

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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QUESTIONS

No. 49

Tuesday, 18 February 2014

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696. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer the Minister to the ongoing maintenance issue within Brownlie Towers in Bentley, and ask:

- (a) how many maintenance issues have been reported by residents within Brownlie Towers throughout 2013;
- (b) how many of these maintenance issues were resolved;
- (c) how many of these maintenance issues are ongoing;
- (d) what is the average time frame for Brownlie Tower residents to have their maintenance issues resolved; and
- (e) what was the total cost of resolving maintenance issues within Brownlie Towers for the year 2013?

697. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

- (1) What short-term accommodation has been available for Aboriginal people visiting Kalgoorlie over the past two years (please list the names of these centres or hostels and their maximum available occupancy)?
- (2) Are any of these centres or hostels currently inoperative?
- (3) If yes to (2), which ones?
- (4) For each of the listed centres or hostels in (3):
 - (a) why is it currently not being used;
 - (b) will it be reopened;
 - (c) if yes to (b), when; and
 - (d) if no to (b), why not?

698. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development:

In relation to question on notice No. 357, the answers to parts (e) and (f), and the Minister's response that further enquiries will be undertaken by the Chairman of the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission, I ask:

- (a) have these enquiries been finalised;
- (b) if no to (a), what is the current status of the enquiry;
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table the findings; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?

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699. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Fisheries:

- (1) Will the Minister please list all of the sources of scientific research that the Department of Fisheries is aware of to demonstrate that the deployment of drum lines off the coast of Western Australia will reduce attacks on humans by great white sharks?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the bull shark is the main species of shark considered a threat to swimmers and surfers off the coast of Queensland where drum lines are currently used?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that great white sharks are highly mobile, capable of travelling 100 kilometres in 24 hours, whereas research shows that bull sharks are generally found in warm shallow coastal and estuarine waters and are territorial, rather than migratory?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that because of the highly migratory, as opposed to territorial, behaviour of great white sharks, most shark scientists doubt that the deployment of drum lines off the coast of Western Australia will be effective in reducing fatal attacks on humans by great white sharks?

700. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General:

I refer to the motor vehicle accident on the Broome-Derby road (Derby Highway) on Friday, 20 December 2013 that claimed the life of a 13 year-old girl, question without notice No. 17 asked in the Legislative Council on 14 May 2013, Australian Standard 1742.2 (1994), Section 3.11.2.7, the Main Roads special Stray Animals signs, the *Highways (Liability for Straying Animals) Act 1983*, and the Pastoral Lands Board Liability for Straying Stock on Roads document located at: "<http://www.lands.wa.gov.au/Publications/Documents/Pastoral-Lands-Liability-for-Straying-Stock-on-Roads.pdf>"><http://www.lands.wa.gov.au/Publications/Documents/Pastoral-Lands-Liability-for-Straying-Stock-on-Roads.pdf>:

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- (c) is or has the road been fenced by the lessees or owners of the Knowsley Agricultural Area that interact with the Derby Highway;
- (d) if yes to (c), on what date was this/these areas last fenced;
- (e) is or has the road been fenced by the owners of Freehold Lot 103 of Plan Number 215040 that interact with the Derby Highway;
- (f) if yes to (e), on what date was this area last fenced;
- (g) on what specific date was the advisory group for the management of straying livestock in pastoral regions set up in 2012;
- (h) how many times has that advisory group met since its inception and on what dates;
- (i) who are the members of that group and which organisations do they represent;
- (j) does this advisory group keep minutes of their meetings;
- (k) if yes to (j), will the Minister table those minutes;
- (l) if no to (j), why not;
- (m) if no to (l), why not;
- (n) does this advisory group provide updates of their activities/progress to the Minister;
- (o) if yes to (n), will the Minister table them;

