

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**QUESTIONS**

**No. 206**

**Tuesday, 15 May 2012**

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- 5554. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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**5558. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in February 2010 to February 2011 (months inclusive), can the department please detail how many applicants were from each of the following regions —

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

**5559. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection**

For all Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applicants processed by the Department of Child Protection in March 2010 and March 2011 (months inclusive), can the department please detail how many applicants were from each of the following regions —

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

**5560. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for State Development**

With respect to a report on ABC Televisions' 7.30 WA program on Friday, 4 May 2012 regarding the proposed location of the Browse LNG Joint Venture development in which the Premier twice stated 'One third of the (Browse) gas belongs to Western Australia', I ask —

- (1) How did the Premier form the view that Western Australia owns one third of the Browse LNG Joint Venture gas?



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- (2) What percentage of gas, measured in trillion cubic feet, falls within the part or parts of the Torosa, Brecknock and Calliance gas fields, which are within Western Australia's jurisdiction and what percentage falls within the Commonwealth jurisdiction?
- (3) What is the estimated amount of royalty income that Western Australia will receive from development of these gas fields, on an annual basis and in total, given that Western Australia owns a third of the gas reserves?
- (4) Will the estimated amount of royalty income to be received by the Western Australian Government vary depending on where in the State this gas is processed?
- (5) If yes to (4), in what way will the royalty revenue vary by location?

**5561. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier**

With respect to a report in *WA Today* and other media outlets on Friday, 4 May 2012 in which the Premier is quoted as saying 'The decision as to where the gas goes lies with the West Australian Government because of the [State] Agreement Acts that cover both James Price Point and the North West Shelf project', I ask —

- (1) To which Agreement Acts is the Premier referring and are each of these Agreement Acts enacted?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Premier table the Agreement Acts?
- (3) If no to (1), when does the Premier intend to have such a Bill presented to Parliament?
- (4) Upon which Acts of Western Australia does the Premier intend to rely in order to compel development at James Price Point?
- (5) Was the Premier correct in claiming that an Agreement Act covers James Price Point?
- (6) If no to (5), will the Premier correct this statement on the record?

**5562. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier**

With respect to a report on ABC Televisions' 7.30 WA program on Friday, 4 May 2012 regarding the proposed location of the Browse LNG Joint Venture development in which the Premier twice stated 'One third of the (Browse) gas belongs to Western Australia', I ask —

- (1) How did the Premier form the view that Western Australia owns one third of the Browse LNG Joint Venture gas?
- (2) What percentage of gas, measured in trillion cubic feet, falls within the part or parts of the Torosa, Brecknock and Calliance gas fields, which are within Western Australia's jurisdiction and what percentage falls within the Commonwealth jurisdiction?
- (3) What is the estimated amount of royalty income that Western Australia will receive from development of these gas fields, on an annual basis and in total, given that Western Australia owns a third of the gas reserves?
- (4) Will the estimated amount of royalty income to be received by the Western Australian Government vary depending on where in the State this gas is processed?
- (5) If yes to (4), in what way will the royalty revenue vary by location?

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**5563. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

- (1) In relation to the published plans by the Department of Environment and Conservation to carry out, in the Great Western Woodlands in 2011-2012, 2,613 kilometres of tracks upgrading, 119 kilometres of scrub rolling, and 220,033 hectares of prescribed burning, I ask —
- (a) how much of each of these works programs has been completed so far;
  - (b) what is the timeline for the completion of works;
  - (c) will the Minister release maps showing what track upgrading works have been completed to date and what are planned for the remainder of 2012;
  - (d) if no to (1)(c), why not;
  - (e) in relation to the prescribed burning program, have individual burn plans been written for each of the planned burns;
  - (f) if yes to (1)(e) —
    - (i) have all burns conducted to date complied with their respective burn plans;
    - (ii) if no to (1)(f)(i), in each case, how have those plans been breached and what action will be taken;
  - (g) will any post-burn monitoring of the prescribed burns be undertaken;
  - (h) if yes to (1)(g), how will this be conducted and by whom;
  - (i) will the Minister release the burn plans for each planned prescribed burn; and
  - (j) if no to (1)(j), why not?
- (2) Given that the works referred to in (1) are subject to an ongoing statutory appeals process, does the Minister believe it is acceptable for works to take place while the appeals are being determined?
- (3) If no to (2), what will the Minister do to prevent this from continuing?

