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4961. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance

I refer the Minister to the refusal by her colleague, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, to give a guarantee that the Menzies Police Station will not be closed, and I ask, as the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance, what action are you taking to ensure that the Police Station at Menzies is not closed?

4962. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to evidence presented by Mr Julian Grill at last year's Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) hearings, in relation to the Abydos Woodstock project, in which Cabinet approval was obtained for lifting of Department of Indigenous Affairs heritage protection over an extensive rock art site in the area, thus allowing Mr Grill's client FMG Resources to construct a railway line through the reserved area, and I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of Mr Grill's assertion in evidence heard by the CCC that Mr Carpenter had already directed former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Sheila McHale, to overrule the expected unfavourable decision of her own Aboriginal Advisory Committee (the APMC) on the Abydos Woodstock site, a month before the APMC had received heritage documentation for the site about which they were to deliberate?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm whether or not this assertion is correct?
- (3) Can the Minister produce relative cost estimates detailing how much it would have cost for FMG to build its railway line around the Abydos Woodstock site in question, rather than through the middle of it?

4963. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

Regarding a newspaper article concerning Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) who manages the gold mine on behalf of mine owners Barrick Gold and Newmont Australia, dated Monday 23 April 2007, which appeared in *The Australian* newspaper titled 'Kalgoorlie Admits Pollution' and another newspaper article which appeared in *The Kalgoorlie Miner* dated 26 May 2007, titled 'Probe into sulphur emissions', I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that complaints in May 2007 of a thick fog and sulphur smells in Karkurla Park were confirmed by information provided by KCGM on behalf of the Kalgoorlie Air Monitoring Network?
- (2) If no to (1), what is correct?
- (3) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation ascertained the predominant cause of the sulphur dioxide emissions in May 2007?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

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- (5) If yes to (3), which company predominantly contributed to the sulphur dioxide complaints which occurred in May 2007?
- (6) Will the company be prosecuted for breaching licence conditions or any other section of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for causing elevated sulphur dioxide emissions in Kalgoorlie in the month of May 2007?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Can the Minister state what KCGM has specifically done after the May 2005 sulphur dioxide licence exceedence which occurred two years earlier, to prevent any further breaches of licence conditions or breaches to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Can the Minister state the quantity of sulphur dioxide that was detected at monitoring stations in May 2007, and how this figure relates to the legal Environmental Protection Policy limit and standard?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?

4964. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
Regarding the question on notice number 4846 of 10 May 2007, concerning the Magellan Metals Lead Mine near Wiluna, I ask -

- (1) Has Magellan Metals breached ministerial condition 6-2 in failing to implement the Health, Hygiene and Environmental Management Program required by condition 6-1?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Department of Environment and Conservation prosecute Magellan Metals for breaching ministerial condition 6-2?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

4965. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
I refer to a newspaper article which appeared in the *Kalgoorlie Miner*, dated Monday 18 June 2007, titled 'Gas heater rebate feel good politics', and I ask -

- (1) In light of climate change focussing on the whole of Western Australia, will the Minister urgently implement a Government policy so that the \$500 rebate to convert from a wood fired heater to gas is made available to all Goldfields residents and people outside of the metropolitan area?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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4966. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the appointment of the public relations firm by the Esperance Port Authority to handle the lead contamination issue in Esperance, and I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister advise the hourly rate that this public relations firm has been engaged by the Esperance Port Authority?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister state how many months this public relations firm has been engaged?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister explain why the money being spent on this public relations firm is not being spent on compensating the people affected in Esperance?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

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