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3355. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the approximately 2,800 additional dwellings anticipated to be constructed, in the short to medium term, as part of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority's redevelopment of the Scarborough Beach area, and I ask:

- (a) has the Department included this growth in dwellings and population as part of the forecasting for primary and high schools in the area;
- (b) please provide the ten year forecasts and current capacities for:
 - (i) Scarborough Primary School;
 - (ii) Deanmore Primary School;
 - (iii) Newborough Primary School;
 - (iv) Yuluma Primary School; and
 - (v) Wembley Downs Primary School; and
- (c) could the Minister please provide a breakdown of where the Minister anticipates the students from these new dwellings will attend high school?

3356. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the Broome Motocross relocation, and I ask:

- (a) why was the Broome Motocross relocated;
- (b) when was the Broome Motocross relocated;
- (c) what is the area of the land used by the development;
- (d) have bilbies been found on the site prior to clearing;
- (e) how much has the relocation cost in total;
- (f) how much of the relocation costs has been paid for by the Government;
- (g) how many members does the Broome Motocross Club have;
- (h) how many people use the facility on a typical weekend;
- (i) how much land has been cleared for the development;
- (j) what is the value of the land used by the development; and
- (k) is there a plan for the Speedway to co-locate to the area:
 - (i) if no to (k), is there a plan for the Speedway to be relocated?

3357. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Minister for Environment's response (Ref: 62-22987) to Petition No. 161, prescribed burning practices in Western Australia, particularly the Minister's comment that "The prescribed burning program undertaken by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is supported by peer reviewed research", and I ask:

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- (a) please table or provide the references for the latest peer-reviewed scientific research that the DBCA has used in policy development and implementation in relation to each of the following issues:
- (i) traditional owners and their knowledge of cultural fire practices and how these practices can assist in guiding the use of fire in the context of today's landscapes in Western Australia, including key areas of complementarity and difference between contemporary prescribed burning practices and cultural burning practices;
 - (ii) the relationship between fuel load and rate of spread in forest bushfires;
 - (iii) the role of living plants in forests as drivers of bushfire spread and severity;
 - (iv) the development and maintenance of a mosaic of recently burnt and long-unburnt areas of vegetation;
 - (v) the efficacy of prescribed burning in Western Australia (and other relevant regions) in:
 - (A) mitigating bushfire risk;
 - (B) protecting significant infrastructure; and
 - (C) protecting biodiversity;
 - (vi) the impact of prescribed burning in Western Australia on:
 - (A) hydrological systems;
 - (B) human health and safety; and
 - (C) soil microbiota, including bacteria and fungi (pathogenic and non-pathogenic);
 - (vii) the medium to long-term effects of prescribed burning on the risk of bushfire, and:
 - (A) the identification and classification of "young", "regrowth", "mature" and "long-unburnt" forest;
 - (B) methods for empirically measuring historical fire regimes; and
 - (C) the impact of self-thinning on forest understorey on bushfire risk in the short, medium and long term;
 - (viii) the most effective prescribed burning regime in terms of the burn season, fire intensities and interval between fires;
 - (ix) world's best practice evaluation methods and KPIs used to determine how "successful" a prescribed burn is;
 - (x) research on the psychology of decision-making and policy development, including:
 - (A) public attitudes to bushfires and bushfire risk mitigation;
 - (B) the influence of government department internal culture on policy development and implementation, particularly in relation to incumbent policies and technologies;
 - (C) the role of knowledge brokers in collating and interpreting science to facilitate its adoption and identify needs; and

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- (D) the design of research and decision making bodies to avoid ingroup – outgroup divisions where ideas are more likely to be accepted or rejected for social rather than scientific reasons;
- (xi) approaches to increasing transparency in decision making in relation to bushfire risk and prescribed burning; and
- (xii) the impact of funding on the nature and findings of scientific research and its application in policy?

3358. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to Western Australian road fatalities, and I ask for:

- (a) a month by month break down of the total number of fatalities for:
 - (i) 2016;
 - (ii) 2017;
 - (iii) 2018;
 - (iv) 2019; and
 - (v) 2020; and
- (b) a month by month break down of the fatalities for the years 2016-2020, relevant to:
 - (i) metropolitan Western Australia; and
 - (ii) regional Western Australia?