**5564. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services**

Regarding the answers given to my question on notice No. 5118 on 1 May 2012 about the West Kimberley Regional Prison, particularly the answers given to (14) and (15), I ask —

- (1) What advice and guidance was given by the —
- (a) Kimberley Aboriginal Reference Group;
  - (b) Kimberley Cultural Advisory Group; and
  - (c) Derby Community Reference Group?
- (2) What was the response by the Department of Corrective Services?

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**5565. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food**

I refer to the Minister's speech in the other place on 24 November 2011 regarding apples imported from New Zealand, and also to the article in the *Manjimup-Bridgetown Times* on 28 March 2012 'Apple growers call for Government support', and I ask —

- (1) Will the Minister please provide full details (including funds and full time equivalent staff allocated for each of the past three years) of assistance provided to the apple industry in —
  - (a) developing new apple varieties;
  - (b) improving productivity; and
  - (c) developing export markets?
- (2) What has been the outcome to date of each of these strategies?
- (3) At a State level, how is the allegation in the article that the apple industry is suffering as a result of the import of cheap inferior interstate apple products into Western Australia, including South Australian products fumigated with methyl bromide, being addressed? (please provide full details)
- (4) In what year did apple imports from other States/Territories or overseas begin to enter Western Australia?
- (5) What statutory changes triggered the commencement of apple imports?

**5566. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the 12 recommendations made to the Minister under section 16(e) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* in the Environmental Protection Authority Report 1359 'Strategic Environmental Advice on the Dawesville to Binningup Area', and I ask —

- (1) Has the Minister accepted the recommendations?
- (2) If no to (1), which recommendations have not been accepted and why?
- (3) In relation to each recommendation, what funding and resources has the Minister made available or requested other Ministers make available to implement the recommendation and what is the timeline for implantation?

**5567. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the removal of Condition 7 of Ministerial Statement 627 in relation to the Koolyanobbing Iron Ore Expansion, Windarling Range and Mt Jackson, Shire of Yilgarn, and I ask —

- (1) Did the Environmental Protection Authority report 1405 to the Minister state that 'Cliffs advised that it had consulted with the Consultative Reference Group regarding the LGFPP, but not specifically on the alteration or deletion of Condition 7'?
- (2) Did the Minister for Environment ask why this specific consultation had not taken place?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), what was the answer?

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- (5) Did the Minister request specific input on the alteration or deletion of Condition 7 from the Consultative Reference Group, prior to approving the removal of the Geological Features Protection Plan?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

**5568. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

In the light of the Environmental Protection Authority's findings in its review of the 'Forest Management Plan Mid-term Audit of Performance Report' by the Conservation Commission that there is considerable doubt and increasing uncertainty about the maintenance of forest values in the low and medium rainfall zones, and that, because of the impact of declining rainfall, increasing temperatures and threats from diseases and pests, the jarrah forest in the low and adjacent medium rainfall areas is unlikely to continue to contribute to the jarrah sustained yield and also be consistent with ecologically sustainable forest management, can the Minister provide, for each of the three forest regions (Swan, South West and Warren) the following information relating to projections for each forest block, compartment and coupe —

- (1) Maps (showing major rivers, towns and forest blocks) at a scale 1:100,000 depicting the 1100mm, 900mm and 600mm isohyets?
- (2) Maps (showing major rivers, towns and forest blocks) at a scale of 1:100,000 depicting the projected isohyets for 2023, or closest available year?
- (3) Maps (showing major rivers, towns and forest blocks) at a scale 1:50,000 depicting boundaries of State forest and timber reserve forest blocks, compartments and coupes and the year of most recent regeneration in each coupe?

**5569. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the euro (*Macropus robustus*) for which there is no approved wildlife trade management plan, and I ask —

- (1) Given the rejection by the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPC) of the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) wildlife trade management plan for the euro, what plans does the Minister now have for developing a sustainable commercial euro harvest in Western Australia?
- (2) Does the Minister agree with DSEWPC that that fixed wing aerial surveys cannot provide adequate, accurate and reliable euro population survey results and cannot therefore meet the requirements of the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), has the Minister asked DEC to find other survey methods for euros?
- (5) What other survey methods are under consideration?
- (6) Since cessation of the commercial euro harvest in January 2010, whilst still allowing non-commercial shooting, has DEC been monitoring populations of euros?
- (7) Has DEC now abandoned the attempt to work with DSEWPC to develop a wildlife trade management plan?

