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QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2023

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QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

Notice Given **Tuesday, 13 June 2023**

1473. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services



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1494. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the following statement on under Point 5 of Page 693 of *Budget Paper No 2 - Volume 2 of the 2023/24 State Budget Papers*: "The Department will continue to explore carbon abatement and sequestration opportunities on existing and proposed conservation estate, to optimise benefits to the environment, biodiversity and Traditional Owners.", I ask:

- (a) which agency is responsible for the management of carbon stores on Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attraction (DBCA) managed land;
- (b) what was the estimated total amount of carbon stored in native vegetation, soils and other natural carbon stores on DBCA managed lands in each of the following years 2005, 2010, 2020, and 2023 respectively;
- (c) what method does the DBCA use to assess carbon stores on DBCA managed lands;
- (d) will the Minister table the details of this method in (c);
- (e) does the DBCA or the State Government report emissions from DBCA managed lands to the Commonwealth under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System or any other reporting system;
- (f) will the Minister table any information that has been provided to the Commonwealth Government by DBCA over the last 3 years for the purposes of assessing carbon emissions from lands managed by DBCA, or more generally for the purposes of the national greenhouse accounts;
- (g) are DBCA land management activities covered within the scope of the Government's commitment to net zero emissions from government operations by 2030;
- (h) what are the estimated actual carbon emissions per year (not net emissions) resulting from prescribed burning operations undertaken by DBCA;
- (i) what is the estimated total amount of carbon sequestered annually by forests and other vegetation per year on lands managed by DBCA;
- (j) how does DBCA predict that a drying climate will affect this rate of sequestration;
- (k) what is the estimated amount of carbon stored in peatland soils in DBCA managed lands, per hectare and in total;
- (l) what is the rate of accumulation for carbon stored in peatland soils in DBCA managed lands;
- (m) how many hectares of peatland have been burned, or affected by prescribed burning operations over the last 5 years;

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- (n) what is the estimated total amount of carbon that has been emitted as a result of prescribed burns and escaped prescribed burns in peatland systems:
 - (i) over the last 5 years; and
 - (ii) over the last 50 years;
- (o) what is the estimated total amount of carbon that has been sequestered by peatland systems managed by DBCA:
 - (i) over the last 5 years; and
 - (ii) over the last 50 years; and
- (p) how long does DBCA estimate will be required before these areas of peatland return to their previous levels of carbon storage?

1495. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Statement of Financial Position on Page 707 of *Budget Paper No. 2 - Volume 2*, and I ask:

- (a) who owns the carbon that is stored in DBCA managed lands;
- (b) what is the estimated net present value of this carbon;
- (c) is this value reflected in DBCA non-current assets;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) has any of the carbon stored on DBCA managed lands been registered with the Titles Registrar under the *Carbon Rights Act 2003 WA*; and
- (f) if yes to (e), will the Minister provide details of such registrations?

1496. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Service Area 8 – Implementation of the Forest Management Plan described in several places in the *2023/24 Budget Papers*, including page 700 of *Budget Paper No. 2 - Volume 2*. I also refer to page 80 of the current *Forest Management Plan 2014-23*, which states that DBCA will “report on carbon stores in the next draft forest management plan.” I ask:

- (a) has this report been completed;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) will the Minister table this report;
- (d) if no to (c), why not and when will it become available;
- (e) what is the total estimated amount of carbon stored in Forest Management Plan (FMP) lands currently; and
- (f) what was the total estimated amount of carbon stored in FMP lands in 2014, when the current FMP commenced?

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1497. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer:

With WA Day behind us, and 4 July fast approaching, I refer the Treasurer to reports from North Dakota, where the State legislature recently passed a resolution encouraging the purchase of US flags made of hemp, noting that "historians assert that the first United States flags were made from hemp', with the end product being both stronger than cotton and fading "less than other fabrics", and I ask, how many State flags does the Government purchase annually, and at what cost?