3359. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety:

I refer to Western Australian road fatalities, and I ask for:

- (a) a month by month break down of the total number of fatalities for:
 - (i) 2016;
 - (ii) 2017;
 - (iii) 2018;
 - (iv) 2019; and
 - (v) 2020; and
- (b) a month by month break down of the fatalities for the years 2016-2020, relevant to:
 - (i) metropolitan Western Australia; and
 - (ii) regional Western Australia?

3360. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Premier's portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?

3361. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services:

- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Minister's portfolios are currently outstanding?

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- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3362. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**
- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Minister's portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3363. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:**
- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Minister's portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3364. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health:**
- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Minister's portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3365. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:**
- (1) Will the Minister please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within her portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3366. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:**
- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Attorney General's portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3367. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:**
- (1) Please advise which statutory reviews of legislation within the Minister's portfolios are currently outstanding?
- (2) On what date were each of these reviews due?
- 3368. Hon Charles Smith to the Minister for Environment:**

In relation to unapproved landfill on 1056 Great Northern Highway (34 Haddrill Rd), Baskerville, I thank you for your responses. The Minister's earlier responses on the above matter of unapproved landfill stated that there was only landfill on driveways and firebreaks, and the quantity of landfill did not exceed the quantities allowed by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Environmental Protections Regulations 1987*, Section 52, Regulation 5, Schedule 1, (despite the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) not measuring or determining the quantity). In 2019, Mr James (Jim) Davies of JDA Consultant Hydrologists examined the above property and one of the statements in his report is, "My observations on site were that the adjacent properties to the west, north and east were saturated to the surface in places (waterlogged) but that the property itself does not show

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waterlogging, suggesting that it has been filled above the natural ground surface by perhaps up to one metre in recent years.” Mr Davies agreed that the approximate quantity of landfill imported and spread on the main rectangular portion of the above property (being approximately 23,300 square metres in area, excluding the dam), since 2013, is approximately 23,200 cubic metres. Using a nominal bulk density for soil of 1.4 tonnes per cubic meter, that equals approximately 32,480 tonnes of landfill. This is consistent with the numerous independent sources of aerial photographs, (including Landgate, Google Earth, Nearmaps, City of Swan Intramaps); aerial photographs; various surveys; complaints and information lodged with the DWER and City of Swan; a statement by one of the present owner(s), Swan Valley Gourmet Facebook, the obvious, abrupt and significant difference in soil level between the above property and neighbouring properties, particularly to the south, east and north (south of the dam). In particular, the bottom of original fences and the soil level on the abovementioned property and surveys of the abovementioned property pre mid-2013 that are different to those post mid-2013. Finally, the owner(s) of the above property have, on several occasions, been seen burying material in the south-east quadrant of the abovementioned property using a bobcat. This is not necessarily an offence, however is believed to be worthy of investigation. This area has an estimated two metres of landfill. In relation to the above, I ask:

- (a) as the DWER has maintained its above stated position, will the Minister immediately instigate a full, thorough, independent and transparent investigation of the location(s), types, quantity and impacts (current and potential latent) of the landfill by suitably qualified and experienced professionals and, if required, exercise all legal means necessary to complete the investigation:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not; and
- (b) will the Minister publish and make public, the full, unedited, unredacted investigation report when it is completed:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not?

3369. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to question on notice 6284 asked in the Legislative Assembly, and to the 120 staff in the Department of Fisheries as of March 2017, and I ask:

- (a) how many of these staff are still employed for the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development;
- (b) how many of these staff took voluntary redundancies; and
- (c) how many of these staff resigned?

3370. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to question on notice 6284 and tabled paper 3546, asked in the Legislative Assembly, stating the position title of staff within the Department of Fisheries as of March 2017, and I ask:

- (a) how many of the listed position titles no longer exist;
- (b) have any of these position titles changed; and
- (c) if yes to (b), please provide a list of the staff position titles that have changed and what they have changed to?

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3371. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the *2020-2021 Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1*, page 230 in relation to the fact that the 2019-2020 Actual Total Cost of Services is \$50.1 million below the 2019-2020 budget due to unfilled staff vacancies, and I ask:

- (a) how many staff vacancies are there in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development as of October 2020; and
- (b) can the Minister outline a timeframe for when can we expect these staff vacancies to be filled?