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- (8) If no to (7), what steps have been taken to develop a plan and when will the plan be finalised?
- (9) Is the Minister considering amendments to the restricted open season and closed season areas for kangaroo management?
- (10) What are these amendments?
- (11) When will they be put in place?

**5570. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

- (1) What was the commercial harvest quota for euros in —
  - (a) 2008;
  - (b) 2009;
  - (c) 2010; and
  - (d) 2011?
- (2) What monitoring of euro populations did Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) carry out in —
  - (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009;
  - (d) 2010; and
  - (e) 2011?
- (3) What monitoring is planned for 2012, and —
  - (a) in relation to (2), how much did the surveys/monitoring cost;
  - (b) were other kangaroos counted whilst conducting these surveys;
  - (c) can the Minister account for how the money is spent on these surveys; and
  - (d) in relation to (c), if not, why not?
- (4) What Commonwealth or State statutory or regulatory requirements apply to the monitoring of populations of euros which are subject to commercial and non-commercial hunting?
- (5) *The Management Plan for the Commercial Harvest of Kangaroos in Western Australia 2008 – 2012* states ‘The primary goal of the management plan is to ensure that the commercial harvest of kangaroos is ecologically sustainable. This will be achieved through the application of the best available scientific knowledge, best practice management and monitoring of outcomes to ensure the viability of kangaroo populations is not compromised by any action undertaken in accordance with this plan.’ In relation to the species covered by the Management Plan —
  - (a) what management and monitoring of outcomes does the Minister consider meet the best practice standard;
  - (b) in relation to (a), has DEC met this standard;

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- (c) in relation to (b), if not why not, and what is the Minister doing to ensure the standard is met in future; and
- (d) in relation to (a), if yes, can the Minister provide details to demonstrate that best practice management and monitoring of outcomes standards have been met?

**5571. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment**

- (1) How often and on what dates did the Kangaroo Management Advisory Committee (KMAC) meet in —
  - (a) 2008;
  - (b) 2009;
  - (c) 2010;
  - (d) 2011; and
  - (e) 2012 to date?
- (2) Who are the members of KMAC and which stakeholder groups do they represent?
- (3) Can the Minister provide details of the attendance record of KMAC meetings for —
  - (a) 2011; and
  - (b) 2012 to date?
- (4) What consideration has KMAC given to the inclusion of an animal welfare representative on KMAC?
- (5) Has DEC sought new nominations for representatives of the processing industry for appointment to KMAC?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) If yes to (5), who is the industry's nominee and when will that appointment be made?

**5572. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs**

I refer to the answers to question on notice No. 5113 and a question without notice, dated Tuesday, 18 October 2011, asked by Hon Sally Talbot MLC; and to the appointment of Mr Daniel Bruckner of CITIC Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd to the role of special anthropologist to the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC), and ask —

- (1) Did Mr Daniel Bruckner apply to be the specialist anthropologist to the ACMC?
- (2) If yes to (1), on what date did this occur?
- (3) If no to (1), how was he subsequently appointed as specialist anthropologist in September 2011?
- (4) If yes to (1), why did he not accept the position, if he applied for it and was appointed?
- (5) At the time of his application was Mr Daniel Bruckner working for CITIC Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd?
- (6) If yes to (5), does the Registrar and/or the Minister consider it appropriate for an employee of the mining industry to serve as special anthropologist advising the ACMC?

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**5573. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

I refer to the 'interagency working group' as mentioned in the Department of Mines and Petroleum's response to Dr Hunter's 'Regulation of Shale, Tight and Coal Seam Gas in Western Australia', and I ask —

- (1) How often does (or did) this group meet?
- (2) Will the Minister please table the minutes of any and all meetings of this group?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Have any documents been created by this working group?
- (5) If yes to (2), will the Minister please specify these documents and table them?
- (6) If any such documents cannot be tabled, please clarify why not?

**5574. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water**

I refer to the review of the 'First-in, first-served' policy, and I ask —

- (1) When is it anticipated that this review will be complete?
- (2) Has a new draft policy been finalised?
- (3) If no to (2), when is it anticipated that a new draft policy will be finalised?

