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QUESTIONS
No. 164
Tuesday, 19 November 2019

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2660. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development
2661. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
2662. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy
2663. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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2665. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services
2666. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2667. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment

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*Notice Given**Tuesday, 19 November 2019***2668. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to Ministerial Statement 870, and the related Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) report No. 1648, and I ask:

- (a) was the EPA report 1648 in essence, a review of Ministerial Statement 870 requested by the Minister under s.46 of the *Environmental Protection Act (1986)*;
- (b) how, or why, did the report come to omit previous scientific literature demonstrating the negative relationship between acidic/low pH emissions and the stripping of manganese and ferrous species from the patina present on the Murujuga lithographs;
- (c) in a similar vein, why was the relationship between rock surface pH and industrial emissions omitted from the report discussed in (b);
- (d) does the Minister consider all recommendations of the report to be genuinely enforceable:
 - (i) if no to (d), why not;
 - (ii) if no to (d), by what measures does the Minister propose to enforce these recommendations; and
 - (iii) if yes to (d), does the Minister intend to implement all recommendations, as written;
- (e) under what circumstances did the report come to be designated as ineligible for appeal;
- (f) given that 'best practice' for chemical and fertiliser plants were developed in Europe, without any consideration of the impacts on rock art in a North West Australian climate, why were these standards of best practice recommended by EPA;
- (g) does the Minister consider these standards of best practice, as discussed in (f), to be the best standards employable, given that Yara claim they can autonomously reduce sulphur dioxide emissions to zero parts per million, and nitrogen oxides by 99 percent for shipping and 98 percent for industrial plants:
 - (i) if yes to (g), will the Minister provide a rationale; and
 - (ii) if no to (g), will the Minister provide a rationale;
- (h) does Yara have any obligation to realise these figures described in (g), if they already possess the required selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology;
- (i) has this SCR technology been installed on all the emission stacks of the Yara TANPF, and their fertiliser plant;
- (j) what is the concentration (in mg/m) of NO_x, from the TANPF nitric acid stack (A2), prior to entering the SCR technology;
- (k) what is the concentration (in mg/m) of NO_x emitted or lost, during processing, via this SCR technology;
- (l) would the Minister please give this difference between (j) and (k) as a percentage change;

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- (m) what is the current throughput (reactant mass/time) for SCR technology, utilised by Yara TANPF; and
- (n) are the concentrations of aerosolised chemical species at the site and its air-shed less than or greater than 103 mg/m³ for NO_x and 196 mg/m³ limits:
 - (i) if yes to (n), is the Minister aware that this figure is in excess of that stipulated by the plant's current licence L7997-2002-11f?

2669. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Government's implementation plan on fracking, and I ask:

- (a) according to Action 2, the Government will "Define, and identify 'places of iconic natural heritage' within, and in the vicinity of, onshore petroleum titles existing as of 26 November 2018." and "Release proposed list of 'places of iconic natural heritage' for public comment and feedback via the Implementation Plan website." by October 2019. Has the Government done this;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if no to (a), when will the Government release the proposed list of "places of iconic natural heritage" for public comment and feedback via the Implementation Plan website;
- (d) according to Action 3, the Government will "Ensure appropriate and adequate community consultation for acreage releases associated with hydraulic fracturing." by October 2019. Has this been done;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) if no to (d), when will this be done;
- (g) according to Action 4, the Government will "Develop a hydraulic fracturing stakeholder engagement and consultation guide covering whole of project lifecycle for industry and Government." and "Determine stakeholder engagement and consultation opportunities in a project lifecycle." and "Draft hydraulic fracturing stakeholder engagement and consultation guide." and "Release the draft guide for public comment and feedback via the Implementation Plan website." by October 2019. Has the Government released the draft guide for public comment and feedback via the Implementation Plan website;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) if no to (g), when will this be done;
- (j) according to Action 5a, the Government will "Introduce a requirement for consent of relevant Traditional Owners before hydraulic fracture stimulation production is permitted." and "Release draft process and procedure documentation for considering Traditional Owners' consent via the Implementation Plan website" by December 2020. When will the Government release draft process and procedure documentation for considering Traditional Owners' consent via the Implementation Plan website;
- (k) according to Action 12 the Government will "Establish a central point of contact within Western Australian Government agencies for hydraulic fracture stimulation non-compliance complaints." and "inform stakeholders via the Implementation Plan website once the action is completed.". Has this action been completed and when was it put on the Implementation website;

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- (l) if the action in (k) has not been completed, why not, and when will it be completed;
- (m) according to Action 16 the Government will “Ensure better separation of the auditing and compliance, and the promotion of the petroleum industry.” by April 2019. Has this action been undertaken and when were stakeholders informed about the change via the Implementation Plan website;
- (n) if Action 16 has not been completed, why not; and
- (o) if Action 16 has not been completed, when will it be completed?

