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1111. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier

- (1) How many times has the Premier or his Ministers entered contact with lobbyist Cheryl Edwardes into the Lobbyist Register?

1112. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Corrective Services

Now that the Government has refused to continue Labor's Proceeds of Crime prevention grants for victims of crime groups like Angel Hands, I ask:

- (a) what will the Government spend the millions of dollars accumulating in the prevention fund on?

1113. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

- (1) Why did the Minister advise Parliament as he did regarding consultations over the Minister's agency's strategic plan?
- (2) Why did the Minister advise multicultural communities that their peak body had written input into the Minister's plan?

1114. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Planning

- (1) Can the Minister explain why no consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders prior to the temporary closure of the Midland Workshops' Interpretive Centre?
- (2) What is the timeframe for reopening the Midland Workshops' Interpretive Centre?
- (3) Can the Minister provide an overview of what the Midland Workshops' Interpretive Centre will include?
- (4) Will the Minister meet with key stakeholder group Australian Society for the Study of Labour History to discuss the concept plan of the Midland Workshops' Interpretive Centre?

1115. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

I refer to the Treasurer's announcement that 500 public sector employees will be offered a voluntary redundancy, in an effort to maintain the number of public service employees under the State Government's cap of 99,155 FTEs.

I note that the Under Treasurer revealed in Estimates that the public service employee cap terminates on 30 June 2009, and I ask:

- (a) given that the total cost of the voluntary severance scheme is estimated to be approximately \$48 million, and given that the cap on the number of public service employees has nearly expired, can the Treasurer please provide details of the total savings to the State?

1116. Mr P. Abetz to the Minister for Mental Health

Anecdotal evidence presented to me by mental health nurses working in Graylands Hospital indicates 70% or more of the admissions to their hospital are drug-related. Given the clear medical evidence that even short-term use of marijuana, ice and other drugs can cause both short- and long-term mental health problems, could the Minister please advise as to:

- (a) what proportion of presentations and admissions to Graylands Hospital are known to be illicit-drug related;
- (b) what is the cost to the mental health system each year for treating illicit-drug related or illicit-drug induced mental illness; and
- (c) how do these costs compare with the funding currently allocated to “say no to drugs” type campaigns funded by the Government?

1117. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education

For each school in the electorate of Perth:

- (1) What is the current policy regarding removal of trees?
- (2) How many trees have been removed last year in each school and for what reasons?
- (3) How many trees have been removed so far this year and for what reasons?
- (4) What are the total costs of arboriculturalists and other consultants engaged in providing advice on tree removal?
- (5) Are all costs for tree removal incurred by the Department or do individual schools have to pay for compulsory advice regimes required by the Department?

1118. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Water

I refer to the Southern Water Desalination plant and ask:

- (1) How much will the water cost per kilolitre to be delivered to Perth?
- (2) What is the life expectancy of the plant?
- (3) How much is the operator being charged for the electricity per kilowatt?
- (4) In light of the previous Economic Regulation Authority decision, how can the Minister claim the plant is powered by renewable energy?

1119. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) How many submissions were received by the Wheatbelt Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
- (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
- (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?

1120. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) How many submissions were received by the Gascoyne Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
- (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
- (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?

1121. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) How many submissions were received by the Goldfields-Esperance Region Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?

- (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1122. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) How many submissions were received by the Great Southern Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
 - (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1123. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) How many submissions were received by the Kimberley Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
 - (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1124. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) How many submissions were received by the Mid West Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
 - (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1125. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) How many submissions were received by the Peel Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
 - (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1126. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) How many submissions were received by the Pilbara Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
 - (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1127. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- (1) How many submissions were received by the South West Development Commission for round one of the Regional Grants Scheme?
 - (2) What was the total dollar value of all submissions received?
 - (3) Can the Minister list all unsuccessful applications under round one of the program?
1128. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works
- (1) In light of the recent announcement by Minister McSweeney of a National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness with the Federal Government, can the Minister advise if there will be a revision of the original plan to sell off 187 Homeswest homes in Port Hedland as part of the New Living Program?

- (2) Can the Minister advise if funds from this Partnership can be made available to retain some of these refurbished homes to bolster the housing stock and thus reduce homeless numbers in Port Hedland?

1129. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) In light of the recent announcement by the Minister of a National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness can the Minister advise if there will be a revision of the original plan to sell off 187 Homeswest homes in Port Hedland as part of the New Living Program?
- (2) Can the Minister explain why the Assertive Outreach Program for rough sleepers will not be made available in the Pilbara, an area chronically affected by homelessness amongst indigenous people?

1130. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs

- (1) Is the Minister aware Parnngurr Community School nutrition program has been axed?
- (2) Will the Minister responsible for Health & Indigenous Affairs step in and immediately reinstate the successful Parnngurr Community School Nutrition Program; and
- (a) if not, why not?

1131. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

- (1) Is the Minister aware Parnngurr Community School was advised by letter dated 23 June 2009 that the government was cancelling the Nutrition Program offered by the school?
- (2) Was the Parnngurr Community School Nutrition Program cancelled due to the requirement to meet the 3% budget reduction targets?
- (3) Will the Minister provide detail as to the number and names of schools that have had their Nutrition Programs cut?
- (4) Will the Minister step in and immediately reinstate the successful Parnngurr Community School Nutrition Program with a funding allocation of just \$33,500pa; and
- (a) if not, why not?

1132. Mr M.P. Murray to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

The Public Transport Authority, through the School Bus Service and Transperth, has initiated a program called "Wait Before You Walk". With reference to this program, I ask:

- (a) will the Parliamentary Secretary provide details on the total cost of this program;
- (b) what are the components of this program;
- (c) will the Parliamentary Secretary provide me with the end date of this program; and
- (d) will the Parliamentary Secretary provide me with the rationale behind the introduction of this program?

1133. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the following Agriculture and Food Department regional offices:

- (a) Albany;
- (b) Geraldton;
- (c) Jerramungup;
- (d) Esperance;
- (e) Esperance Downs Research Station;

- (f) Katanning;
- (g) Moora;
- (h) Narrogin;
- (i) Three Springs;
- (j) Boyup Brook;
- (k) Bridgetown;
- (l) Denmark;
- (m) Donnybrook;
- (n) Eucla (as per Eucla Checkpoint);
- (o) Gillamii Cranbrook;
- (p) Goomalling;
- (q) Halls Creek;
- (r) Hyden;
- (s) Kojonup;
- (t) Margaret River;
- (u) Mount Magnet;
- (v) Mukinbudin;
- (w) Narembeen;
- (x) Port Hedland;
- (y) Pingelly;
- (z) Plantagenet Mount Barker;
- (aa) Mount Barker CAC;
- (bb) Mount Barker Research Station;
- (cc) Ravensthorpe;
- (dd) Southern Cross;
- (ee) Wagin;
- (ff) Wickiepin;
- (gg) Williams;
- (hh) Wongan Hills;
- (ii) Avondale Beverley;
- (jj) Badgingarra;
- (kk) Downs, Esperance (Esperance Downs Research Station);
- (ll) Esperance Office;
- (mm) Geraldton;
- (nn) GSARI Katanning;
- (oo) Newdegate;
- (pp) Vasse; and

(qq) Eucla Checkpoint (as per Eucla)

will the Minister please provide the employment details for all staff working at the above regional offices, including the following details:

- (i) the employees for each location;
- (ii) their employment conditions;
- (iii) whether they are permanent staff or employed under fixed-term, short-term or casual contracts; and
- (iv) the expected termination date for each employee if non-permanent?

1134. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Regarding the Agricultural Produce Commission's poll of Western Australian Tomato Producers, I ask:

- (a) would the Minister please advise the number of tomato growers there are in the Carnarvon Shire;
- (b) would the Minister please advise the percentage of tomato growers in the Carnarvon Shire in relation to the rest of the State;
- (c) would the Minister please advise the volume (in kilograms) of tomatoes grown in the Carnarvon Shire;
- (d) would the Minister please advise the percentage of volume of tomatoes produced in the Carnarvon Shire in relation to the rest of the State; and
- (e) would the Minister please advise the number of tomato growers from the Carnarvon Shire who were polled in the recent APC Tomato Growers Poll?

1135. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development

Dalyellup is a newly built suburb south of Bunbury with 3,500 residents and 1,200 houses. There are currently no new Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Broadband connections available to homes in Dalyellup. Applicants for ADSL internet connections have been informed that there are no longer any ports available for connection and the only current option available to residents is to connect to the costly Wireless Broadband with Telstra under a 3 year contract. Telstra is saying that they are not allowed to upgrade/expand their equipment to accommodate the new applicants. In relation to this issue I ask:

- (a) when can we expect this issue to be addressed;
- (b) what support can be given to these residents in the interim; and
- (c) what measures are currently in place to provide an ADSL Broadband service to these residences?

1136. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware of recent medical research showing obese and other children, while easily able to identify fast food brands and products, are unable to identify simple vegetables?
- (2) Does the Minister support the Kitchen Garden Project where school children grow their own vegetables, in order to learn about healthy eating?
- (3) Can the Minister list and detail the nine Western Australian Government schools undertaking Kitchen Garden Projects this year, funded by the Federal Government?
- (4) What amount of funding and to which schools is the Department of Health supporting in Kitchen Garden Projects or equivalent projects this year and in forward years?

1137. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

I refer to the Treasurer's letter of 5 June 2009 to his ministerial colleagues regarding "Government Office Accommodation" and ask:

- (a) could the Treasurer detail all office fit-outs costing more than \$100,000 that have received Ministerial endorsement as per his instructions, been referred to the Department of Treasury and Finance for implementation, and are currently in the implementation phase; and
- (b) for each project outlined in response to (a), could the Treasurer detail the relevant Minister who has endorsed the project?

1138. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted such free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), where was the travel to, or where was the accommodation provided, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the travel and/or accommodation;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the travel and/or accommodation; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1139. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the sporting or cultural events the officers attended;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of entry for an individual to the sporting or cultural event; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1140. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise for all each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted such free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what was the nature of the free or discounted service and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the free or discounted service;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the service provided; and

- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1141. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

Will the Premier advise as to any *ex gratia* or similar payments made by any agencies or departments between 23 September 2008 and 31 July 2009 under all of the Premier's portfolio responsibilities, including:

- (a) the name of the person or company receiving the payment;
- (b) the amount of the payment;
- (c) the reasons for the payment; and
- (d) the processes undertaken between the application – or proposal for such a payment to be made – and the making of that payment?

1142. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any gift from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted a gift from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the gifts, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the gift;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated individual value of the gift or gifts; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1143. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise in relation to staff within the Premier's Office:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any gift from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted a gift from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the gifts, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the gift;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated individual value of the gift or gifts; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1144. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise in relation to staff within the Premier's Office:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted such free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what was the nature of the free or discounted service and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the free or discounted service;

- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the service provided; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1145. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise in relation to staff within the Premier's Office:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted such free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), where was the travel to, or where was the accommodation provided, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the travel and/or accommodation;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the travel and/or accommodation; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1146. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Premier please advise in relation to staff within the Premier's Office:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the sporting or cultural events the officers attended;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of entry for an individual to the sporting or cultural event; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1147. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) For each year from 2001–2002, could the Minister advise the number of applications made for priority housing assistance?
- (2) For each year from 2001–2002, could the Minister advise the number of applications for priority housing assistance that have been rejected by the Department?
- (3) For each year from 2001–2002, how many priority housing applications made, and then rejected by the Department, were referred to an appeal panel?
- (4) For each year from 2001–2002, how many priority housing applications initially rejected, and later referred to an appeal panel, were subsequently approved?