3372. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the *2020-2021 Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1*, page 233 and the budget target costs for employees in relation to the Regional Social Amenity Development service, and I ask, why has the Department budgeted for 13 staff less in this area this year compared with budget targets for 2019-2020?

3373. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the Asset Investment Program in the *2020-2021 Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1*, page 237 and the 2019-2020 actual expenditure in relation to the Geraldton Finfish Nursery, and I ask, can the Minister please explain why the actual expenditure of \$291,000 is \$397,990 less than the total expenditure of \$668,990 indicated in question on notice 6224, asked in the Legislative Assembly in relation to the Finfish Nursery?

3374. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Is the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority inclusionary zoning policy being applied in the Subi East Development:
 - (a) can the Government please confirm how much social and affordable housing is planned within the Subi East Development?
- (2) The Western Australian Housing Strategy will connect 150,000 Western Australian households to a home by 2030, can you please provide a breakdown of the housing opportunities within the strategy allocated for these 150,000 households?
- (3) The Western Australian Housing Strategy has a target of a six per cent net increase in social homes over the next ten years (2,600 homes):
 - (a) how does a net increase in 260 new social homes per year compare to the net increase in social homes each year over the last ten years; and
 - (b) how will this target meet projected demand for social housing given there are currently 14,000 people on the social housing waitlist and over 9,000 people experiencing homelessness?
- (4) Has the Government undertaken any modelling to understand the impact of unemployment increases on the demand for social housing and, if so, what is this demand and how will it be met?

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- (5) Has the Government undertaken modelling to understand the impact of the end of the moratorium on evictions and rent increases on low, low to moderate and moderate income renters, and what this means for social housing demand:
- (a) if yes to (5), what does this modelling show?
- (6) What is the Government's plan to support a wave of evictions and potential homelessness when the moratorium on evictions and rent increases ends in March and rents are expected to increase by 20 per cent?

3375. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the 25 November 2019 fire that occurred at Cleanaway's South Guildford facility, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that no dioxin, furan or bromine contaminated fire waste or debris from the Guildford Cleanaway fire was deposited in a class three or other landfill not licensed to take such waste classifications in Western Australia;
- (b) can the Minister confirm that the Guildford Cleanaway Materials Recovery Facility site is not contaminated with dioxin, furan or bromine contaminated materials resulting from the fire that occurred on 25 November 2019; and
- (c) given the debris that landed in residential backyards in Bassendean and Guildford that came from the Guildford Cleanaway Materials Recovery Facility fire, can the Minister confirm that this material is not hazardous, toxic or harmful to human health?

3376. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the management of conflict of interest in Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) and the note on page 116 of their Annual Report that "some senior officials own (in full and/or part) racehorses and/or greyhounds that participate in racing within Western Australia", and I ask:

- (a) how is this conflict of interest managed within RWWA;
- (b) will RWWA make publicly available the names and winnings of the animals that are owned in part or in full by senior staff at RWWA; and
- (c) if no to (b), why not?

3377. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association (WAGRA) Annual Report, page 55, point 37, and I ask, can the Minister please give hypothetical examples of "Material transactions with related parties" that are not required to be disclosed?

3378. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Science:

I refer to blood testing of greyhounds, such as that referred to in laboratory reports provided to Racing and Wagering Western Australia as attachments to letters dated 8 August 2019 and 29 April 2020, and I ask if the reports provided information about the levels of substances found in the samples from the dogs?

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3379. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the equipment that the on track veterinarians at the Mandurah and Cannington racetracks bring with them, and I ask:

- (a) how does Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) ensure that the on track veterinarian is able to provide a sufficient level of care for the dogs, without providing any equipment for the veterinarians;
- (b) does RWWA require a minimum level of equipment for the on track veterinarian to bring with them to the track and to the veterinary rooms;
- (c) if yes to (b), will the Minister please table that list; and
- (d) if no to (b), why not?