2670. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister’s control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2671. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister’s control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2672. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister’s control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2673. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister’s control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
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2674. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2675. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2676. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2677. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

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2678. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2679. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2680. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2681. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

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2682. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth; Asian Engagement:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2683. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

For the calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019 inclusive, could the Minister please provide in tabular form information pertaining to various grants programs administered by agencies under the Minister's control by the:

- (a) name of individual grant program(s);
- (b) financial value of the grant program(s) and source of funding for those programs (consolidated fund/other); and
- (c) number of organisations who received grants under those schemes?

2684. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the proposed land clearing on a Water Corporation water reserve off McGuigan Road north of Broome, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the land clearing for a conventional orchard is being partly funded by a Regional Economic Development (RED) Grant of \$100,000;
- (b) is the use of pesticides and herbicides permitted on the water reserve;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) is the Minister aware that the land clearing application drafted by the Water Corporation for the proponent stated that no pesticides will be used on the water reserve;
- (e) does the application for the RED grant by the proponent propose that herbicides and insecticides be used on the water reserve;
- (f) if yes to (e), why is it that the land clearing application states no herbicides and insecticides will be used and the RED grant for the same project states that herbicides and insecticides will be used;
- (g) if the proposal goes ahead, will chemicals such as herbicides and pesticides be allowed to be used in the water reserve;
- (h) if no to (g), how would the use of chemicals be prohibited;
- (i) who would monitor the site to make sure chemicals are not used;

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- (j) how would regrowth and weeds be managed without herbicide sprays; and
- (k) how would insects be controlled without the use of insecticides?

2685. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

Noting that the Western Australian Legislation website publishes ratified State Agreements in the form of schedules to the principal Act whereby schedule 1 shows the original agreement and subsequent schedules show each supplementary agreement in the order it was ratified (rather than publishing the State agreement in its complete, consolidated, current form), I refer to section 81 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table a complete, consolidated, current version of the *North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement 1979*;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) does the State Agreement include the Second Variation Agreement referred to in clause 2;
- (d) if no to (c):
 - (i) why not;
 - (ii) will the Minister please table a complete consolidated current version of the State Agreement; and
 - (iii) if no to (d)(ii), why not;
- (e) will the Minister please provide separate copies of any variations to the Agreement that have been made since commencement that do not appear on the Western Australian Legislation website as a schedule;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) will the Minister please identify currently in what manner the State Agreement can be varied;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) regarding the joint venturers' ability to provide notice seeking a further extension of term, will the Minister please clarify how long that extension can be, 12 years or 21 years; and
- (j) if no to (i), why not?

2686. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) I refer to the *North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement 1979* and the water supply agreement that the joint venturers and the Water Corporation have entered into in accordance with the Water Corporation's major consumers framework, and ask:
 - (a) will the Minister please table a copy of the Water Supply Agreement, dated 2 August 2019;
 - (b) if no to (a), why not;
 - (c) will the Minister provide details of the effective changes that will be made to the current water supply arrangement; and

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- (d) if no to (c), why not?
- (2) I refer to the statement found in the Second Reading Speech on Thursday, 26 September 2019, “This replaces the existing rights and obligations of the State, including the Water Corporation, and the joint venturers under the State Agreement on water supply, and modernises the joint venturers’ water supply arrangements in line with other resource companies operating in the Pilbara”, and ask:
- (a) will the Minister please list the other resource companies;
- (b) are the water supply arrangements contained in the other resource companies State Agreements or in a separate agreement, as here;
- (c) will the Minister please provide details of how this Water Supply Agreement can be varied; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?
- 2687. Hon Michael Mischin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Heritage:**
- (1) I refer to the Merredin Railway Water Tank, bearing the advertisement “Kalgoorlie Bitter”, and ask:
- (a) what steps are being taken to preserve and retain the tank or ensure its replacement with a suitable representation; and
- (b) what contribution is the Government prepared to make towards the cost of preserving or replacing the tank?
- (2) If the Government is not prepared to make any financial or other contribution towards preserving or replacing this item of local heritage, why not?
- 2688. Hon Michael Mischin to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport:**
- (1) I refer to the Merredin Railway Water Tank, bearing the advertisement “Kalgoorlie Bitter”, and ask:
- (a) what steps are being taken to preserve and retain the tank or ensure its replacement with a suitable representation; and
- (b) what contribution is the Government prepared to make towards the cost of preserving or replacing the tank?
- (2) If the Government is not prepared to make any financial or other contribution towards preserving or replacing this item of local heritage, why not?
- 2689. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**
- I refer to Legislative Council question on notice 2385 asked to the Minister of Education, and I ask:
- (a) what is the current wait list for children to obtain a formal assessment by either a paediatrician, psychologist or speech therapist for autism spectrum and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder type disorders by region; and
- (b) what early intervention programs is the Department of Health promoting in the early identification and remediation of speech and language difficulties with young children?