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- (p) if no to (n), why not;
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- (r) is a secretariat provided by a department and, if so, by which department;
- (s) what progress to date has the advisory group made in managing or making recommendations to the Minister in respect of the management of straying livestock in pastoral regions;
- (t) in what way is the Main Roads' fencing policy similar to that of its Queensland counterpart;
- (u) is it a requirement that pastoral leases should be fenced to manage straying livestock interacting with road users;
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- (aa) will the Minister Table a copy of the Australian Standard 1742.2 (1994);
- (bb) if no to (aa), why not;
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- (dd) at what intervals are these signs placed along either side of the Derby Highway;
- (ee) if there is not uniformity in relation to the distances of the placement of these signs along either side of the Derby Highway, can the Minister explain why;
- (ff) how many of these signs are the primary warning signs and how many are supplementary warning signs;
- (gg) why is there inconstancy between the *Highways (Liability for Straying Animals) Act 1983*, the Pastoral lands board document and the Main Roads Stray Animals website 2.2 Background statement; and
- (hh) do pastoralists, particularly those whose properties adjoining highways, have a legal responsibility for stock that stray onto these roadways?

701. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's answer to question on notice No. 277 in the Legislative Council, regarding the Broome Port Master Plan, and a notice posted by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 2 January 2014 regarding a proposal "to clear 24.55 hectares of native vegetation within Lots 616, 1221 and Port Drive Road Reserve to establish a wash-down facility, supply bases to support exploration of the Browse Basin and ancillary small businesses", and I ask:

- (a) has the report into "demand analysis and infrastructure and services assessment" of the Broome Port's Master Plan that was referred to in the answer to QON 277 issued on 22 October 2013 been completed:

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- (i) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) have the findings been considered by Cabinet:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (b), will the Government please table the report:
 - (A) if no to (ii), why not;
- (c) does the land clearing and site works proposal and land use scheme referred to in the EPA notice fit with other considerations of the Broome Port Master Plan:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not; and
 - (ii) if yes to (c), please provide details; and
- (d) has the proposed work been granted approval under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*?

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

I refer to the Minister for Transport's answer to question on notice No. 277 in the Legislative Council, regarding the Broome Port Master Plan, and a notice posted by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 2 January 2014 regarding a proposal "to clear 24.55 hectares of native vegetation within Lots 616, 1221 and Port Drive Road Reserve to establish a wash-down facility, supply bases to support exploration of the Browse Basin and ancillary small businesses", and I ask:

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703. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon, Water Corporation and Alinta, in relation to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme for December 2013:

- (a) what was the number of approved grants;
- (b) what was the total grant amount; and
- (c) what was the average amount paid?

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704. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection in December 2013, please detail how many applicants were from the:

- (a) Great Southern Region;
- (b) South West Region;
- (c) Goldfields Region;
- (d) Murchison-Gascoyne Region;
- (e) Wheatbelt Region;
- (f) East Kimberley Region;
- (g) West Kimberley Region;
- (h) Pilbara Region;
- (i) Peel Region; and
- (j) the Mid West Region?

705. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department for Child Protection in December 2013, will the Minister please provide the number of applications by:

- (a) postcode;
- (b) regional development region;
- (c) main source of income;
- (d) family status;
- (e) number of children;
- (f) gender;
- (g) age;
- (h) housing tenure; and
- (i) ethnicity?

706. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total Department for Child Protection and Family Support (DCPaFS) funded full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (2) As at 30 November 2013:
 - (a) what were the vacancies in the FTE terms by directorate and district;
 - (b) by district, how many of those vacancies were subject to advertising; and
 - (c) of those vacancies not subject to advertising, please provide the reason why?
- (3) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total service delivery FTE employee allocation by directorate and district?
- (4) As at 30 November 2013, what were the total vacant service delivery positions by directorate and district?

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- (5) As at 30 November 2013, what was the total FTE case worker allocation by directorate and district?
- (6) As at 30 November 2013, what were the total FTE vacant case worker positions?
- (7) As at 30 November 2013, what was the FTE number of employees by directorate and district on permanent contract and on fixed term contract?
- (8) As at 30 November 2013, how many DCPaFS 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 DCPaFS officers referred to in (8) are situated?

707. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) By district, how many children were under the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support during the month of November 2013?
- (2) By district, how many of these children were in placements with Department for Child Protection and Family Support foster carers by category of relative and non-relative carer?

708. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) By district, how many children were under the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support during the month of August 2013?
- (2) By district, how many of these children were placed with Department for Child Protection and Family Support foster carers by category of relative or non-relative carer?

709. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands:

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711. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Road Safety:

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712. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

As at 30 June 2013, and by occupation, how many apprentices and trainees were in training in the East Metropolitan electoral region?

713. Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

For the three months ending 30 June 2013, and by occupation:

- (a) how many apprentices and trainees commenced training in the East Metropolitan electoral region; and
- (b) how many apprentices and trainees completed training in the East Metropolitan electoral region?

714. Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to a chemical spill at BASP's Hutt Lagoon site at Yallabatharra in the shire of Northampton on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 as reported by AAP, and I ask:

- (a) what was the nature of the chemical spill;
- (b) what was the quantity of the chemical spill;
- (c) who is the owner of the facility;
- (d) who is the owner on the land on which the facility sits;
- (e) what lease arrangements are in place for the facility;
- (f) who is responsible for the environmental rehabilitation of the area at the end of the life of the project;
- (g) was the leak contained within the site:
 - (i) if yes to (g), how; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), why not;
- (h) did all or some of the chemical permeate the ground:
 - (i) if yes to (h), what quantify;
 - (ii) if no to (h), why not; and
 - (iii) if yes to (h), was the contaminated soil removed:
 - (A) if yes to (h)(iii), what process was used to remove the contaminated soil; and
 - (B) if no to (h)(iii), why not;
- (i) were all staff evacuated from the BASF Beta Carotene site:
 - (i) if yes to (i), for how long; and
 - (ii) if yes to (i), under what condition did staff or other personal re-enter the site;
- (j) what was the cause of the chemical spill;
- (k) was the Department for Emergency Services notified of the spill;

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- (l) has Worksafe carried out an investigation into the incident:
 - (i) if yes to (k), has the investigation been completed;
 - (ii) if yes to (l)(i), will the Minister table the report;
 - (iii) if no to (l), why not; and
 - (iv) if no to (l)(ii), why not;
- (m) were any roads closed adjacent to the spill site:
 - (i) if yes to (m), please provide details including who requested the respective road closure, who ordered it and the duration of closure; and
- (n) has the department received any submissions or reports regarding the event from any of the local fire brigades who attended the chemical spill:
 - (i) if yes to (n), will the Minister table the correspondence; and
 - (ii) if no to (n)(i), why not?

715. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Fisheries:

Regarding the government's catch and kill shark program, or shark cull, being carried out in Western Australia, I ask:

- (a) when will the catch and kill shark program be reviewed;
- (b) what criteria will be used to evaluate the program:
 - (i) which of these are scientific criteria;
 - (ii) what are the scientific references or other sources of these criteria; and
 - (iii) which other criteria, apart from scientific criteria, will be used to evaluate the program; and
- (c) will the program be suspended if too many sharks are being caught and killed:
 - (i) if yes to (c), how many sharks would be too many; and
 - (ii) on what basis and, by whom, will such a decision be made?

716. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

Regarding the Government's catch and kill shark program, or shark cull, being carried out in Western Australia, I ask:

- (a) when will the catch and kill shark program be reviewed;
- (b) what criteria will be used to evaluate the program:
 - (i) which of these are scientific criteria;
 - (ii) what are the scientific references or other sources of these criteria; and
 - (iii) which other criteria, apart from scientific criteria, will be used to evaluate the program; and
- (c) will the program be suspended if too many sharks are being caught and killed:
 - (i) if yes to (c), how many sharks would be too many; and
 - (ii) on what basis and by whom will such a decision be made?

