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759. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Regarding Police and Emergency Service personnel employed under the *Police Act 1892* and the *Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia Act 1998*, I ask the Minister -

- (1) Do partners in same sex relationships enjoy the same rights as partners in heterosexual relationships?
- (2) Are the partners of same sex couples offered the same support and entitlements as heterosexual partners in the event of accidental death or death in the line of duty?
- (3) When applying for a country position, are same sex couples eligible to receive the same amount of subsidy as heterosexual couples?
- (4) Are Police and Emergency Service personnel in Western Australia permitted to participate in marches that promote the human rights and acceptance of same sex people, whilst in uniform?

760. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education

With regard to the programme to remove asbestos roofs from Western Australian Schools, I ask the Minister -

- (1) How many schools have had asbestos roofs removed?
- (2) Are there still more schools scheduled to have their asbestos roofs removed?
- (3) If yes, how many?
- (4) If yes to (2), will the Minister urgently consider implementing a programme of routine inspections to be carried out by qualified personnel at all schools subsequent to asbestos removal work being carried out?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that scientific studies indicate that there is no safe level of exposure to asbestos fibres?

761. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

Given that the Office of State Revenue states there has been no change in interpretation on the employee/contractor issue since the legislation was introduced in 1971 and we have been advised by the Treasurer that there is a process in place to deal with taxpayer objections.

Can the following information be provided for engineering construction contractors during 1997-98 and each subsequent financial year -

- (1) How many payroll tax assessments issued for payments to contractors?
- (2) How many objections were lodged against assessments of payroll tax on payments to contractors?

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- (3) How many of these were allowed in full on the basis that they were bona fide contractors?
- (4) What is the average time to have these objections decided?
- (5) How many appeals resulted from the disallowance of these objections?
- (6) How many of these appeals have reached the Supreme Court?
- (7) How many of these appeals are still outstanding?
- (8) Given that the Commissioner issued a public ruling (Payroll Tax Ruling PT6) in September 1998, can the Commissioner provide a list of names of businesses and organisations to who the ruling was sent at that time?
- (9) Does the Office of State Revenue have a policy in respect to retrospective payroll tax assessments where the business has had a previous payroll tax audit and found not to have a payroll tax liability?

762. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

I refer to the land formally known as Lot 1409 Huntingdale Road, Huntingdale, and ask -

- (1) When was the land zoned from rural to urban deferred under the Metropolitan Region Scheme?
- (2) When was this rezoning approved by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure?
- (3) When was this land zoned from rural to public open space by the Local Authority?
- (4) When did the City of Gosnells acquire this land?
- (5) From whom was it acquired?
- (6) For what consideration?
- (7) What was the zoning of the land when it was acquired by the Local Authority?
- (8) Has any of this land been rezoned from Public Open Space?
- (9) If so, when was it rezoned and what is the current zoning of the land?
- (10) When did the Local Authority dispose of any of Lot 1409?
- (11) To whom was it sold?
- (12) What was the consideration and zoning at the time of the sale?

763. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) What future industrial land has been planned for Kununurra?
- (2) What current industrial land stock does DOLA hold at Kununurra?
- (3) Is DOLA holding industrial land in Cocos Way, Kununurra?
- (4) If so, what is the area of this land?



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- (5) Why has it not been released to the market?
  - (6) How many residential lots is DOLA holding at Lakeside, Kununurra
  - (7) What is preventing this land being released to the market?
764. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns being expressed by Kununurra residents and tourists on the delays being experienced in receiving *The West Australian* newspaper on the date it is printed?
  - (2) What action can the Government take to ensure *The West Australian* newspaper is available in Kununurra on the same day it is printed?
765. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) What is the current status of the land known as the Lake Argyle Tourist Village?
  - (2) In whom is this land currently vested?
  - (3) What responsibilities do the current Vestees have in respect to the management of this land?
  - (4) Is the current Vestee considering relinquishing the land management function for this land?
  - (5) If yes, what action is in hand to ensure that the land management of this area is continue to in order to avoid any avoidable delays occurring in respect to ongoing land management issues?
  - (6) Is DOLA in a position to take over the land management issues at Lake Argyle Tourist Village and work with the Water Corporation, Department of Tourism, other relevant Government Departments and the Local Authority?
766. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the need for land to be made available at the Lake Argyle Tourist Village for freezer facilities to assist those involved in the important commercial aquaculture and fishing industry carried out at this location?
  - (2) What action will be taken to make land available at the Lake Argyle Tourist Village to accommodate much needed freezer facilities for those involved in the aquaculture and fishing industry?
767. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- (1) What is the function of the computer aided telephone call system known as P.C. Cops?
  - (2) How does the system operate?
  - (3) Is this system able to be adapted to be used outside the metropolitan area?