**5575. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the 2011 Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) data, and I ask —

- (1) How many course enrolments were there for 2011?
- (2) How many student hours did these enrolments represent?
- (3) How many of these enrolments were taken by apprentices?
- (4) How many of these enrolments were taken by trainees?
- (5) I request this data in relation to courses held at each of the following institutions —
  - (a) Central Institute of Technology;
  - (b) Challenger Institute of Technology;
  - (c) Polytechnic West;
  - (d) West Coast Institute of Training;
  - (e) Durack Institute of Technology;
  - (f) C.Y. O'Connor College of TAFE;
  - (g) Great Southern Institute of Technology;
  - (h) Kimberley TAFE;
  - (i) Pilbara TAFE; and
  - (j) South West Regional College of TAFE.

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**5576. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the document *Community Learning in focus – A strategy for Adult and Community Education in Western Australia (2009-2018)* where the Government states its intention to collect qualitative and quantitative data on government funded Adult Community Education in Western Australia, and I ask —

- (1) Whether data has been collected and compiled on the government funded Adult Community Education, and for what periods?
- (2) If yes to (1), whether this data is publicly available?
- (3) If yes to (1), whether the data details the training institutes that are delivering government funded Adult Community Education?
- (4) If yes to (3) —
  - (a) how much funding was allocated to Adult Community Education in —
    - (i) 2009;
    - (ii) 2010;
    - (iii) 2011; and
    - (iv) 2012,
  - (b) what proportion of this funding was received by State Training Providers; and
  - (c) what proportion of this funding was received by private Registered Training Organisations?
- (5) Will funding to Adult Community Education be impacted by the introduction of the new Western Australia VET model?
- (6) If yes to (5), what is the predicted nature of the impact?

**5577. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

- (1) How many government funded courses were offered in the 10 Western Australian TAFEs, Curtin VTEC and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in —
  - (a) 2008;
  - (b) 2009;
  - (c) 2010; and
  - (d) 2011?
- (2) If the number of government funded courses offered has decreased, what courses are no longer available?

**5578. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the document entitled *Training WA: Planning for the Future 2009 – 2018* that aims to increase the proportion of training delivery allocated through competitive processes from 27 per cent to 50 per cent by 2012, and I ask —

- (1) How much progress has been made in relation to this goal?
- (2) Has the Government developed a new target for the proportion of training delivery allocated through competitive processes?



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- (3) If yes to (2) —
- (a) what is content of the new target; and
  - (b) what is the associated timeframe for achievement?
- (4) As part of the Vocational Education and Training sector reforms does the Government intend to adopt an entitlement model that opens up all government funding to competition from State Training Providers and private Registered Training Organisations?

**5579. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the article entitled ‘An entitlement model that meets WA’s needs’ in the March 2012 edition of *Training Matters*, and I ask —

- (1) Whether details of the four potential designs for a Vocational Education and Training model will be publicly available?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) when will the details of the designs be publicly available; and
  - (b) what are the key features of each of these designs?
- (3) If no to (1), when will the details of the final design be publicly available?
- (4) Whether the potential designs have, or will, be the subject of community consultation?
- (5) If yes to (4), I ask —
  - (a) when were these consultations held;
  - (b) which individuals attended each of the consultations;
  - (c) what was the scope of the discussions at each consultation; and
  - (d) how have community views been incorporated into the reform process?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

**5580. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the requirement in the *Victorian Training Guarantee* that precludes students from obtaining government subsidised training places unless they pursue higher qualifications than they already possess, and to media reports on 13 September 2011 that the Minister liked ‘the notion’ of the Victorian entitlement model, and I ask —

- (1) Whether the Government intends to include the same preclusion in the new Western Australian Vocational Education and Training (VET) model?
- (2) If yes to (1), I refer to the suggestion in the Victorian Essential Services Commission’s *VET Fee and Funding Review* that Victorian VET students have deliberately not finalised training courses in order to provide them with the flexibility to undertake several government funded courses of an equivalent level, and I ask what will the Government include in the new VET model to avoid this occurring in Western Australia?
- (3) If no to (1), whether the Government intends to include a similar preclusion in the new Western Australian VET model?
- (4) If no to (3), does the Government intend to include any preclusion on access to subsidised training places?
- (5) If yes to (3) or (4), what are the details of this preclusion?

