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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

## No. 165

# **THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2007**

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2415. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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2483. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Energy

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2542. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training; South West

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2607. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

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2665. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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2689. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Small Business

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2703. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Energy
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- 2711. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for the Environment
- 2713. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for the Environment
- 2715. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming

#### Tuesday, 25 September 2007

- 2716. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2717. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

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- 2718. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2719. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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#### Thursday, 27 September 2007

- 2736. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Tourism
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#### Tuesday, 16 October 2007

- 2746. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2747. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
- 2748. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
- 2749. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Attorney General
- 2750. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 2751. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Disability Services
- 2752. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2753. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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- 2775. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2776. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Energy
- 2777. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources
- 2778. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2779. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

- 2780. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 2781. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 2783. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 2784. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2785. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Resources
- 2786. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
- 2787. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Health
- 2788. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for South West
- 2789. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for South West
- 2790. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Attorney General
- 2791. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2792. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Premier; Minister for Federal-State Relations; Trade; Innovation; Science; Public Sector Management
- 2793. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development
- 2794. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern
- 2795. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government; Racing and Gaming; Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth
- 2796. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation
- 2797. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Attorney General; Minister for Health; Electoral Affairs
- 2798. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Employment Protection; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information
- 2799. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2800. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection
- 2801. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Education and Training; South West
- 2802. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Energy; Resources; Industry and Enterprise
- 2803. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 2804. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations
- 2805. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel
- 2806. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering
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- 2808. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development

- 2809. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern
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- 2822. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Treasurer

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- 2823. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
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- 2825. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Attorney General
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- 2844. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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#### Questions listed for this sitting: -

#### 2852. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for the Environment

#### Can the Minister confirm:

- if, in the absence of a Container Deposit System (CDS) in Western Australia, there is no longer any glass bottle manufacturing from recycling in Western Australia;
- (b) if, in the absence of a CDS in Western Australia, recycled bottles in this State are railed/trucked to South Australia, where there is a CDS, creating jobs, investment and sustainability in that State;
- (c) if, in the absence of a CDS in Western Australia and its economic benefits, the only Western Australian plant sending recycled glass to Adelaide will not open on Saturdays, forcing recyclers to dump Friday nights' collections into landfill?

# 2853. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

## Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many and which properties the State Government owns along Canning Highway, between Canning Bridge and Berwick Street;
- (b) when each of these properties was purchased;
- (c) which departments/agencies are responsible for the management of these properties and what they are currently being used for;
- (d) what the Government's plans are for these properties;
- (e) when plans are expected to be finalised for the future development of Canning Highway, enabling realisation of the recommendation in 1991 that the reserve be reduced; and
- (f) does the Government intend to continue purchasing properties along Canning Highway, between Canning Bridge and Berwick Street?

#### 2854. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Water Resources

I refer the Minister to the domestic bore water licenses held by landholders in the Albany district, in proximity to Albany's water source at Sandpatch, and ask:

- (a) how many domestic bore water licenses are in this area;
- (b) what is the annual cost to the Department of Water for renewing these domestic bore water licenses (expressed as a \$ per license);
- (c) what component of the \$5.8 million annual costs associated with licensing is applicable to these domestic bore water licenses;
- (d) what component of this fee is for assessment of license renewal, as distinct from checking compliance, maintaining licensing databases, management of appeals and community awareness;
- (e) does the Department of Water carry out regular compliance checks on these domestic bore water licenses;
- (f) if yes to (e), what is the nature of the compliance checks that are carried out in respect to these domestic bore water licenses;
- (g) if no to (e), what level of monitoring/checking is undertaken on these domestic bore water licenses;
- (h) has there been any change to the level of monitoring and compliance by the Deptartment of Water in respect to these domestic bore water licenses, since the Minister's decision to exempt them from paying annual water license fees;
- (i) why is it necessary to license these domestic bore water users;
- (j) does the Department of Water (or any other agency or organisation) have any monitoring bores in proximity to the domestic bore water license holders; and
- (k) if yes to (j), how many, and are they regularly monitored?

#### 2855. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the Mitchell Plateau area of the West Kimberley, specifically to the conservation values of this most pristine area, and ask:

- (a) what is the current conservation status of the Mitchell Plateau area;
- (b) can the Minister confirm if the Mitchell Plateau is home to a very unique variety, or form, of Livistona palm;
- (c) are there any valid mining tenements or Government mining agreements relating to the Mitchell Plateau; and
  - (i) if so, and in the context of any potential future mining activity in this area, what is the Minister doing to ensure the conservation values of the Livistona palm are preserved;
- (d) is the Minister aware of a local push to have the conservation status of the Mitchell Plateau secured to protect its most unique flora and fauna;
- (e) will the Minister be making recommendations in respect to the future conservation status of this area; and
  - (i) if so, what recommendations will the Minister be making?

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly