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### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Tuesday, 9 November 2021

- 310. Mr V.A. Catania to the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
- 311. Mr V.A. Catania to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Medical Research; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Science
- 312. Mr V.A. Catania to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development
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319. Mr V.A. Catania to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training

Wednesday, 10 November 2021

320. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

**321. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to Royalties for Regions expenditure on page 220 of Budget Paper No. 3 and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) survey being undertaken by Painted Dog Research in relation to Community Resource Centres, and I ask:

- (a) What was the date this survey opened and on what date will the survey close;
- (b) Why was DPIRD unaware of the survey during the 2021-22 Estimates on 23-25 September when the survey had been shared on Government Members' social media from 16 September;
- (c) Who was notified about the survey and in what form and on what dates did those notices occur;
- (d) Who instructed for the survey to be created and why;
- (e) Who was consulted prior to the survey being published;
- (f) Who drafted the survey and was there any input from the Minister or their office with the wording of the survey;
- (g) What is the total cost of the survey and which department is paying for the survey;
- (h) What is the cost of the survey to date;
- (i) Will the results of the survey be made public and if yes, when;
- (j) How is the survey being publicised and how much money is being spent to publicise the survey; and
- (k) Some notices of the survey refer to e-gift cards. Can the Minister confirm:
  - (i) Whether these cards have been pre-purchased;
  - (ii) The total number of cards offered as a reward;
  - (iii) Whether the provision of gift cards is by Painted Dog Research, by the Government or if by another entity, the name of that entity; and
  - (iv) If the Government was aware that an e-gift card competition would be run concurrently with the survey?

**322. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Finance:**

I refer to Budget Paper No. 2, page 163, and Significant Issues impacting the agency, which relates to the establishment of an infrastructure delivery unit in the Department of Finance and the Major Projects Directorate, and I ask:

- (a) Has the Major Projects Directorate considered the Swanbourne Station Precinct Proposal by Cedar Woods:
  - (i) If no, will it consider the project;

- (b) Does the Major Projects Directorate have a set list of criteria when scrutinising or delivering major projects? If yes, please table;
- (c) Please table a timeline of the Swanbourne Station Precinct Proposal by Cedar Woods proposal, including:
  - (i) The date the proposal was received by the Government;
  - (ii) The date the proposal was received by the Department of Finance;
  - (iii) Dates that decisions were made regarding this project;
  - (iv) Dates that media announcements were made regarding this project; and
  - (v) Dates where the project was discussed between departments and or Ministerial offices, including the departments and Ministerial offices involved in those discussions; and
- (d) Was the Swanbourne Station Precinct Proposal by Cedar Woods ever considered as a METRONET project, as far as the Department of Finance is aware?

**323. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Public Sector Management:**

- (1) Since 22 September 2021, how many extra full time equivalents have been hired across appropriation-funded agencies?
- (2) How many redundancies in the public sector have been taken since 22 September 2021?
- (3) How many redundancies were taken between 13 March 2021 and 22 September 2021?
- (4) For (2) and (3) please detail the total actual cost associated with those redundancies?
- (5) Which appropriation-funded agency had the most redundancies:
  - (a) Has the Public Sector Commission investigated the reason why that agency had the most redundancies and what were the findings? If not, why was no investigation launched?

**324. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the Work Health and Safety Act 2020 and Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, I ask:

- (a) With respect to Volunteer Bushfire Brigade member training, is it “Once Trained, Always Trained” or is there a need for refresher training courses to be conducted periodically;
- (b) What is considered a critical number of Brigade members for a Brigade to be viable (e.g. some Brigades in the Shire of Chapman Valley have fewer than eight (8) members actually registered);
- (c) Is it possible to merge Brigades within a Shire to minimise the administrative red tape expected to be imposed on the Brigades and Local Government Authorities (LGA) (i.e. could there simply be one Brigade across a whole Shire);
- (d) Will the State Government provide resources to LGAs to provide Community Emergency Service Managers (CESM) for those LGAs who currently do not have these positions to assist the LGAs and Brigades to comply;
- (e) Will the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and/or the State Government assist small LGAs with developing relevant policies and procedures to introduce best-practice and improve compliance with the Work Health Safety legislation for volunteers and LGA Elected Members and Officers;
- (f) How is an LGA expected to monitor the standard of private landowner vehicles and training standards of people attending a fire;
- (g) Will the State Government consider amendments to the Work Health Safety Act to allow an LGA to purchase insurance for Officers, Elected Members and volunteers if

the LGA is achieving minimum operational standards for volunteers, staff and contractors;

- (h) Will the State Government consider providing additional resources to LGAs via the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) to assist with bringing volunteer training, Personal Protective Equipment, Personal Protective Clothing, operational standards, etc. up to a satisfactory level;
- (i) Has the State Government considered legislating the transfer of the head of power for Bushfire Control from the LGA to DFES if an LGA cannot meet a minimum standard or the LGA requests the transfer; and
- (j) Will the Minister ensure that DFES provides clarification to LGAs about the chain of responsibility and liability when a fire moves from landowner to LGA Brigades to DFES?

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**KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON**  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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