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2690. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Minister's visit to the Agricultural region on 1 November 2019, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide an unredacted copy of the Minister's itinerary and travel arrangements;
- (b) will the Minister please provide all briefing notes and advice provided to the Minister in relation to meetings, functions and other commitments undertaken by the Minister;
- (c) who accompanied the Minister during the visit and at each meeting, function or other commitments undertaken by the Minister; and
- (d) on what date, at what time and by what means were the following local Members of Parliament notified of the Minister's visit:
 - (i) Hon Martin Aldridge MLC;
 - (ii) Hon Colin de Grussa MLC;
 - (iii) Hon Laurie Graham MLC;
 - (iv) Hon Rick Mazza MLC;
 - (v) Hon Darren West MLC; and
 - (vi) Hon Mia Davies MLA?

2691. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to question on notice 2424, answered on 3 September 2019, on the Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) officer living in the town of Augusta who had a change in working arrangements and is to commence working from the DBCA Margaret River work centre, and I ask:

- (a) has the job description for this officer been changed, or is it proposed to be changed;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide a copy of the original and the proposed new job description, and identify any changes;
- (c) if yes to (a), does the new job description require a change of residential address of the officer;
- (d) if yes to (c), why;
- (e) how much time does the existing officer currently spend in the DBCA Margaret River work centre and is this expected to change;
- (f) how much time does the existing officer currently spend in the Augusta region outside of the work centre;
- (g) how much time does the existing officer currently spend in other regions outside of the work centre, and in what regions does this work occur; and
- (h) is vehicle garaging a part of any proposed job description changes and, if so, what savings are expected to be made by these changes?

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2692. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the use of facial recognition technology by the City of Perth, among others, to monitor Western Australians going about their normal lawful activities, and ask:

- (a) what legislation, if any, regulates the use of facial recognition technology in public;
- (b) are State agencies subject to State Government or Commonwealth restrictions and/or protocols on the use of this technology; and
- (c) which State agencies are using facial recognition technology?

2693. Hon Charles Smith to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the recent 2017 amendment to the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1981* allowing sentencing for the possession of methamphetamine of 28 grams or over to life imprisonment and I ask, how many people have been sentenced to life imprisonment since the law gained Royal Assent?

2694. Hon Charles Smith to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) I refer to the Minister's response of 3 September 2019 regarding question on notice 2299 and ask, can the Minister advise on the legislation, section and clause(s) referred to by the Minister in his response of 3 September 2019?
- (2) How did the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation investigate the unapproved landfill at the property (1056 Great Northern Highway)?
- (3) How did the Department of Water and Environmental regulation arrive at the Minister's response of 3 September 2019?
- (4) How much landfill (m3) has been delivered to the property?
- (5) Where on the property was the landfill spread (if necessary please provide a map)?
- (6) How much of the property has landfill on it?
- (7) What is the maximum thickness of the landfill?
- (8) How many sources (addresses) has the landfill come from?
- (9) Can the Minister please provide advice on each of these source(s) (addresses)?
- (10) What type of landfill (soil types, building demolition rubble, etc..) were delivered and what are their respective quantities (m3)?
- (11) Was each delivery (truck load/skip load) of landfill tested for contamination?
- (12) In relation to (11), can independent certificates of the testing be provided for each delivery of landfill?
- (13) Has the landfill caused any detrimental effects?
- (14) If yes to (13), can the Minister please detail the detrimental effect(s) and how and when each were rectified?

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2695. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to ambulance ramping at WA Country Health Service hospitals and I ask, for each hospital for the 2018-19 financial year and 2019-20 financial year to date:

- (a) on how many days has ramping occurred;
- (b) with respect to each day on which ramping occurred, will the Minister please detail the total duration of ambulance hours ramped and the number of ambulance affected; and
- (c) where possible, will the Minister please identify whether the affected ambulances were career paramedics, volunteer ambulance officers or a combination of the aforementioned?