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768. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Which Town Reserves exist within the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley?
- (2) Are these Town Reserves levied for Local Authority rating purposes?
- (3) If so, how much does each Reserve pay to the Local Authority?
- (4) If not, what section of the *Local Government Act* or other Acts provides the necessary relief?
- (5) What is the Government's policy in respect the normalisation of these Town Reserves?
- (6) Who will pay the costs involved in the normalisation process?
- (7) What compensation will be available to the Local Authority should it be required to expend funds in the normalisation process?
- (8) Once normalisation has occurred will the various created lots within the current Town Reserves be subject to Local Government rates?
- (9) If not, why not?
- (10) What is the timetable for this normalisation process?

769. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) In respect of the Port of Wyndham who -
  - (a) owns the plant and equipment;
  - (b) manages the plant and equipment;
  - (c) is responsible for the maintenance of the plant and equipment; and
  - (d) provides the necessary funds for such work?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a schedule indicating the maintenance carried out in each of the past seven years and the proposed maintenance expenditure for the next four years for the Port of Wyndham?
- (3) How many cranes are presently located at Port Wyndham and what is their respective lifting capacity?
- (4) Would the provision of a 100 tonne capacity crane provide greater export opportunities for this Port?
- (5) What has been the increase in trade from this Port in each of the past five years?

770. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Has DOLA invited the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley to develop land at Crossing Falls for lifestyle lots?
- (2) What is the area, zoning and native title status of this land?

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- (3) What further action can DOLA take to assist in the release of this land?
771. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
- (1) Given the apparent expeditious action in dealing with native title claims involving the Alice Springs-Darwin railway reserve, what process was used?
- (2) Could this process be used to expedite the resolution of native title claims in Western Australia?
772. Hon John Fischer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) What has been the budgeted Public Transport subsidy in Western Australia over the previous ten years?
- (2) What is the breakdown on short fall on operating costs in specific areas such as -
- (a) rail; and
- (b) bus?
773. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Was maintenance work recently carried out to the piles supporting the jetty at the Wyndham Port?
- (2) If so, what was the nature and cost of this work?
- (3) Was the cathodic protection to the piles disconnected to enable this maintenance work to be carried out?
- (4) Was this cathodic protection re-established prior to the maintenance work being authorised for payment?
- (5) On what date was the cathodic protection re-established?
- (6) When was the pile maintenance work authorised for payment?
774. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) What is the current status of the Government Electronic Marketplace (GEM)?
- (2) What funding has been applied to the development of GEM to date?
- (3) How many persons are employed on the GEM project?

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775. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy  
Western Power in its 2001 Annual Report noted that coal stocks were at maximum levels -

- (1) What are the current coal stocks held by Western Power?
- (2) Does Western Power have a take-or-pay contract for the supply of coal?
- (3) If so, what amount of coal is required to be taken each year?

776. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) What was the cost of construction and completion of work associated with the Albany wind farm?
- (2) What is the generation cost per megawatt from the Albany wind farm?
- (3) What is a status of the Exmouth wind turbines?
- (4) What is the anticipated cost of this project to completion?
- (5) What is the generation cost per megawatt for the Exmouth wind farm?

777. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) What regime is in place to ensure that the intellectual property owned by Western Power is accurately documented?
- (2) When was this regime implemented?
- (3) What regime is currently in place to ensure that appropriate reviews are carried out to ensure that the intellectual property register is updated on a regular basis?
- (4) Does the intellectual property owned by Western Power represent an asset?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) Is a value attributed to the intellectual property owned by Western Power?
- (7) If not, why not?

778. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

With regard to the Review of the State Employment Assistance Strategy -

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the current status of the review is?
- (2) What are the main findings of the review?
- (3) When will the report be released and made publicly available?
- (4) How many Joblinks programs are going to be axed and when?
- (5) How many jobs and training opportunities will be lost as a result?

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- (6) Given the success of the Joblinks programs in finding jobs for difficult to place categories of unemployed, what is the reason for cutting the services which these programs provide?
- (7) How much money was lost as a result of the Working Futures Conference that was held last year?
- (8) How is that money being recovered?

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

Further to question on notice No. 569 of April 9 2002 -

- (1) Who gave the advice to the Government which indicated that the Government had no obligation as to the future or zoning of the lower lands under the Heathcote Co-ordination Agreement?
- (2) Will the Minister table a copy of that advice?

780. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

- (1) How many Local Governments have a policy that permits the Council to authorise a delegation policy for cheque signatories?
- (2) Will the Minister name each council?
- (3) How many Local Governments authorise the Mayor to be a signatory to the signing of cheques?
- (4) Will the Minister name them?
- (5) Is the Department provided with regular reports from all Local Governments in relation to compliance with the *Local Government Act* and Regulations?

781. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

Further to question on notice No. 1411 of May 15 2002 -

- (1) Will the Minister table the letter received from the President of WALGA, Councillor Mickel, which confirmed that the Association supported Mr Macintyre's appointment to the City of South Perth inquiry?
- (2) Will the Minister please table the minutes or notes of his discussions with the WALGA President and Chief Executive Officers in relation to his consultations regarding the decision to appoint a one person panel?
- (3) If not, why not?

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

- (1) Has the Minister received any correspondence from, or sent any correspondence to, Australian Gold Reagents regarding its proposal to use truck transport instead of rail to solid sodium cyanide from Kwinana to Fremantle Port?
- (2) If yes, will the Minister table that correspondence?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Wesfarmers, a partner in Australian Gold Reagents, also has a share in the Western Australian rail system?
- (4) Does the Minister have concerns that Australian Gold Reagents has rejected using the local rail system?
- (5) If yes, what are those concerns?

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

The Travelsmart ten year plan proposed delivering the program to half of the Perth metropolitan population by 2010 -

- (1) Will the current and proposed funding for this program allow this goal to be met?
- (2) Will the Minister list the Local Government areas currently operating a Travelsmart scheme?
- (3) Will the Minister list the Local Government areas to be incorporated into the scheme in the future and indicate what year the program will begin to operate?
- (4) How many Local Governments have expressed an interest in having a Travelsmart program operate in their area?
- (5) Will the Minister list them?
- (6) How many Local Governments currently have a Travelsmart officer?
- (7) Will the Minister list them?
- (8) How many Local Governments have expressed an interest in having a Travelsmart officer operate in their area?
- (9) Will the Minister list them?
- (10) Has the Transperth operational budget been reduced?
- (11) If so, by how much?
- (12) Will any reduction in the operational budget result in bus services being affected?
- (13) If so, which services are under consideration?

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

The DEP's Audit Report 06/02 for Cable Sands mine at Jangardup states that there is no significant impact of mining operations on adjacent vegetation -

- (1) What were the non-significant impacts of the mining operations on adjacent vegetation?
- (2) Mine wastewater is discharged from the Jangardup mine in a west and southwesterly direction. Why then are the vegetation Impact Monitoring Transects only set to the south of the mine-site, not to the west and south-west direction in the D'Entrecasteaux National Park, which is subject to the mine waste-water discharges?

785. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) For each of the last ten years what was the calculated number of regular bicycle users in the Perth metropolitan region?
- (2) For each of the last ten years what has been the number of recorded accidents for cyclists in the age groups -
  - (a) under 17; and
  - (b) 17 and over?
- (3) For each of the last ten years how many cyclists were hospitalised in the age groups -
  - (a) under 17; and
  - (b) 17 and over?
- (4) For each of the last ten years of those people suffering bicycle accidents, what proportion suffered head injuries?
- (5) For each of the last ten years what proportion of school students cycled to school?

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

In relation to the Fremantle Waterfront Commercial Precinct Redevelopment -

- (1) Who is on the Evaluation Committee?
- (2) What organisation does each person represent?
- (3) How many expressions of interest were received by the Evaluation Committee?
- (4) What is the proposed timeline for the evaluation and development?
- (5) At what stage will the evaluation and development process be open to full public input, comment and scrutiny?

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

Further to question without notice No. 1451 of May 22 2002 where the Minister stated that the Mindarie Marina is zoned urban -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that MRS maps supplied by the Ministry for Planning indicate that both the beach and offshore and part of the marina of the Mindarie Development is zoned parks and recreation?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that at Mindarie the area along the coastline and part of the marina is zoned parks and recreation?
- (3) If yes, why did the Minister previously state the marina was zoned urban?
- (4) How many hectares of seabed was infilled for the Mindarie Marina?
- (5) How many hectares of seabed are proposed to be infilled for the Port Catherine development?

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

- (1) Has the Minister had any discussions with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure over the proposal by Australian Gold Reagents to road transport solid sodium cyanide from Kwinana to Fremantle?
- (2) Has any staff of the EPA or DEP had discussions with staff of the Ministry for Planning and Infrastructure over the proposal by Australian Gold Reagents to road transport solid sodium cyanide from Kwinana to Fremantle?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that a direct coastal rail line exists and is operational between the Australian Gold Reagents facility and Fremantle Port?
- (4) Does the Minister consider that rail transportation of freight has better public safety and environmental outcomes than road transportation of freight?
- (5) If yes, what information or studies is this based on?
- (6) If no, what information or studies is this based on?
- (7) Has the Minister examined the Cargo Sprinter Freight Train?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council