3380. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the Greyhounds as Pets (GAP) program, and I ask:

- (a) how does the GAP program ensure the suitability of potential families to be greyhound owners:
 - (i) what, if any, family life/work arrangements or housing space/fencing would lead to a family not qualifying as a suitable placement for a GAP greyhound; and
- (b) where a greyhound enters the GAP program via the Greyhound Injury Full Recovery Scheme, at what point of recovery will a greyhound be permitted to be adopted:
 - (i) if the greyhound is still needing medical attention or care, what information is provided to the adopting family; and
 - (ii) does GAP ensure that they follow-up that medical care is completed?

3381. Hon Tim Clifford to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the response provided to question without notice 1135, and I ask:

- (a) why was the proposed Devon St site selected over the other Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage or Western Australian Planning Commission site located in the City of Swan; and
- (b) given this site has been identified by the Woodbridge community as a critical link in a green corridor, what measures will be taken to ensure this link and the associated vegetation and fauna is not lost or damaged?

3382. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

(1) I refer to the 910 'hobbyist' greyhound owners/co-owners/lessees/syndicates that have not registered for GST, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total pool of winnings for the most recent financial year for these 'hobbyist' greyhound racers; and
- (b) what is the total pool of winning for the most recent financial year for the 19 'business' greyhound racers?

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- (2) does Racing and Wagering Western Australia provide any information to the Australian Tax Office regarding winnings per dog or per owner?

3383. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to *Size and scope of the Western Australian Racing Industry*, prepared by IER Pty Ltd in 2016, and I ask:

- (a) has any assessment of the methodology used in this report been done and, if so, will the Minister please table that assessment; and
- (b) will the Minister request a new and updated report be researched to ensure that figures quoted in annual reports etc are more current?

3384. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the design, preparation and monitoring of track conditions at the Cannington, Mandurah and Northam greyhound racing tracks, and I ask:

- (a) what are the design elements in place at these tracks that support greyhound safety while racing;
- (b) what are the technical requirements that the surface of the track needs to meet to be considered safe for greyhound racing;
- (c) what scientific instruments are used to ensure that track shape and surface match the design and safety requirements; and
- (d) how frequently are these measurements undertaken?

3385. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the Greyhound Injury Full Recovery Scheme (GIFRS) and the failure of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) under Freedom of Information to find veterinary reports for nearly all dogs transferred to RWVA ownership in 2019-20, and I ask:

- (a) does RWVA receive veterinary reports at the time the dog is transferred;
- (b) if yes to (a), what are the records management requirements for these records:
 - (i) does RWVA meet its records management responsibilities with relationship to these dogs medical records; and
- (c) will the Minister be assessing the records management process with regards to the medical records of greyhounds transferred to RWVA ownership through GIFRS?

3386. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to greyhound racing and I ask if the microchip of every greyhound racing is scanned before each race:

- (a) if not, why not?

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3387. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Rules of Racing and I ask for the guidelines and/or decision matrix used by the Racing Stewards to determine whether or not a person is of suitable character to own and race greyhounds?

3388. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I ask how often greyhound kennels are inspected by the stewards of Racing and Wagering Western Australia?

3389. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) Welfare Subcommittee, and I ask:

- (a) what are the membership rules for this subcommittee;
- (b) would this subcommittee entertain an independent observer to their meetings; and
- (c) is it possible for a non-RWWA employee to become part of this and other subcommittees?

3390. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the ten per cent increase in greyhound injuries from the 2018-19 financial year to the 2019-20 financial year and I ask the Minister to explain what is being done to reduce the number of injuries?

3391. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the staff of Racing and Wagering Western Australia, Greyhounds as Pets and the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association, and I ask:

- (a) which, if any, of these organisations have staff that are eligible for fringe benefits; and
- (b) for each organisation that has staff required to pay fringe benefits tax, could the Minister please provide information about:
 - (i) the level or role of employees eligible for fringe benefits;
 - (ii) the kinds of fringe benefits provided; and
 - (iii) who pays the fringe benefits tax?

3392. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the wagering tax and I ask if there is a wagering tax figure for each of the last five financial years solely for greyhound racing?

3393. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to the Greyhound racing elements of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA), and I ask, does the RWWA have a profit and loss statement for greyhound racing alone:

- (a) if yes, will the Minister please table this document for the 2019-20 year?

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