

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 138**

**Wednesday, 30 May 2007**

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4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4453. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4459. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4460. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4469. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
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4575. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4576. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4695. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 9 2007*)

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4706. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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4712. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
4714. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

**Notice Given                      Thursday, 5 April 2007**

4736. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
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4746. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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4764. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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4772. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
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- 4836. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
- 4837. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
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- 4840. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations
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- 4845. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry
- 4846. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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- 4887. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science
- 4888. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
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4926. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

In relation to ministerial statement No. 641 which sets out the legally binding conditions on the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013, I ask -

- (1) Has compliance with these conditions by the Department of Conservation (DEC) and Land Management, and now the Department of Environment and Conservation and by the Forest Products Commission, been monitored by the compliance monitoring branch of the DEC or its predecessor?
- (2) If not to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), will the Minister please table the compliance monitoring reports?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

4927. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer the Minister to the reported settlement between the Government through Verve Energy and Dr Stephen van der Mye, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister detail the terms of the settlement and the amount to be paid to Dr van der Mye?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Why did the Government, through Verve Energy, settle on the claim?
- (4) Will the Minister table Dr van der Mye's letter of resignation?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Will the Minister table minutes of the Board meeting held on 19 February 2004?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

4928. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to question without notice No. 902, asked on 28 November 2006, concerning the Balga Works Program, and ask -

- (1) Was a briefing note prepared by the Department of Education and Training for the Premier's meeting in August 2004 with Messrs Carton, Hammond and Hodge?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Premier table the briefing note?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Were any ministerial staff present at the August 2004 meeting?

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- (5) If yes to (4), what are the names of these staff?
- (6) Was any other person present at the August 2004 meeting?
- (7) If yes to (6), what is the identity of this person(s)?
- (8) Were minutes taken at the August 2004 meeting?
- (9) If yes to (8), will the Premier table those minutes?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Were details of the outcome of the August 2004 meeting provided to the Department of Education and Training?
- (12) If yes to (11), will the Premier table these details?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?

4929. Hon Barbara Scott to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many long day care centres are there in the State?
- (2) How many of these centres had annual visits from the Child Care Licensing Unit in -
  - (a) 2005; and
  - (b) 2006?
- (3) What is the target for -
  - (a) 2007; and
  - (b) 2008?
- (4) How many staff will be needed for these annual visits?
- (5) How many full time and part time staff currently work in the Child Care licensing Unit?

4930. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Why have you put Parliament through the process of establishing new regulatory bodies for health practitioners whilst at the same time negotiating with other States and Territories to abolish these bodies in favour of a single national registration scheme?
- (2) Despite your response that the individual Western Australian regulatory bodies and professional associations in Western Australia were consulted before Western Australia agreed to support the single national scheme, these bodies say they have not been consulted and all oppose the proposal. Can the Minister outline the consultation process used and if any of the Western Australian regulatory bodies or Western Australian professional associations in Western Australia supported the proposal?
- (3) As Western Australian Minister for Health, do you support the Premier who professes to support State rights, but who has agreed to hand over to the Commonwealth our health regulatory bodies?

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- (4) What key elements of the national scheme were agreed to by Western Australian professional associations on 4 December 2006?
- (5) What components of the scheme have been agreed to by the Western Australian Government since 4 December 2006?
- (6) What further steps will be taken to establish the national registration scheme?

4931. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

I refer to people who die in their own homes as opposed to people who die in residential aged care homes, and ask -

- (1) Are there any statistics that you can provide that show the average age that the elderly die in their own homes in Western Australia?
- (2) Are there any statistics that you can provide that show the average age that the elderly die in residential care in Western Australia?

4932. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Regional Development

In view of Maxine Murray's recent report on the Labor Party habit of staffing senior positions in the Public Service with employees sympathetic to their cause, would the Minister please detail how many public servants (level six and above) are financial members of the Labor Party in -

- (a) the Department of Regional Development; and
- (b) each of the nine Regional Development Commissions?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council