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717. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

With reference to the operation of the gravel barge loading facility at the Port of Derby, I ask:

- (a) who is responsible for the administration of the facility, comprising a gravel ramp, at the Port of Derby;
- (b) who is responsible for the maintenance of the barge loading ramp at the Port of Derby;
- (c) who pays for the replenishment of the gravel that is washed off the ramp every day by the tides and rain;
- (d) how much of the tax write-off for the business expenses of this operation is the tax payer liable for;
- (e) how long does the responsible authority plan to allow the weekly loss of tonnes of gravel into the marine environment of King Sound to continue;
- (f) does the responsible authority have any plans to make the barge loading facility into a permanent, non-polluting structure rather than a gravel ramp that requires constant maintenance:
 - (i) if yes to (f), when will this happen; and
 - (ii) if no to (f), why not; and
- (g) has any environmental impact study been done to find out what impact the dumping of tonnes of gravel into the water each week is doing to the marine ecosystem of King Sound?

718. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) I refer to staff training provided within the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and I ask whether cultural awareness training is part of the induction process for new employees within the Department Child Protection and Family Support?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), what training is undertaken?
- (4) What is the cultural awareness training program that is utilised within the Department of Child Protection and Family Support?
- (5) What cultural awareness training was undertaken in the following years:
 - (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 2013-2014?

719. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) I refer to group homes run by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and ask where is each group home located in Western Australia?
- (2) How many beds are available at each facility?
- (3) What was the occupancy rate for each facility in 2013?

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- (4) How many children from each home identify as Aboriginal?
- (5) How many staff are located at each group home?
- (6) What is the breakdown of staff located at each home by the following:
 - (a) full-time;
 - (b) part-time; and
 - (c) casual?
- (7) How many staff at each home identify as Aboriginal?
- (8) How many staff who identify as Aboriginal have left employment at a group home in 2013?
- (9) From which locations did the staff listed in (8) leave?

720. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*, and I ask:

- (a) what is the status of the review of the Act; and
- (b) when can Parliament expect to debate any changes to the Act resulting from the review?

721. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services:

- (1) I refer to housing provided to people with a disability and ask, what is or was the amount of funding in the Disability Services Commission budget set aside for housing in the following years:
 - (a) 2011-2012;
 - (b) 2012-2013;
 - (c) 2013-2014;
 - (d) 2014-2015;
 - (e) 2015-2016; and
 - (f) 2016-2017?
- (2) How much growth funding was or is allocated in the Disability Services Commission budget in the following years:
 - (a) 2011-2012;
 - (b) 2012-2013;
 - (c) 2013-2014;
 - (d) 2014-2015;
 - (e) 2015-2016; and
 - (f) 2016-2017?
- (3) How much funding in the Disability Services Commission budget is allocated to the “My Way” trial sites in the following years:
 - (a) 2011-2012;
 - (b) 2012-2013;
 - (c) 2013-2014;

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- (d) 2014-2015; and
- (e) 2016-2017?

(4) What percentage of “My Way” trial sites accommodation budget allocation is made up from the existing budget for housing within the Disability Services Commission budget?

722. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) I refer to staff at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, and ask for the 2013-2014 financial year to date, how many applications for voluntary severance has the Department for Child Protection and Family Support received?
- (2) How many of these applications, if any, have been approved by the Public Sector Commission?
- (3) How many of these applications, if any, are still under consideration for approval?
- (4) What position did each staff member approved for severance hold?
- (5) Will each position becoming vacant be abolished following the severance?
- (6) If no to (5), how will the position be filled?
- (7) If yes to (5), how will the workload of the position be managed?
- (8) What is the location of the position of each staff member approved for voluntary severance?
- (9) What is the anticipated cost saving of each of the positions abolished?

723. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Disability Services:

- (1) I refer to staff at the Disability Services Commission and ask for the 2013-2014 financial year to date, how many applications for voluntary severance has the Disability Services Commission received?
- (2) How many of these applications, if any, have been approved by the Public Sector Commission?
- (3) How many of these applications, if any, are still under consideration for approval?
- (4) What position did each staff member approved for severance hold?
- (5) Will each position becoming vacant be abolished following the severance?
- (6) If no to (5), how will the position be filled?
- (7) If yes to (5), how will the workload of the position be managed?
- (8) What is the location of the position of each staff member approved for voluntary severance?
- (9) What is the anticipated cost saving of each of the positions abolished?

724. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) I refer to staff at the Mental Health Commission and ask for the 2013-2014 financial year to date, how many applications for voluntary severance has the Mental Commission received?
- (2) How many of these applications, if any, have been approved by the Public Sector Commission?
- (3) How many of these applications, if any, are still under consideration for approval?
- (4) What position did each staff member approved for severance hold?
- (5) Will each position becoming vacant be abolished following the severance?

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- (6) If no to (5), how will the position be filled?
- (7) If yes to (5), how will the workload of the position be managed?
- (8) What is the location of the position of each staff member approved for voluntary severance?
- (9) What is the anticipated cost saving of each of the positions abolished?

725. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the *Mental Health Bill 2013*, and ask:

- (a) which regulations will be prioritised by the Government;
- (b) when are regulations likely to be tabled; and
- (c) which regulations will be subject to further consultation with the sector?

726. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Education:

- (1) I refer to Ngalangangpum School in Warmun, and ask if there is currently a contract for provision of educational services between the Catholic Education office and the Department of Education?
- (2) How much funding does the Catholic Education Office receive for the provision of education services to children in the Warmun Community?
- (3) Who was the provider of education to children of the Warmun Community prior to the Ngalangangpum school being established in 1979?
- (4) Should the Catholic Education Office cease providing educational services to the Warmun Community, will the State Government fulfil its statutory obligations to set up a new school to educate the children of the Warmun community?

727. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the abuse of children in the care of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support for the 2012-2013 year, and ask:

- (a) what were the dates of the nine substantiated cases of abuse of children in the care of the CEO; and
- (b) what was the type of abuse of each of the nine substantiated cases of abuse of children in the care of the CEO?

728. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Summary Report "Review of the Family and Domestic Violence Refuge Service System in Western Australia" where it states "The Department has undertaken a review of the family and domestic violence service system in WA to improve outcomes for women and children impacted by family and domestic violence", and I ask:

- (a) what are the expected improved outcomes for service delivery at each of the shelters and refuges in Western Australia;
- (b) have the improved outcomes been costed; and
- (c) when will these improved outcomes be implemented?

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729. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Minister's statement in Parliament on 4 December 2013, and I ask:

- (a) on what date did the Department for Child Protection and Family Support assist the Halls Creek staff to make an application to the Department of Housing for repairs and maintenance;
- (b) on what date was this application assessed by the Department of Housing;
- (c) on what date was funding approved for the required repairs and maintenance;
- (d) on what date was the tender for required repairs and maintenance advertised;
- (e) what work was undertaken in 2013; and
- (f) what work is still to be completed in 2014?

730. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Summary Report *Review of the Family and Domestic Violence Refuge Service System in Western Australia* where it states "The current service agreements for the Family and Domestic Violence Accommodation and support services funded through the joint Commonwealth/State National Affordable Housing Agreement on Homelessness have been extended until 2014", and I ask:

- (a) what is the expiry date of this agreement in 2014;
- (b) what is the status of the current federal government funding negotiations post the expiry date;
- (c) what was the funding amount of the current agreement; and
- (d) what is the expected funding amount of the future agreement?

731. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Summary Report *Review of the Family and Domestic Violence Refuge Service System in Western Australia* where it states "This process has identified a number of service gaps in the women's and domestic violence refuge system in metropolitan as well as in regional and remote Western Australia", and I ask:

- (a) which service gaps (by individual shelter/refuge) were identified in the Perth metropolitan region; and
- (b) which service gaps (by individual shelter/refuge) were identified in regional Western Australia?

732. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Summary Report *Review of the Family and Domestic Violence Refuge Service System in Western Australia* where it states "The review outlined recommendations for a formalized 24/7 emergency response in the metropolitan area for women and children requiring a crisis response, this model would guide an integrated and responsive system", and I ask:

- (a) which facilities currently provide 24/7 emergency response and accommodation services in the metropolitan region; and
- (b) which facilities currently provide 24/7 emergency response services and accommodation in regional Western Australia?

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733. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Summary Report *Review of the Family and Domestic Violence Refuge Service System in Western Australia* where it states “Funding for these services will be increased to reflect the lead agency role in each metropolitan corridor”, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please list the agencies that are referred to in this statement;
- (b) which agencies will receive increased funding;
- (c) what is the amount of funding each agency will receive; and
- (d) from what date did or will the increased funding commence?

734. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

(1) I refer to the Summary Report *Review of the Family and Domestic Violence Refuge Service System in Western Australia* where it states “The Department’s non-identifying unpublished agency statistical summaries record file data and the crisis accommodation vacancy register for metropolitan family and domestic violence accommodation services indicates that there are limited places available for women and children escaping violence on any given night. Further, it is not unusual for these to be no vacancies across the metropolitan area”, and I ask what was the total number of accommodation places available for women and children escaping violence in the Perth metropolitan region for the following periods:

- (a) 2009-2010;
- (b) 2010-2011;
- (c) 2011-2012;
- (d) 2012-2013; and
- (e) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

(2) What was the average occupancy rate of accommodation places by location available to women and child escaping violence in the Perth metropolitan region for the following periods:

- (a) 2009-2010;
- (b) 2010-2011;
- (c) 2011-2012;
- (d) 2012-2013; and
- (e) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

(3) Have there been any instances in the following periods that no accommodation places have been available to women and children escaping violence in the Perth metropolitan region:

- (a) 2009-2010;
- (b) 2010-2011;
- (c) 2011-2012;
- (d) 2012-2013; and
- (e) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

(4) If yes to (3), what dates and at which centres?

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- (5) In the situation that no places are available for women and children escaping violence in the Perth metropolitan region, what advice is presented to victims?

735. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Minister's parliamentary statement of 4 December 2013 where she stated "I note that all the service providers had surplus in funding in each of the years that we are talking about that could have gone towards repair of these things", and I ask:

- (a) what was the total surplus funding held by the Halls Creek safe house;
- (b) how much of this surplus funding was allocated to other expenses;
- (c) who owns the building from which the Halls Creek safe house operates; and
- (d) does the Department for Child Protection and Family Support consider day-to-day maintenance to include significant upgrades to bathrooms?

736. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support to the Marninwarntikura Women's Shelter in Fitzroy Crossing, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support to the Munga Tharndu Maya Women's Shelter in Roebourne, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- (3) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by the Department for Child Protection and Family support to the Ngaringga Ngurra Safe House in Halls Creek, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

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- (4) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support to the Ngnowar Aerwah Safe House in Wyndham, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- 737. Hon Stephen Dawson to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:**
- (1) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by Western Australia Police to the Marninwarntikura Women's Shelter in Fitzroy Crossing, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by Western Australia Police to the Munga Tharndu Maya Women's Shelter in Roebourne, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- (3) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by the Western Australia Police to the Ngaringga Ngurra Safe House in Halls Creek, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- (4) Can the Minister please advise the number of referrals of women and children made by Western Australia Police to the Ngnowar Aerwah Safe House in Wyndham, for each of the following periods:
- (a) 2010-2011;
 - (b) 2011-2012;
 - (c) 2012-2013; and
 - (d) 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013?

