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QUESTIONS

No. 51

Tuesday, 22 September 2009

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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991. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment (*SO 138(d) response - September 16 2009*)
1062. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General (*SO 138(d) response - September 16 2009*)
1063. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - September 16 2009*)
1087. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment (*SO 138(d) response - September 16 2009*)

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1152. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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1163. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1179. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
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- 1183. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
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- 1189. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

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- 1190. Hon Ed Dermer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1191. Hon Helen Bullock to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
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- 1193. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy
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- 1199. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
- 1200. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport
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- 1202. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
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- 1204. Hon Helen Bullock to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
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- 1206. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
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1213. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Environment

Further to question No. 729, could the Minister please advise, -

- (1) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) accepted Conservation and Land Management's (CALM) 'strategic approach' to the prescribed burning program to enable 200 000 hectares per year of South West forest to be burnt?
- (2) If yes to (1), what efforts have the DEC made to make up the shortfall in burning of the 250 000 hectares indicated in question on notice No. 692?
- (3) Why was the Fire Review Committees recommended \$3 million per annum fire management increase not accepted?
- (4) As the DEC's city-based staff do not participate in prescribed burning, does this limit their opportunities to be promoted to higher positions in regional areas?
- (5) Who made the decision that grazing was not compatible with fuel reduction in south west forests?
- (6) Over what period is burn planning undertaken?
- (7) With regard to expenditure on prescribed burning, -
 - (a) what is the DEC's 2009-2010 fire management budget;
 - (b) what is the cost of burn planning and administration in percentage terms of this expenditure;
 - (c) what proportion of the 2009-2010 fire management budget is allocated to prescribed burning in south west forests; and
 - (d) what is the estimated area of south west forests to be burnt in 2009-2010?
- (8) The answer to question (7) of question No. 729 suggests that the DEC has no direct involvement with any fire matters that occur on the border of Crown Land or with the fire officers in brigades in these areas, is this so?
- (9) What consideration has been given to developing inter-agency agreements between the DEC, FESA and Bush Fire Brigades, to expand prescribed burning programs and to assist brigades in burning techniques?

1214. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to the contract awarded to EMET Consultants Pty Ltd, reference number DCP751, worth \$26 750 for a, 'Consultant to support and advise in relation to the development of an Energy Management Plan,' and I ask -

- (1) What is the purpose of developing this Energy Management Plan?

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- (2) What areas of expertise will this consultant bring to the development of an Energy Management Plan?
- (3) What is the fixed period of employment for this contract?
- (4) Who is the individual consultant from EMET Consultants?

1215. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Community Services

I refer to the contract awarded to EMET Consultants Pty Ltd, reference number DCP751, worth \$26 750 for a, 'Consultant to support and advise in relation to the development of an Energy Management Plan,' and I ask -

- (1) What is the purpose of developing this Energy Management Plan?
- (2) What areas of expertise will this consultant bring to the development of an Energy Management Plan?
- (3) What is the fixed period of employment for this contract?
- (4) Who is the individual consultant from EMET Consultants?

1216. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the opening address of Law Week made by Hon Chief Justice Wayne Martin on 14 September 2009, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Government plan to invest in a new building for the Supreme Court of Western Australia?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when?
- (4) What are the Government's options after the Supreme Court building lease expires in 2016?
- (5) Why did the Government withdraw the forward funding for a new court facility in Carnarvon?
- (6) What is the current state of the courthouses situated in, -
 - (a) Kununurra;
 - (b) Karratha; and
 - (c) Broome?
- (7) What is the Government doing to address the current issues in those courthouses, including, -
 - (a) lack of seating space for magistrates;
 - (b) lack of office space for visiting superior court judges;
 - (c) protection of vulnerable witnesses giving evidence from the accused and other witnesses;
 - (d) safety and security issues, particularly of jurors and judicial officers;
 - (e) adequate waiting areas for witnesses and clients; and

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(f) inappropriate venues for courthouses, including a 'donga' in Karratha?

(8) If the answer to (7) is nothing, why not?

1217. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries

Regarding the effect of dredging of Albany harbour on mussel farmers in King George Sound, I ask -

- (1) As a condition for renewing or signing leases, have mussel farmers in King George Sound been requested to sign a waiver for compensation?
- (2) If yes to (1), why?
- (3) If the concern is with regard to contaminants, which contaminants?
- (4) Is the Minister concerned about the effect that dispensing contaminants, especially mercury, might have on mussel farms in King George Sound?
- (5) If yes to (4), how is the Minister addressing these concerns?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

1218. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

With respect to the staffing for the Department for Child Protection in the Murchison District, I ask -

- (1) What is the total service delivery full time equivalent (FTE) employee allocation for this district?
- (2) What are the current vacancies in the full time equivalent (FTE) in this district?
- (3) What were the vacancies in FTE as at 1 April 2009?
- (4) How many FTE workers are currently employed on a permanent contract as at 1 April 2009?
- (5) How many FTE workers are currently employed on a fixed term contract as at 1 April 2009?
- (6) How many FTE workers are employed on a casual basis as at 1 April 2009?
- (7) What was the total full time equivalent (FTE) case worker ?
- (8) What was the total full time equivalent (FTE) vacant case worker positions?

1219. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection implemented to date?
- (2) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement, refused to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement?
- (3) How may Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to, -
 - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
 - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
 - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; and

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- (d) undertake other measures?
- (4) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreements have, -
 - (a) improved their attendance at school; and
 - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?
- 1220. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
 - (1) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements has the Department of Education and Training implemented to date?
 - (2) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement, refused to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement?
 - (3) How may Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to, -
 - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
 - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
 - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; and
 - (d) undertake other measures?
 - (4) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreements have, -
 - (a) improved their attendance at school; and
 - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?
- 1221. Hon Sue Ellery to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services
 - (1) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements has the Department of Corrective Services implemented to date?
 - (2) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement, refused to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement?
 - (3) How may Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to, -
 - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
 - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
 - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; and
 - (d) undertake other measures?

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- (4) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreements have, -
 - (a) improved their attendance at school; and
 - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council