial assistance to pay utility bills for the following suburbs —

- (a) Leeming;
- (b) Canning Vale;
- (c) Morley;
- (d) Wanneroo;
- (e) Willagee;
- (f) Samson;
- (g) Spencer Park;
- (h) Balcatta;

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- (i) Dalyellup;
- (j) High Wycombe;
- (k) Kingsley;
- (l) Clarkson;
- (m) Noranda;
- (n) Yokine;
- (o) Currambine;
- (p) Parkwood;
- (q) Innaloo;
- (r) Huntingdale;
- (s) Ellenbrook;
- (t) Darch; and
- (u) Peppermint Grove?

6017. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

With regard to the proposed levee in the McNeill Clay pan area near Carnarvon, I ask —

- (1) Has the Minister received a letter from Mr Les George highlighting various deficiencies in the levee alignment?
- (2) If yes to (1), what action does the Minister intend to take in respect to the issues outlined in the letter?
- (3) If yes to (1), will the Minister carry out a formal assessment of the proposed levee, in light of the information provided by Mr Les George?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

6018. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Commerce

In relation to the Compulsory Professional Development (CPD) training for licensed settlement agents —

- (1) For the period ending 30 June 2012 for each quarter, what was the percentage of the industry that has completed their CPD requirements?
- (2) In relation to the Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) that delivered the CPD training for 2011, what was the name of each RTO and the percentage of the industry trained by that RTO?

6019. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to a media report in *The West Australian* on 16 August, 2012 which states that in the year to September last year, there were 36 suicides – 182 times higher than the general population and almost three times higher than the rate that prompted the 2008 coronial inquest in the Fitzroy Valley, and I ask —

- (1) Has the Minister called for a full investigation into these 36 suicides, and if not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister call for an inquiry into these deaths, and if not, why not?

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*Notice Given**Wednesday, 12 September 2012***6020. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health**

I refer to the Minister's media release of Tuesday, 24 July 2012 regarding the locations of Kenwick and Herne Hill for the Disability Justice Centres, and ask —

- (1) When was the Minister first advised that the centres would be classed as residential facilities and therefore would be subject to council approval?
- (2) Who advised the Minister of this?
- (3) What actions did the Minister take to satisfy herself that this was correct advice?
- (4) When was the Minister advised that the facilities would be defined as public works and who advised the Minister of this?

6021. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the Minister's media release of Tuesday, 24 July 2012 regarding the locations of Kenwick and Herne Hill for the Disability Justice Centres, and ask —

- (1) When did the Minister first meet with the city of Gosnells Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mayor and Town Planner about the Kenwick units?
- (2) When did the Minister first meet with the City of Swan CEO, Mayor and Town Planner about the Herne Hill units?
- (3) What was the response of each person to the Minister's proposal?

6022. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the Disability Justice Centres, which will now be classed as public works, meaning the State Government can override local planning and regulations, and I ask —

- (1) Did the Minister seek this reclassification so that local planning by laws can be bypassed?
- (2) When did the Minister first seek the advice from the State Solicitor?
- (3) Will the Minister rule out using this change in classification to bypass local laws after the 2013 election and then building the justice centres in Kenwick and Herne Hill as initially proposed?

6023. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the Minister's media release of Tuesday, 24 July 2012 regarding the locations of Kenwick and Herne Hill for the Disability Justice Centres, and ask —

- (1) Was the Minister ever offered assistance from the Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board to develop a suitable model for the proposed Declared Place?
- (2) If yes to (1), when was assistance offered and by whom?
- (3) Did the Minister take up the offer of assistance from the board, and if not, why not?

6024. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the 2008 coronial inquest into suicides in the Fitzroy Valley, and I ask —

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many recommendations from the coronial inquest in the Fitzroy Valley have been implemented by the Barnett Government?
- (2) Can the Minister advise which recommendations have not been implemented?

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6025. Hon Linda Savage to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the Premier's answer to question on notice No. 8119 of 7 August 2012 in the other place regarding the review by the Public Sector Commission of the Culture and Arts portfolio, and ask —

- (1) On what date was the review provided to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet?
- (2) On what date was the review provided to Cabinet?
- (3) As the review is not to be tabled in Parliament, will it nonetheless be made available to key stakeholders who are directly affected by the operations of, and services provided by, the Department of Culture and the Arts?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council