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738. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to a chemical spill at BASP's Hutt Lagoon site at Yallabatharra in the shire of Northampton on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 as reported by AAP, and I ask:

- (a) what was the nature of the chemical spill;
- (b) what was the quantity of the chemical spill;
- (c) who is the owner of the facility;
- (d) who is the owner on the land on which the facility sits;
- (e) what lease arrangements are in place for the facility;
- (f) who is responsible for the environmental rehabilitation of the area at the end of the life of the project;
- (g) where is the spill site in relation to Camping and Water Reserve CR 15126 held by the Shire of Northampton;
- (h) was the leak contained within the site:
 - (i) if yes to (g), how; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) did all or some of the chemical permeate the ground:
 - (i) if yes to (h), what quantify;
 - (ii) if no to (h), why not; and
 - (iii) if yes to (h), was the contaminated soil removed:
 - (A) if yes to (h)(iii), what process was used to remove the contaminated soil; and
 - (B) if no to (h)(iii), why not;
- (j) were all staff evacuated from the BASF Beta Carotene site:
 - (i) if yes to (i), for how long; and
 - (ii) if yes to (i), under what condition did staff or other personal re-enter the site;
- (k) what was the cause of the chemical spill;
- (l) was the Department for Emergency Services notified of the spill;
- (m) has Worksafe carried out and investigation into the incident:
 - (i) if yes to (k), has the investigation been completed;
 - (ii) if yes to (l)(i), will the Minister table the report;
 - (iii) if no to (l), why not; and
 - (iv) if no to (l)(ii), why not; and
- (n) were any roads closed adjacent to the spill site:
 - (i) if yes to (n), please provide details, including who requested the respective road closure, who ordered it and the duration of closure?

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

I refer to a chemical spill at BASP's Hutt Lagoon site at Yallabatharra in the shire of Northampton on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 as reported by AAP, and I ask:

- (a) what was the nature of the chemical spill;
- (b) what was the quantity of the chemical spill;
- (c) who is the owner of the facility;
- (d) who is the owner on the land on which the facility sits;
- (e) what lease arrangements are in place for the facility;
- (f) who is responsible for the environmental rehabilitation of the area at the end of the life of the project;
- (g) where is the spill site in relation to Camping and Water Reserve CR 15126 held by the Shire of Northampton;
- (h) was the leak contained within the site:
 - (i) if yes to (g), how; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) did all or some of the chemical permeate the ground:
 - (i) if yes to (h), what quantify;
 - (ii) if no to (h), why not; and
 - (iii) if yes to (h), was the contaminated soil removed:
 - (A) if yes to (h)(iii), what process was used to remove the contaminated soil; and
 - (B) if no to (h)(iii), why not;
- (j) were all staff evacuated from the BASF Beta Carotene site:
 - (i) if yes to (i), for how long; and
 - (ii) if yes to (i), under what condition did staff or other personal re-enter the site;
- (k) what was the cause of the chemical spill;
- (l) was the Department for Emergency Services notified of the spill;
- (m) has Worksafe carried out and investigation into the incident:
 - (i) if yes to (k), has the investigation been completed;
 - (ii) if yes to (l)(i), will the Minister table the report;
 - (iii) if no to (l), why not; and
 - (iv) if no to (l)(ii), why not; and
- (n) were any roads closed adjacent to the spill site:
 - (i) if yes to (n), please provide details, including who requested the respective road closure, who ordered it and the duration of closure?

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740. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to a chemical spill at BASP's Hutt Lagoon site at Yallabatharra in the shire of Northampton on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 as reported by AAP, and I ask:

- (a) what was the nature of the chemical spill;
- (b) what was the quantity of the chemical spill;
- (c) who is the owner of the facility;
- (d) who is the owner on the land on which the facility sits;
- (e) what lease arrangements are in place for the facility;
- (f) who is responsible for the environmental rehabilitation of the area at the end of the life of the project;
- (g) where is the spill site in relation to Camping and Water Reserve CR 15126 held by the Shire of Northampton;
- (h) was the leak contained within the site:
 - (i) if yes to (g), how; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) did all or some of the chemical permeate the ground:
 - (i) if yes to (h), what quantify;
 - (ii) if no to (h), why not; and
 - (iii) if yes to (h), was the contaminated soil removed:
 - (A) if yes to (h)(iii), what process was used to remove the contaminated soil; and
 - (B) if no to (h)(iii), why not;
- (j) were all staff evacuated from the BASF Beta Carotene site:
 - (i) if yes to (i), for how long; and
 - (ii) if yes to (i), under what condition did staff or other personal re-enter the site;
- (k) what was the cause of the chemical spill;
- (l) was the Department for Emergency Services notified of the spill;
- (m) has Worksafe carried out an investigation into the incident:
 - (i) if yes to (k), has the investigation been completed;
 - (ii) if yes to (l)(i), will the Minister table the report;
 - (iii) if no to (l), why not; and
 - (iv) if no to (l)(ii), why not; and
- (n) were any roads closed adjacent to the spill site:
 - (i) if yes to (n), please provide details, including who requested the respective road closure, who ordered it and the duration of closure?

