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## QUESTIONS

**No. 9**

**Thursday, September 12 2002**

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### POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, August 13 2002*

1.     Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2.     Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
4.     Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
8.     Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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17.    Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
27.    Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
29.    Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
33.    Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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38. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
40. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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43. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
48. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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54. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
55. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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72. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
74. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
75. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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***Notice Given                      Thursday, August 22 2002***

77. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
78. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
79. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
80. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
81. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
82. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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91. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
92. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
93. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises
94. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
95. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
96. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Government Enterprises
97. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
98. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
99. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
100. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
101. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
102. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
103. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
104. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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106. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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110. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
111. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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113. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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121. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

I understand that there is growing concern about the conservation status of the Dusky Whaler Shark *Carcharhinus obscurus* populations in Western Australian waters, and I ask -

- (1) What is the status of Dusky Whaler Sharks in Western Australian waters?
- (2) Does the mortality of adult sharks exceed the four per cent level thought to be sustainable?
- (3) If no to (2), what is the scientific evidence that supports this answer?
- (4) How many Dusky Whaler Sharks are being taken or killed on unattended droplines and pot lines utilized by Licenced Fishing Boats (LFBs) in the Western Rock Lobster Fleet?
- (5) How many Dusky Whaler Sharks are being taken or killed on unattended droplines utilized by LFBs in Western Australian fisheries other than the Western Rock Lobster and the managed shark fisheries?
- (6) How many adult Dusky Whaler Sharks are being taken by the Western Tuna and Billfish longline fishery managed by the Commonwealth?
- (7) How many Dusky Whaler Sharks are being taken by the recreational fishery?
- (8) Are there any other sources of mortality for this species outside the managed shark fisheries and the sources covered in the preceding questions?
- (9) What is the Department of Fisheries doing to reduce the mortality of adult Dusky Whaler Sharks outside the managed shark fisheries?

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

Regarding the Gngangara Land Use and Water Management Strategy (the Strategy) adopted in January 2001 -

- (1) Has the Statement of Planning Policy No. 3, Gngangara Mound Crown Land (1995) been revised as recommended in the Strategy?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If no to (1), when will this recommendation be implemented?
- (4) Has the re-zoning of land (under the Metropolitan Region Scheme) recommended in the Strategy taken place?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If no to (4), when will this recommendation be implemented?

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123. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the Gngangara Land Use and Water Management Strategy (the Strategy) adopted in January 2001 -

- (1) Has the Draft Environmental Protection (Gngangara Mound Crown Land) Policy (1999) been finalised?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If no to (1), when will the draft be finalised?
- (4) Has the Draft State Groundwater Environmental Protection Policy been finalised?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If no to (4), when will the draft be finalised?

124. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the Gngangara Mound and the Gngangara Park Concept Plan released in 1999 -

- (1) Has the Gngangara Park Management Plan (the Management Plan) been finalised?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If no to (1), when will it be finalised?
- (4) Has any State Government money been allocated to the implementation of the Management Plan?
- (5) If yes to (4), how much has been allocated in the 2002-2003 financial year?
- (6) If yes to (4), how much will be allocated in subsequent financial years?
- (7) If no to (4), why not?

125. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the Gngangara Mound and recent studies undertaken by or on behalf of the Threatened Species and Ecological Communities Unit in the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) -

- (1) How many species found on the Gngangara Mound are currently under threat?
- (2) How many ecological communities found on the Gngangara Mound are currently under threat?
- (3) Given the answers to (1) and (2), are CALM and the Water and Rivers Commission reviewing their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the management, logging and thinning schedules for the pine plantations on the mound?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will the review be completed?

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- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) Don't the answers to (1) and (2) demand the conclusion that the logging and thinning schedules in the MOU should be substantially accelerated in order to curb threats to groundwater dependent ecosystems?

126. Hon Bill Stretch to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- (1) When is the Government expected to honour Premier Gallop's July commitment to expedite Pinetec's pallet-making project for Collie?
- (2) Will the Government contribute financially to the Company's relocation costs, in view of the Government's cancellation of its access to pine logs from the Gngara pine plantation resource?
- (3) Will the Minister give a written undertaking that a suitable timber resource will be available to Pinetec, as it has done for other milling and production projects?

127. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the bike path being constructed alongside the Midland Line from Perth -

- (1) Will the Minister make herself familiar with the situation of the new bike track at the Maylands Railway Station if she is not already familiar with it?
- (2) How are cycling passengers who exit the Maylands Railway Station at night and take the new bike path with their bicycles able to know that their path will shortly be brought to an abrupt stop by a black wire mesh fence constructed across the path?
- (3) Will the Minister undertake to ensure that adequate warning is erected which is capable of being noticed even on a dark blustery wet night?

128. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the bike path being constructed alongside the Midland Line from Perth -

- (1) What was the estimated cost for the bike path at the time that its construction was approved?
- (2) What is the current budgeted cost?
- (3) How much has already been spent?
- (4) What is the total length of path to be constructed?
- (5) What length of path has already been completed?
- (6) How many billboards -
  - (a) were but are no longer; and
  - (b) still are in the way of the bike path?

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- (7) What has happened to those billboards which are no longer in the way?
- (8) What will happen to those billboards that are still in the way?
- (9) Has this cost of dealing with the three billboards been included in the estimate of cost?
- (10) In any event, what is the cost of dealing with the billboards?
- (11) Will there be any loss of revenue to the Government or any Government Agency as a result of dealing with the billboards?
- (12) What is the amount of that loss and for what period will it continue?

129. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

- (1) Does the Department provide any assistance to the Royal Association of Justices to assist the association in the production of a magazine?
- (2) If so, -
  - (a) how much is provided;
  - (b) upon what basis is the amount calculated;
  - (c) how many editions are produced each year;
  - (d) what is the print run of each edition;
  - (e) how many of each edition are sent out;
  - (f) to what categories of persons are they sent and how many are in each category;
  - (g) is any money provided to any other organisation for the production of a magazine; and
  - (h) does the Department of Justice in any other manner provide funds for or regular information to persons who are Justices of the Peace but not members of the Royal Association of Justices?

130. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Further to the question without notice (of which some notice has been given) of June 17 2002 for each of the 32 forest coupes listed as having been logged so far in 2002 -

- (1) What was the published pre-logging estimate of jarrah first and second grade sawlogs and karri first and second grade sawlogs to be produced from each coupe?
- (2) What was the actual volume of sawlogs produced from each coupe?
- (3) What was the total area of -
  - (a) karri; and
  - (b) jarrah forest logged in the financial year 2001-2002?

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