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**5581. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the *Victorian Training Guarantee* where students that are —

- (a) under the age of 20 at 1 January 2012;
- (b) enrolling in an Apprenticeship course under a training contract; or
- (c) enrolling in a Foundation level course,

are entitled to a government funded training place irrespective of the general preclusion on government subsidised training places unless they pursue higher qualifications than they already possess, and I ask —

- (1) Whether the new Western Australian Vocational Education and Training (VET) model will include a similar exemption?
- (2) If no to (1), whether the new Western Australian VET model will categorise government funded courses for the purpose of access to funding?
- (3) Whether the new Western Australia VET model will provide fully subsidised foundation level courses?
- (4) If yes to (3), what courses will be categorised as foundation level courses?

**5582. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform signed by all Australian States and Territories on 13 April 2012, and I ask —

- (1) What progress has been made in relation to the development of Western Australia's jurisdiction specific Implementation Plan?
- (2) Will the Implementation Plan be publicly available?
- (3) If yes to (2), when will this Implementation Plan be made publicly available?
- (4) Has the Government developed an approach for funding and administering VET FEE-HELP Assistance for state subsidised diploma and advanced diploma courses as required under the National Partnership Agreement?
- (5) Does the Government intend to make VET FEE-HELP available for courses other than Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates or Graduate Diplomas as part of the new Vocational Education and Training model or otherwise?
- (6) If yes to (5) —
  - (a) when will VET FEE-HELP be available;
  - (b) for which courses will VET FEE-HELP be available; and
  - (c) will VET FEE-HELP be equally available for students enrolled with State Training Providers and private Registered Training Organisations?

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**5583. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to media reports in relation to the deregistration of private Registered Training Providers in Victoria that claimed millions of dollars of Victorian Government training funds last year. I refer also to the Western Australian Government's refusal to grant referral powers to the Commonwealth Government that would make Western Australia's Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs subject to the newly established National VET Regulator, and I ask —

- (1) How will private Registered Training Organisations in Western Australia become eligible for government funding under the new entitlement model?
- (2) What steps does the Government intend to take to ensure that all training organisations continue to deliver training qualifications of the highest standard?
- (3) Will the Training Accreditation Council register and monitor private training organisations in accordance with existing procedures?
- (4) If no to (3) —
  - (a) why not; and
  - (b) what body will register and monitor training organisations and what procedures will be used?

**5584. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development**

I refer to discussions at the inaugural 2011 Industry Forum held by the COAG Standing Council on tertiary education, skills and employment, where it was concluded that a well-resourced, nationally consistent regulatory system is fundamental to engendering confidence in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system and letting TAFE's continue their 'proud history' of providing programs and additional services for those who are disengaged or disadvantaged, and I ask —

- (1) What measures will the Government put in place to ensure that within the new Western Australian VET model TAFE's continue to be able to provide programs for those who are disengaged or disadvantaged?
- (2) How will these measures be monitored?
- (3) Who will monitor these measures?

**5585. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Midland train station each —
  - (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Midland train station to commute to Perth City each weekday?

**5586. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Bassendean train station each —
  - (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?

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- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Bassendean train station to commute to Perth City each day?

**5587. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Bayswater train station each —
- (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Bayswater train station to commute to Perth City each day?

**5588. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Maylands train station each —
- (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Maylands train station to commute to Perth City each day?
- (3) Please specify the nearest location to Maylands train station at which a customer can recharge their Smart Rider?

**5589. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Fremantle train station each —
- (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Fremantle train station to commute to Perth City each day?

**5590. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Subiaco train station each —
- (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Subiaco train station to commute to Perth City each day?

**5591. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Armadale train station each —
- (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and

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- (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Armadale train station to commute to Perth City each day?

**5592. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport**

- (1) On average, what is the total number of passengers that use the Thornlie train station each —
  - (a) weekday;
  - (b) Saturday; and
  - (c) Sunday?
- (2) On average, how many Smartrider using passengers use Thornlie train station to commute to Perth City each day?

**5593. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning**

I refer to the response to question without notice No. 165 of 4 April 2007, regarding the SmartRider add-value machines and Transperth's provision to install these machines at all train stations upon review of the demand for the machines, and I ask —

- (1) Has the demand for SmartRider add-value machines been reviewed?
- (2) If yes to (1), what were the outcomes of this review?
- (3) If no to (1), when will this review be conducted?
- (4) Are there plans to install new SmartRider add-value machines at train stations that do not currently have a recharge facility?