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741. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) What is included in the definition of a “seagrass community” that is not included in the definition of “seagrass”?
- (2) What impacts on “seagrass communities” that are not impacts on “seagrass” were identified in the Mangles Bay Marina environmental impact assessment?
- (3) How will the proponent address the impacts on “seagrass communities”?

742. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide a list of all the sawmills that have contracts of sale with the Forest Products Commission for the purchase of native forest logs, including:
 - (a) contract name/sawmill;
 - (b) contract number;
 - (c) product (species and grade);
 - (d) quantity per annum;
 - (e) current expiry date; and
 - (f) final expiry date?
- (2) Will the Minister please provide a list of all the native forest contractors who have contracts of supply (to fall, extract, load and deliver) with the Forest Products Commission for the supply of logs, including:
 - (a) contractor’s name;
 - (b) contract number;
 - (c) contract description;
 - (d) log specification (species and grade only);
 - (e) quantity per annum (tonnes);
 - (f) operative date; and
 - (g) expiry date?

743. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) What studies has the Western Australian Government conducted on the relative merits of market-driven approaches compared to regulatory approaches in meeting consumer needs to distinguish free range eggs from cage and barn eggs?
- (2) What faith can consumers have in the labelling of eggs for sale in an unregulated market?
- (3) What studies has the Western Australian Government conducted into the relationship between poultry farms and outbreaks of bird flu?
- (4) What studies has the Western Australian Government conducted on the effect of accumulated manure from poultry farms?

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744. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) What is the approved stocking density for the proposed poultry farm at Gingin?
- (2) Does the proposal for the poultry farm at Gingin specify a stocking density and rotation of free range areas consistent with the Model Code of Practice for Animal Welfare for Domestic Poultry?
- (3) What are the provisions for rotation of free range areas for this proposed farm?

745. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Is the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) actively monitoring the spread of cotton bush in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) how is DAFWA collecting and mapping this data;
 - (b) is the data accessible to the public; and
 - (c) will the Minister table any of the data that has been collected to date?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

746. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the issue of compliance notices and indications by the Minister and officers at the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) that “compliance notices are a mechanism available to DAFWA to control weed infestations but that they will only be issued when it is *feasible and effective to do so*”, and I ask:

- (a) under what circumstances would it be deemed *feasible and effective* to issue a compliance notice; and
- (b) over the past three years, how many compliance notices have been issued?

747. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

Since 11 March 2013:

- (a) has the Minister for Agriculture and Food met with any other Cabinet Ministers to discuss the spread of declared weeds on State Government owned land; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
 - (i) which Ministers has he met with;
 - (ii) when were these meetings held; and
 - (iii) what was the outcome of these discussions?

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Questions Asked Today

Notice Given *Tuesday, 18 February 2014*

748. Hon Darren West to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) Has the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) embarked upon any community awareness campaigns to alert rural communities of the spread of cottonbush and the responsibility of landowners to control and eradicate this declared plant growing on their properties?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) what type of campaign has been undertaken;
 - (b) how much funding has been allocated to this campaign in the 2013-14 financial year; and
 - (c) how much has been spent to date?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Has DAFWA embarked upon any awareness campaign with other State Government departments or Government trading enterprises to advise them of their responsibilities in relation to the control and eradication of cotton bush and other declared species?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

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