1148. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any free or discounted service from a private company or individual;

- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted such free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what was the nature of the free or discounted service and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the free or discounted service;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the service provided; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1149. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

Will the Treasurer advise as to any *ex gratia* or similar payments made by any agencies or departments between 23 September 2008 and 31 July 2009 under the Treasurer's portfolio responsibilities, including:

- (a) the name of the person or company receiving the payment;
- (b) the amount of the payment;
- (c) the reasons for the payment; and
- (d) the processes undertaken between the application, or proposal for such a payment to be made, and the making of that payment?

1150. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any gift from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted a gift from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the gifts, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the gift;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated individual value of the gift or gifts; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1151. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

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- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted such free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), where was the travel to, or where was the accommodation provided, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the travel and/or accommodation;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the travel and/or accommodation; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1152. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

I refer to the Treasurer's letter of 5 June 2009 to his ministerial colleagues regarding "Government Office Accommodation" and ask:

- (a) what is the deadline for agencies to submit their annual office accommodation plan as part of their ten-year strategic asset plan;
- (b) between 5 June 2009 and 10 August 2009, have any State Government agencies initiated any proposed new accommodation location, its procurement and fit out without developing a business case in conjunction with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF);
- (c) if yes to (b), which agencies are these;
- (d) between 5 June 2009 and 10 August 2009, how many agencies have worked with DTF in developing a business case for any proposed new accommodation location, its procurement and fit out; and
- (e) could the Treasurer detail the projects outlined in response to (b) that agencies and DTF have worked on together in developing a business plan?

1153. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

I refer to the Treasurer's letter of 5 June 2009 to his ministerial colleagues regarding "Government Office Accommodation" and ask:

- (a) between 5 June 2009 and 10 August 2009, has the Department of Treasury and Finance approved any projects that exceed the policy of 15 square meters of floor space per person (on average);
- (b) if yes to (a), what were these projects; and
- (c) if yes to (a), were there any special circumstances that necessitated the project to exceed the floor space policy?

1154. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer

I refer to the Treasurer's letter of 5 June 2009 to his ministerial colleagues regarding "Government Office Accommodation" and ask:

- (a) since 5 June 2009 how many office fit-out projects costing over \$100,000 have received ministerial endorsement for the project to proceed;
- (b) since 5 June 2009 how many of these projects, having received ministerial endorsement, have been referred to the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) for implementation;
- (c) since 5 June 2009 how many of these projects, having received ministerial endorsement and been referred to DTF, are currently in the implementation phase; and
- (d) since 5 June 2009 have any office fit-out projects received ministerial endorsement, been referred to DTF for implementation but subsequently rejected by DTF or the Treasurer?

1155. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

For each year since 2001–2002, could the Minister advise:

- (a) how many tenants voluntarily vacated their Homeswest premises as a result of a court-ordered termination; and
- (b) how many tenants abandoned their Homeswest premises as a result of a court-ordered termination?

1156. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How many evictions orders were sought by Homeswest under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987* in each of the years from 2001–2002 to 2008–2009?
- (2) What were the reasons the eviction orders were sought?
- (3) What was the outcome of each eviction case?

1157. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) In the 12 months to 30 June 2009, how many people on a waiting list have refused a Homeswest accommodation offer?
- (2) What reason was given for each refusal?
- (3) What does Homeswest accept as valid reasons for refusing accommodation offers?

1158. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to recent reports that 3,306 people are currently on Homeswest's priority housing accommodation list and ask:

- (a) will the Minister provide a breakdown of the various categories of reasons the 3,306 people have been assessed as requiring priority accommodation, including the number of people in each category; and
- (b) will the Minister outline how many of these 3,306 people have children or other dependents, and the total number of these children and/or dependents?

1159. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise for each agency within his portfolios:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the sporting or cultural events the officers attended;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of entry for an individual to the sporting or cultural event; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1160. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise in relation to his Ministerial Office staff:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted such free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what was the nature of the free or discounted service and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the free or discounted service;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the service provided; and

- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1161. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise in relation to his Ministerial Office staff:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted such free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), where was the travel to, or where was the accommodation provided, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the travel and/or accommodation;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the travel and/or accommodation; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1162. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

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- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
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- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1163. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Treasurer please advise in relation his Ministerial Office staff:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any gift from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many Ministerial Officers have accepted a gift from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the gifts, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the gift;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated individual value of the gift or gifts; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the State Government have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1164. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

For the financial years 2001–2002 to 2008–2009 could the Minister advise:

- (a) how many mining tenement applications were received; and

- (b) how many mining tenements were granted?