**5594. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Heritage**

I refer to the Guildford Hotel, and I ask —

- (1) As this historic building deteriorates, does the Minister have any intention to use his powers of compulsory acquisition, under section 73 of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990*, to step in and save the hotel from total ruin?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the point of deterioration that will trigger the acquisition?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

**5595. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water**

I refer to the health of the Harvey River, south of the Hoffman Mill, which has dried out for the second consecutive summer, and I ask —

- (1) Is river monitoring carried out on the Harvey River?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) please identify the monitoring stations;
  - (b) please identify which monitoring stations(s) are downstream of Hoffman Mill;
  - (c) please table monthly river level figures at each monitoring station for the mid-summer months for the past 10-15 years; and
  - (d) please table stream-flow data for the mid-summer months for the past 10 to 15 years.

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- (3) Does a surface water allocation plan for the broader Harvey River catchment exist?
- (4) If yes to (3), please table the plan.
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) Have surface water allocations been made in the broader Harvey River catchment?
- (7) If yes to (6) —
  - (a) please provide the total annual volume of surface water currently permitted for removal from this system;
  - (b) how much is licensed for mining; and
  - (c) how much for agricultural purposes?
- (8) Have any hydrological studies of the river been undertaken?
- (9) If yes to (8), please table the studies.
- (10) If no to (8), why not?
- (11) Have any hydrogeological studies of the connection between the river and nearby groundwater been undertaken?
- (12) If yes to (11), please table the studies.
- (13) If no to (11), why not?
- (14) What, if anything, does the Minister intend to do to ensure that the Harvey River returns to a state of year round 'wetness'?

**5596. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry**

I refer to the fourth paragraph of the answer given to my question on notice No. 5206 answered on 1 May 2012, and I ask —

- (1) For each of the last 10 years, what area of *Corymbia maculata* was planted for sawn log production in Western Australia?
- (2) For 2012 and each of the next five years, what area of *Corymbia maculata* is planned to be planted for sawn logs?
- (3) For each of the last 10 years, what area of Australian hardwood species was planted for sawn log production in Western Australia, and what were the species?
- (4) For 2012 and each of the next five years, what area of Australian hardwood species is planned to be planted for sawn logs and what are the species?

**5597. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

With regard to Exploration Incentive Scheme, funded by Royalties for Regions, I ask —

- (1) Since the inception of the Exploration Incentive Scheme, which publicly listed companies have received a grant?
- (2) For each of these publicly listed companies, what was the total amount of the grant(s) distributed?
- (3) Since the commencement of the Exploration Incentive Scheme —
  - (a) which companies received a grant with the intent of using the funds to target uranium exploration; and

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- (b) how much did each of these companies receive from the Exploration Initiative Scheme?
- (4) Since the commencement of the Exploration Incentive Scheme —
  - (a) which companies received a grant with the intent of using the funds to target onshore unconventional gas; and
  - (b) how much did each of these companies receive from the Exploration Initiative Scheme?
- (5) Since the commencement of the Exploration Incentive Scheme —
  - (a) which companies received a grant with the intent of using the funds to target coal;
  - (b) which of these companies were targeting coal within the Fitzroy River catchment area; and
  - (c) how much did each of these companies receive from the Exploration Initiative Scheme?
- (6) In the forthcoming announcement of successful applicants (anticipated to be in June 2012), will the Minister rule out the possibility of awarding a grant to —
  - (a) any publicly listed companies;
  - (b) any companies proposing to use the funds to target uranium;
  - (c) any companies proposing to use the funds to target onshore unconventional gas;
  - (d) any companies proposing to use the funds to target coal;
  - (e) any companies proposing to explore within the West Kimberley National Heritage area; and
  - (f) any companies proposing to explore within the Fitzroy River catchment area?
- (7) Are there any specific companies, types of companies, types of exploration, target minerals or locations that the Government will not consider for publicly-subsidized exploration works?
- (8) If yes to (7), please provide details.
- (9) Who is responsible for monitoring the activities of companies provided with public subsidies for exploration and their compliance with any conditions placed on their activities?
- (10) Have any of the companies awarded public subsidies for exploration breached their license conditions?
- (11) If yes to (10), what action has been taken in each case?
- (12) Have all the companies that have received public subsidies for exploration activities actually carried out the works for which the funds were given?
- (13) If no to (12), which works have not been completed and what has become of the funds awarded?

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