

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 103**

**Tuesday, 17 August 2010**

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**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 19 May 2010**

2423. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment (*SO 138(d) response - June 29 2010*)

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**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 24 June 2010**

2520. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 29 June 2010**

2524. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

2527. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

2529. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Disability Services

2530. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services

2531. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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- 2558. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Commerce

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- 2560. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
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- 2562. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Commerce
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- 2568. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
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- 2608. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 2610. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
- 2611. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
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- 2644. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
- 2645. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment
- 2646. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
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- 2648. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Environment
- 2649. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 2650. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 2651. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
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2659. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

2660. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

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2662. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

2663. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

***Notice Given*** ***Thursday, 12 August 2010***

2664. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

2665. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

2666. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

2667. Hon Helen Bullock to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

2668. Hon Helen Bullock to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

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*Notice given**Tuesday, 17 August 2010*

2669. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Transport

I refer to question No. 505, asked 11 August 2010, and the response by the Minister that, 'Transperth has conducted community consultation at Ellenbrook on numerous occasions and has also analysed letters and website comments from residents. The analysis has shown that Ellenbrook residents have indicated that their first priority is for a strong public transport connection from Ellenbrook to Morley,' and I ask -

- (1) Where and on what dates, were community consultations held by Transperth at Ellenbrook, since September 2008?
- (2) How many letters has Transperth received from residents of Ellenbrook, since September 2008 concerning bus services from Ellenbrook?
- (3) How many letters has Transperth received from residents of Ellenbrook, since September 2008 concerning rail services from Ellenbrook?
- (4) How many website comments has Transperth received from residents of Ellenbrook, since September 2008?
- (5) On the basis of the consultations, letters and website comments received, -
  - (a) when was the analysis carried out;
  - (b) by whom was it carried out;
  - (c) when did the Minister receive the analysis; and
  - (d) will the Minister table a copy of the analysis?

2670. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the document 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration' [DMP 10020417], and ask -

- (1) How many operations covering uranium mining tenements have a Radiation Safety Officer?
- (2) How many operations covering uranium exploration tenements have a Radiation Safety Officer?
- (3) Are reports from Radiation Safety Officers produced as required by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration', requirements?
- (4) Does the DMP and/or companies, monitor onsite radiation associated with ore or waste from previous uranium exploration, dating back as far as the 1960's?

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2671. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) document 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration' [DMP 10020417], and the ARPANSA Code of Practice Radiation Series No. 9, and ask -

- (1) What is the maximum annual occupational dose limit, for uranium mine workers in Western Australia?
- (2) What is the limit that should not be exceeded of an effective dose in any single year, under the ARPANSA Code of Practice Radiation Series No. 9?
- (3) Does the answer to (2), apply in Western Australia?
- (4) If yes to (3), why does the DMP document, 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration' state that the annual occupational limit for uranium mine and exploration workers is 20mSv per annum?

2672. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

In reference to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) document 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration' [DMP 10020417], will the Minister table all radiation management plans prepared by companies exploring for uranium in Western Australia, that have been approved by the DMP and the Radiation Council of Western Australia as required by the DMP, 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration' rules, since these rules were introduced?

2673. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

- (1) How many reports from Radiation Safety Officers have been provided to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) as required by the DMP 'Radiation Safety in Uranium Mining and Exploration' requirements?
- (2) Will the Minister table all such reports?
- (3) Do the DMP and/or companies monitor onsite radiation associated with ore or waste from previous uranium exploration dating back as far as the 1960's?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister table all such data?

2674. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to question on notice No. 2445, from the Hon Jon Ford to the Minister and tabled paper No. 2227, tabled on 29 June 2010, and ask -

- (1) Has A1 Minerals complied with the Improvement notices to the Department of Mines and Petroleum?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), will the Minister table any correspondence relation to the confirmation of the completion of the Improvement notices?

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2675. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to photographs available at <http://robinchapple.org.au/node/460> entitled, '2010-07-31 Overgrazing Quobba Station' taken on 31 July 2010, showing the extent of overgrazing of shrubland at Red Bluff and other locations at Quobba Station, and the Western Australian Pastoral Land Condition Report 2008-2009, and ask -

- (1) What is the current density of the goat population in the vicinity of Quobba Station?
- (2) Does the Department regard the extent of overgrazing damage shown in the photographs to be acceptable?
- (3) Is there any correlation between the substantial loss of shrub land in the specific areas indicated on page 28 of the Report, in comparison with other areas and the high concentration of feral goats?
- (4) Given that according to the Report, the stock count for this area include goats which are classified as invasive, what actions will the Minister be taking to reduce the numbers of invasive species?
- (5) Given the large negative change in rangeland conditions indicated on page 28 of the Report in comparison to other areas of Quobba station, what actions is the Minister taking in conjunction with pastoralists to effect control of the feral goat population?