1165. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to advertising in June 2009 by the Department of Housing and Works in relation to four units of affordable housing in Tighe Street and Price Street, Subiaco, and ask:

- (a) was land provided by the City of Subiaco for this project;
 - (i) if yes to (a), what is the current market value of the land donated by the City of Subiaco;
- (b) will any profit from the sale of these units go to the State Government;
 - (i) if yes to (b), how much;
- (c) will any profit from the sale of these units go to the City of Subiaco;
 - (i) if yes to (c), how much;
- (d) since these units are part of a larger commercial development of housing units, will any of the profit from the sale go to the developer;
 - (i) if yes to (d), how much;
- (e) are any other affordable housing units planned to be constructed within the City of Subiaco; and
 - (i) if yes to (e), where will they be located and has the land for those proposed units been provided by the City of Subiaco?

1166. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Will the Minister please advise the total number of vacant Homeswest houses across Western Australia as of 31 July 2009 and the reasons for their vacancy?
- (2) Will the Minister advise the length of time each house has remained vacant as of 31 July 2009?
- (3) Will the Minister advise the total number of vacant Homeswest houses per Homeswest district as of 31 July 2009?

1167. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Minister please advise for each agency within his portfolio:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted such free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what was the nature of the free or discounted service and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the free or discounted service;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated value of the service provided; and
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1168. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Minister please advise for each agency within his portfolio:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any gift from a private company or individual;

- (b) if yes to (a), how many officers above Level 9.1 have accepted a gift from a private company or individual;
- (c) if yes to (a), what were the gifts, and what is the name of the individual or private company that offered the gift;
- (d) if yes to (a), what is the estimated individual value of the gift or gifts; and
- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1169. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Minister please advise for each agency within his portfolio:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted any free travel and/or accommodation from a private company or individual;
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1170. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Minister please advise for each agency within his portfolio:

- (a) has any officer above Level 9.1 within the agency accepted an invitation to a sporting or cultural event;
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- (e) if yes to (a), does the agency have any commercial or financial relationship to the private company or individual?

1171. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

Will the Minister advise as to any *ex gratia* or similar payments made by any agencies or departments between 23 September 2008 and 31 July 2009 under the Minister's portfolio responsibilities, including:

- (a) the name of the person or company receiving the payment;
- (b) the amount of the payment;
- (c) the reasons for the payment; and
- (d) the processes undertaken between the application, or proposal for such a payment to be made, and the making of that payment?

1172. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning

For the period 23 September 2008 to 31 July 2009, could the Minister please advise in relation to his Ministerial Office staff:

- (a) has any Ministerial Officer accepted any free or discounted service from a private company or individual;
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1176. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

The draft final report of the Collie Basin Management and Planning Group was submitted to the Ministers for Planning and Environment respectively in April 2009. With reference to this report I ask:

- (a) when will this report be made available to the public;
- (b) will the Minister now table a copy of this report; and
- (i) if not, why not?

1177. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Premier

- (1) What Government agency was responsible for the preparation of the plans for the Perth Waterfront, released by the Premier on 24 June 2009?
- (2) Was a private sector firm involved in the preparation of the plans; and
 - (i) if so, who was the firm?
- (3) What agency is now responsible for the development of the plans?
- (4) What is the proposed timetable and proposed cost for construction of the project?
- (5) What work is proposed to be started in about 18 months, as quoted in the media?

1178. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Minister for Planning

The draft final report of the Collie Basin Management and Planning Group was submitted to the Ministers for Planning and Environment respectively in April 2009. With reference to this report I ask:

- (a) when will this report be made available to the public; and
- (b) will the Minister now table a copy of this report; and
- (i) if not, why not?

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PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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