



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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## QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 15 August 2023**

- 1519. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services
- 1520. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1521. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1522. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services
- 1523. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
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- 1527. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education
- 1528. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1529. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning
- 1530. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water
- 1531. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1532. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 16 August 2023**

- 1533. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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1534. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water
1535. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
1536. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce
1537. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development
1540. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
1541. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
1542. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
1543. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
1544. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
1546. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
1547. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
1548. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry
1549. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
1550. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
1552. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 29 August 2023**

1553. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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1558. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
1559. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1561. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
1562. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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- 1563. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 1564. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Hydrogen Industry; Industrial Relations
- 1565. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1566. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1567. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1568. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer
- 1569. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health
- 1570. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1571. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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**Notice Given                      Wednesday, 30 August 2023**

- 1582. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
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- 1584. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1585. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1586. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1587. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1588. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1589. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 1590. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

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1591. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 31 August 2023**

1592. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Climate Action

1593. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1594. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

1595. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce

1596. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry

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1601. Hon Steve Martin to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 12 September 2023**

**1602. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Climate Action:**

I refer to the Clean Energy Future Fund (CEFF) which was announced in April 2020 with a budget of \$19 million to fund "innovative clean energy projects in Western Australia which offer high public value", and I ask:

- (a) has the CEFF been discontinued;
- (b) if yes to (a), does the Cook Government have any plans to replace the CEFF;
- (c) if no to (a), why not;
- (d) why has only \$13.9 million of the \$19 million CEFF been expended; and
- (e) will the Cook Government commit to investing the remainder of the earmarked \$19 million in projects that align with the original intentions of the CEFF?

**1603. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:**

I refer to the proposed privately-funded Kimberley Marine Support Base (KMSB) at Broome Port, previously named the 'Kimberley Marine Offloading Facility', the proponent of which is Kimberley Marine Support Base Pty Ltd, and I ask:

- (a) what was the Port of Broome revenue for the last financial year;
- (b) is the Minister aware that according to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* on June 8, 2023 the KMSB has reportedly stated forecast revenue of - \$41.5 million for 2026, \$55.4 million for 2027, \$62.4 million for 2029 and \$65.2 million for 2030;
- (c) has the Minister or Department reviewed these forecasts and determined if they are realistic;
- (d) if yes to (c), what new import and export projects will generate this level of revenue;
- (e) how will the Minister ensure the Port of Broome will continue to receive revenue sufficient to continue operations if the private wharf takes business away from the Port of Broome;
- (f) has the proposed KMSB floating wharf been assessed by a state engineer or engineers;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) if yes to (f), will the Minister table the report;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) if the proposal has been assessed by a state or independent engineer, did they identify any concerns given the tides can exceed 10 metres;

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- (k) if the proposal has been assessed by a state or independent engineer, did that assessment include the potential compounding impacts on the proposed wharf of a combination of high tides, high waves or swells and cyclonic weather conditions;
- (l) if no to (k), why not;
- (m) what is the maximum wave height or swell measured at the port;
- (n) does the Minister or department consider the proposed floating wharf can tolerate the high tides, maximum wave heights and cyclone conditions at the port;
- (o) if yes to (n), on what basis has the Minister made a determination on this;
- (p) according to the Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA) website, KPA and KMSB negotiated a range of leases which are conditional on KMSB finalising the necessary environmental and cultural heritage approvals; attracting finance and appointing a facility operator. Has KMSB finalised the design and engineering elements of the new multiuser facility;
- (q) have each of those lease conditions in (p) been met; and
- (r) if no to (p), which ones remain outstanding and why?

**1604. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:**

I refer to the proposed privately-funded Kimberley Marine Support Base (KMSB) at Broome Port and public access, previously named the 'Kimberley Marine Offloading Facility', the proponent of which is Kimberley Marine Support Base Pty Ltd, and I ask:

- (a) how will traffic continue to access Entrance Point beaches and boat ramps during construction and operation of KMSB;
- (b) is there a proposed deviation to the existing road to Entrance Point;
- (c) will any new deviation of the road to Entrance Point be subject to community consultation;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) will the public have access to the beach adjacent to and underneath the proposed floating jetty;
- (f) if no to (e), how will the public access the beach between the proposed floating jetty and the existing jetty;
- (g) is the Minister aware of the coral reef in the area of the proposed floating jetty construction that has over 40 species of coral;
- (h) is the Minister aware that this area of reef has not been assessed for its environmental significance; and
- (i) will the Minister ensure the proponent undertakes a survey of the reef and provide a management plan to ensure it is not damaged?

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**Questions Asked Today****Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 12 September 2023****1605. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the smart meters being rolled out across Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) how can a customer access the actual meter readings instead of simply being given their usage numbers as a part of their bill; and
- (b) are cumulative reading totals kept at all by Synergy?

**1606. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the coastal prescribed burn locations identified in the Walpole Wilderness by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCA) Burn Options Program 2023-2024, and I ask:

- (a) have any of these coastal burn locations been mapped or identified by DBCA as Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh as per the listing for this Threatened Ecological Community under the *Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC); and
- (b) if no to (a), when will mapping of this Threatened Ecological Community take place in the Walpole Wilderness (noting that the EPBC listing was effective 10 August 2013)?

**1607. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the prescribed burn locations identified in the Walpole Wilderness by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCA) Burn Options Program 2023-2024, and I ask:

- (a) is DBCA aware the pygmy tingle trapdoor spider may be present in some of the locations that may be prescribe burned in the next 12 months and if so, which locations; and
- (b) if yes to (a), what action will DBCA take to protect the spider from the effects of a prescribed burn?

**1608. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the prescribed burns the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) may conduct over the next 12 months in Blue Holes (FRK\_074), Clear Hills (FRK\_086), Sheepwash North (FRK\_094), Thames (FRK\_096) and Isle Road (FRK\_098), and I ask, for each separate block:

- (a) is DBCA aware of any organic-rich soils and peatlands; and
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) has DBCA mapped the areas of organic-rich soils and peatlands;
  - (ii) if yes to (i), will the Minister table the maps and, if not, why not; and
  - (iii) what steps will DBCA take to protect the biodiversity and substrate of these organic-rich soils and peatlands from the effects of a prescribed burn?

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**1609. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

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- (a) has DBCA carried out fauna surveys for each of these burn locations;
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) what was the date of the last fauna survey for each location; and
  - (ii) will the Minister table the fauna surveys and, if not, why not;
- (c) are there any EPBC-listed threatened species in the burn locations; and
- (d) if yes to (c):
  - (i) what are they; and
  - (ii) what action will DBCA take to protect these EPBC-listed species from the effects of a prescribed burn?

**1610. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the prescribed burns the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) may conduct over the next 12 months in Blue Holes (FRK\_074), Clear Hills (FRK\_086), Sheepwash North (FRK\_094), Thames (FRK\_096) and Isle Road (FRK\_098), and I ask, with respect to each separate burn location:

- (a) will the burns be started by ground crew or incendiaries dropped from aircraft;
- (b) what is the estimated maximum scorch height of each prescribed burn for the forest ecosystems, as shown on Map 4 of the Walpole Wilderness and Adjacent Parks and Reserves Management Plan 2008, including the forest ecosystems containing tingle and the 'Peppermint and coastal heathland' forest ecosystem;
- (c) what is the estimated maximum temperature of each prescribed burn;
- (d) what is the methodology used by DBCA to measure (b); and
- (e) what is the methodology used by DBCA to measure (c)?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council