2696. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to all reimbursements made by the Minister to the Department of Premier and Cabinet since her elevation to Cabinet in March 2017, and I ask:

- (a) on how many occasions has the Minister made a reimbursement of an expense originally incurred by the department;
- (b) when was each expense incurred by the department;
- (c) when was each expense reimbursed by the Minister;
- (d) for each expense, what was the reason for the reimbursement being made; and
- (e) for each expense, was the error identified, by the Minister, by her staff or by the department?

2697. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to Legislative Council questions on notice 1893 and 2502 in relation to standalone power systems (SPS) and the Minister's decision to refuse to provide the cost of each SPS unit, and I ask again:

- (a) what is the cost of each SPS unit by supplier; and
- (b) if the Minister refuses to provide the information sought, when will the Minister satisfy his obligation under section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*?

2698. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to Legislative Council question without notice 1248 in relation to the State Government's commitment to deploy 4,200 body cameras to frontline police officers, and I ask:

- (a) how many body cameras have been deployed to date by Police region; and
- (b) what will be the total number deployed by Police region?

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2699. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Industrial Relations:

I refer to the Minister's media statement of 19 August 2019 entitled "CPSU/CSA accept Government's State wages policy", and I ask:

- (a) how has the Minister drawn the conclusion that the CPSU/CSA has accepted the State wages policy when their media statement of same date claims they have "... broken the government's wages policy";
- (b) how many employees by headcount and FTE are subject to the agreement;
- (c) has Treasury costed the impact of the final agreement;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister please provide the detailed costing of the agreement;
- (e) will the financial impact of the agreement exceed what has been provided for in the 2019-20 State budget; and
- (f) where costs exceed the \$1,000 per employee State wages policy in paragraph 2 of the policy, paragraph 6 anticipates these costs being met by relevant departments and organisations, what is the cost impact expected on departments and organisations in meeting the expense of the agreement?

2700. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to strip searches undertaken by Western Australia Police in 2018-19, and I ask:

- (a) how many strip searches were conducted on children under the age of 18 years;
- (b) how many of (a) were on:
 - (i) males; and
 - (ii) females;
- (c) what ages were the children from b(i) and (b)(ii); and
- (d) where were the searches conducted?

2701. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the ongoing decrease in the number of young people referred to Juvenile Justice Teams (JJT) from 893 young people in 2013 to 577 in 2018-19, and I ask:

- (a) why are fewer young people being referred to JJT;
- (b) is any work being undertaken to increase the use of JJT;
- (c) if yes to (b), will the Minister please advise what work is being undertaken; and
- (d) if no to (b), why not?

2702. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Department of Justice Annual Report, page 26, final dot point regarding the establishment of a linked information system from juvenile community to detention, and I ask:

- (a) when is it anticipated this work will be finalised; and
- (b) how is it anticipated this data will be used, and by whom?

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2703. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the establishment of Interfacility Working Procedures (IWP) between Bandyup Women's Prison and Melaleuca Remand and Reintegration Facility, and I ask:

- (a) have the IWP now been finalised;
- (b) if no to (a):
 - (i) why not; and
 - (ii) when is it anticipated they will be finalised; and
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table a copy?

2704. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Department of Justice Annual Report, financial summary on page 10, and the \$4,690,000 decrease in Youth Justice Service's actual expenditure when compared with the original budget allocation for 2018-19, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please advise the reasons for the decrease in expenditure;
- (b) were any programs cut;
- (c) if yes to (b), which programs;
- (d) were any staff positions cut; and
- (e) if yes to (d), which ones?

2705. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the new mental health unit to be established as part of the expansion of the Casuarina Prison, and I ask:

- (a) when is it anticipated the unit will be operational;
- (b) has staffing been planned for when the unit is operational; and
- (c) if yes to (b), will the Minister please advise the planned staffing numbers and positions?

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2706. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to Table 1 of the 2018-19 Annual Report of the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment which indicates that 88 percent of public sector agency workforce and diversity plans are overdue, and I ask:

- (a) which agencies currently have overdue workforce and diversity plans;
- (b) given that failure to submit plans impacts on the ability to implement strategies to mitigate the risk of discrimination and achieve diversity outcomes, does the McGowan Government intend to take action to address the overdue plans;
- (c) if yes to (b):
 - (i) what action will be taken; and
 - (ii) when; and
- (d) if no to (b), why not?

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