2676. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to nine houses (Lots 27, 76, 101, 151, and 168) at the Jigalong Community that have recently been upgraded by the Department of Housing, and to photographs available at, <http://www.robinchapple.org.au/node/460> entitled '2010-07-13 Plumbing Jigalong Housing', showing broken and blocked plumbing at these lots, and ask -

- (1) On what date were the upgrades on lots 27, 76, 101, 151 and 168 completed?
- (2) On what date were these houses approved for habitation by the Department?
- (3) Has the Minister or the Department of Housing received any notification of plumbing problems at any of the nine houses?
- (4) If yes to (3), -
  - (a) on what dates were these notifications received; and
  - (b) will the Minister table these notifications?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) If notifications regarding plumbing problems at the houses have been received what action is the Department taking to rectify the damage, and when are repairs expected to be completed?



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2677. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Australian Radiation Incident Register (ARIR) Summary of Radiation Incidents and information provided by this state to the ARPANSA Secretariat, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister table the State of Western Australia's reports to the ARPANSA Secretariat for the last three years?
- (2) With reference to the Mining Incident Category how is this data gathered, and from what sources?
- (3) With reference to the High Recorded Dose Category how is this data gathered, and from what sources?
- (4) Are High Recorded Dose's as outlined in the Australian Radiation Incident Register Summary of Radiation Incidents identified as to what activity they came from?

2678. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police

With reference to the article, 'Violent times in reign of bikie gangs' published in *The West Australian* newspaper 1 June 2010, which identified organised crime in Western Australia, I ask -

- (1) Did any of the 70 issues of corruption identified in the Wells Killmier report relate to drug and liquor offences occurring at the Bindoon Rock Concerts?
- (2) If yes to (1), -
  - (a) did the 'Tartan' task force members investigate these allegations; and
  - (b) what was the result of their investigation?
- (3) If no to (2)(a) and/or (b), why weren't these issues investigated by the Police Royal Commission?
- (4) Will the Minister now table the 'Tartan' report, so the citizens of West Australia can be assured that serious allegations of police corruption are appropriately dealt with?

2679. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport

I refer to the answer to my question on notice No. 2500, regarding calls made to the 131 156 phone number for contacting the Licensing Department, and further ask -

- (1) Is this number of unanswered calls usual for the Licensing Department?
- (2) Will the Minister please specify for each of the last 12 months, -
  - (a) the number of calls made to the line; and
  - (b) the number of calls answered?
- (3) How does the Minister intend to resolve the problems the Department is having, in providing this service to the people of Western Australia?

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2680. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Beenyup Groundwater replenishment trials, and ask -

- (1) Are levels of carcinogenic NDMA N-Nitrosamines in wastewater monitored for the Beenyup Groundwater replenishment treated wastewater trial?
- (2) If yes to (1), -
  - (a) what levels of NDMA N-Nitrosamines will trigger greater levels of analysis and monitoring; and
  - (b) what management measures are in place to monitor, mitigate and prevent NDMA N-Nitrosamines in excess of Australian Drinking Water Guidelines being reinjected into the Leederville aquifer?
- (3) What method for monitoring NDMA N-Nitrosamines has been developed?
- (4) What are the current reporting levels for NDMA N-Nitrosamines required under the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines?
- (5) What concerns does the Minister hold for relaxing the allowable level of NDMA N-Nitrosamines in treated wastewater for groundwater replenishment from 10ng/litre to 100ng/litre as proposed by the draft revised Australian Drinking Water Guidelines?

2681. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the Integrated Water Supply Scheme (IWSS) extraction from Gngangara Mound, and ask -

- (1) How much water was extracted for the IWSS from the superficial aquifer of the Gngangara Mound, for each year from 1989-90 to 2009-10?
- (2) How much water was extracted for the IWSS, from the superficial aquifer in environmentally sensitive areas of the Gngangara Mound, for each year from 1989-90 to 2009-10?
- (3) How much water was extracted for the IWSS, from the superficial aquifer in urban areas of the Gngangara Mound, for each year from 1989-90 to 2009-10?
- (4) How much water was extracted for the IWSS, from confined aquifers of the Gngangara Mound, for each year from 1989-90 to 2009-10?
- (5) How much superficial groundwater is intercepted by drains across the Gngangara Mound?
- (6) Why is this intercepted groundwater not being infiltrated back to the superficial groundwater aquifer?
- (7) In line with the recommendations of the year old draft Gngangara Sustainability Strategy, how is the Government seeking to reduce overall extraction from the Gngangara Mound, to below 110 gigalitres from existing infrastructure each year?

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2682. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the community consultation conducted in 2009, regarding the options for wastewater reuse for the expected increase in wastewater flows in Kalbarri, and ask -

- (1) What were the results of ocean habitat and seafloor mapping investigations?
- (2) What were the results of flora and fauna investigations?
- (3) What community consultation has occurred since December 2009?
- (4) Does the investigation undertaken to this point conform with the stated corporate direction, regarding wastewater reuse as stated in the Water Corporation's Water Forever document?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council