1498. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer:

For each of the following payroll levels, how many employers were liable to pay payroll tax and what was the total payroll tax collected in Western Australia in both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years:

- (a) \$1,000,001 to \$1,100,000;
- (b) \$1,100,001 to \$1,200,000;
- (c) \$1,200,001 to \$1,300,000;
- (d) \$1,300,001 to \$1,400,000;
- (e) \$1,400,001 to \$1,500,000;
- (f) \$1,500,001 to \$1,600,000;
- (g) \$1,600,001 to \$1,700,000;
- (h) \$1,700,001 to \$1,800,000;
- (i) \$1,800,001 to \$1,900,000;
- (j) \$1,900,001 to \$2,000,000;
- (k) \$2,000,001 to \$2,500,000;
- (l) \$2,500,001 to \$3,000,000;
- (m) \$3,000,001 to \$3,500,000;
- (n) \$3,500,001 to \$4,000,000;
- (o) \$4,000,001 to \$4,500,000;
- (p) \$4,500,001 to \$5,000,000;
- (q) \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000;
- (r) \$10,000,001 to \$50,000,000;
- (s) \$50,000,001 to \$100,000,000; and
- (t) Over \$100,000,000?

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1499. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the transport of health staff from Perth to regional Western Australia by the WA Country Health Service, and I ask, for the 2022-23 financial year:

- (a) what was the total number of flights for doctors transported to the Great Southern region;
- (b) what was the total cost of those flights in (a);
- (c) what was the total number of flights for nursing staff transported to the Great Southern region;
- (d) what was the total cost of those flights in (c);
- (e) what was the total number of flights for other medical staff transported to the Great Southern region; and
- (f) what was the total cost of those flights in (f)?

1500. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the transport of health staff from Perth to regional Western Australia by the WA Country Health Service, and I ask, for the 2022-23 financial year:

- (a) what was the total number of flights for doctors transported to the Goldfields region;
- (b) what was the total cost of those flights in (a);
- (c) what was the total number of flights for nursing staff transported to the Goldfields region;
- (d) what was the total cost of those flights in (c);
- (e) what was the total number of flights for other medical staff transported to the Goldfields region; and
- (f) what was the total cost of those flights in (f)?

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1501. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to Page 429 of *Budget Paper 2 - Volume 2 of the 2023/24 State Budget*, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please provide a breakdown of expenditure allocated in the 'Youth Facilities' line item; and
- (b) does this funding pertain to bail houses or any other facilities which are not Banksia Hill Detention Centre or Unit 18?

1502. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to Spinifex Brewery Limited's public questionnaire – application for tavern restricted licence – Spinifex Brewery – Cable Beach, and I ask:

- (a) how many questionnaires have been lodged at the Liquor Licensing Authority;
- (b) how many questionnaire responses identified that respondents considered that Spinifex Brewery – Cable Beach operating under a tavern restricted license as proposed would cause any of the following:
 - (i) harm;
 - (ii) ill-health;
 - (iii) disturbance;
 - (iv) offence;
 - (v) inconvenience; and
 - (vi) annoyance; and
- (c) how many questionnaire responses identified that respondents considered the amenity, quiet or good order of Cable Beach and the surrounding area will be lessened if Spinifex Brewery – Cable Beach operates under a tavern restricted licence as proposed?

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1503. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the 17 July 2023 media statement titled 'Restoration works confirmed for One Mile Jetty' which announced that the State Government, through the Department of Transport, will restore up to 150 metres of Carnarvon's historic One Mile Jetty for pedestrian access, and I ask:

- (a) why was the Carnarvon Heritage Group's (CHG) proposal to refurbish the One Mile Jetty, which was developed using the wide range of expertise contained with the CHG membership and the Carnarvon community; the same data and professional engineering advice to inform methodology and costings that was available to the Department of Transport; and which would provide an 800 metre jetty to the beach as opposed to a 150 metre jetty to nowhere, overlooked in preference for the Department of Transport's delivery of the project;
- (b) noting that the CHG secured written support from local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and the Shire of Carnarvon for their delivery of the refurbishment project, how is the Department of Transport's delivery of the project expected to cultivate greater levels of community support and deliver better outcomes for the Carnarvon community than the CHG's delivery of the project; and
- (c) why is the Carnarvon community required to suffer through an additional 2 year wait for the Department of Transport to commence the project in 2025, when the CHG proposal, which has already been widely consulted with and supported by the community, could have seen the project commence immediately?

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council