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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

# **QUESTIONS**

No. 215

Thursday, 26 June 2008

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6146. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (SO 138(d) response - May 29 2008)

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- 6343. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 6358. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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- 6398. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage
- 6405. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 6418. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
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- 6431. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 6439. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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- 6444. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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- 6446. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
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- 6448. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 6449. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 6450. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 6451. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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6452. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

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6453. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) Under normal operating conditions, what percentage of the power transmitted on the Collie to Eastern Terminal transmission line is expected to be used by the Boddington Gold Mine?
- (2) If Western Power is forced to redirect power along the planned Collie to Eastern Terminal transmission line due to an outage on the existing lines, do either formal or informal emergency plans call for the Boddington Gold Mine operation to be turned off for the duration of the outage?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the amount Western Power has undertaken to pay the Boddington Gold Mine partners in financial compensation, either per hour or per day?
- (4) How many responses has Western Power received to their invitation to the community to comment on the Site Selection Process paper for the Eastern Terminal from -
  - (a) individuals; and
  - (b) organisations?
- (5) In relation to (4), what percentage of these submissions was opposed to an Eastern Terminal being located in the designated study area by -
  - (a) individual; and
  - (b) organisation?
- (6) Will Western Power release an analysis of the responses to the Site Selection Process paper?
- (7) If yes to (6), when?
- (8) Will the Minister stand by the undertaking by Western Power to Hacketts Gully Residents Action Group outlined in the letter from Western Power dated 9 May, 2002?
- (9) What is the specific nature of the potential major local industrial developments east of the hills area, underlying the need for the proposed acquisition of a 20 hectare site for an Eastern Terminal?
- 6454. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure's response on 10 April 2008 to my question without notice No. 359 concerning the proposed Subiaco China Green development. Noting the Minister's answer to part 4, does the Minster recognise that -

- (1) Residential density is usually expressed with reference to the developable portion of the total area, excluding the area taken up by roads and public open space?
- (2) The residential density of the Station precinct of Subiaco Centro in the Scheme text is R80 and based on the developable area of that precinct?

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- (3) The Subiaco Redevelopment Authority's draft Scheme Amendment No. 4 for the China Green precinct specifies (at page five), a residential density of R120 based on the 'total' area of the precinct (at page four)?
- (4) The Minister's reply to question four is incorrect when she says that the residential density of the China Green precinct is 'the same as the existing Station Square development'?
- 6455. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Further to my question without notice No. 359 concerning the proposed Subiaco China Green development, I refer to the polling operation undertaken by Subiaco Redevelopment Authority (SRA) through consultants Synovate, and ask -

- (1) What is the number of respondents polled (or to be polled) in each suburb?
- (2) What number and percentage of persons polled or to be polled, are residents of Subiaco?
- (3) What level of response is against the proposed development in whole or part?
- (4) What information have those polled been given about the proposed development?
- (5) Have those polled been informed -
  - (a) that the office building proposed for the corner of Roberts Road and Hay Street may be 10 storeys high;
  - (b) of the proposed residential density in the area; and
  - (c) that the SRA and the Minister have discretion to increase the building heights and residential density beyond what is presently proposed?
- 6456. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister's response on 10 April 2008 to my question without notice No. 359, concerning the proposed Subiaco China Green development, and the Minister's concession in answer to part six that she is 'aware of opposition from some local residents who have expressed concern on a number of elements but not all have expressed concern with the concept as a whole', and I ask -

- (1) How many is 'some', and what is the source of the Minister's information?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm that the Subiaco Redevelopment Authority (SRA) and the Minister have received petitions, with over 700 separate signatures, rejecting the proposed development?
- (3) If the Minister or the SRA disputes this figure, how many signatures do they claim that these petitions contain?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the SRA and the Minister have been notified of some 95 percent local opposition to the current development?
- (5) If that percentage is not accepted, what does the SRA and the Minister claim is the correct figure, and what is the source of their information?
- (6) How many residents within -

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- (a) Subiaco Centro;
- (b) Subiaco:
- (c) Jolimont; and
- (d) Daglish,

does the SRA and the Minister claim are in support of the proposal, and on what basis has that view been formed?

- (7) What elements have local residents expressed concern about, and what is the nature of those concerns?
- (8) Will those elements be changed and how?
- 6457. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources I refer to the proposed Binningup Desalination Plant, and I ask -
- (1) What are the most recent cost estimates for the development and construction of the second desalination plant at Binningup?
- What are the total estimated additional running costs and energy requirements for full integration into the Integrated Water Supply System?
- (3) What are the expected annual operating costs of the desalination plant?
- (4) Of those costs referred to in (3), what is the estimated cost of energy to run the plant?
- What annual amount is allocated to depreciation for the proposed Binningup Desalination Plant?
- 6458. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources I refer to the proposed Kwinana Desalination Plant, and I ask -
- (1) What were the final costs for the development and construction of the Kwinana Desalination Plant?
- (2) What were the total costs for full integration into the Integrated Water Supply System?
- (3) What are the annual operating costs of the Kwinana Desalination Plant?
- (4) Of those costs referred to in (3), what is the cost of energy to run the plant?
- (5) What annual amount is allocated to the depreciation for the Kwinana Desalination Plant?
- 6459. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources I refer to oxygen levels in the Cockburn Sound and the Kwinana Desalination Plant, and I ask -
- (1) On how many occasions did the daily oxygen levels in the Cockburn Sound, as measured by monitoring stations in the Sound, exceed threshold standards in the months of -
  - (a) March;
  - (b) April; and

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- (c) May 2008?
- (2) By what margins were oxygen levels exceeding threshold standards in (1)?
- (3) What measures has the Minister put in place to keep the oxygen levels in the Cockburn Sound from exceeding the threshold standards?
- 6460. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources I refer to the operation and maintenance of the Kwinana Desalination Plant, and I ask -
- (1) How much Trihalomethane is generated by the Kwinana Desalination Plant?
- What methods are used to remove Trihalomethane from the water prior to injection into the Perth drinking water supply?
- (3) Has the Kwinana Desalination Plant experienced any bacterial or biological contamination of the pipes or filters since commencing operation?
- (4) If yes to (3), -
  - (a) when did the contamination occur;
  - (b) what techniques were used to remove the contamination; and
  - (c) if chemical remedies were employed, what chemicals were used and in what amounts?
- (5) If no to (3), what contingency plans are in place to deal with possible biological contamination events?
- 6461. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry

Further to question on notice No. 6157 of 2008 regarding the estimated and actual amount of first and second grade sawlogs obtained from completed logging coupes, would the Minister please provide a reply in which the headings to the columns are placed over the correct columns?

- 6462. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- (1) Will the Minister please give a detailed breakdown of the \$39.094 million to be spent on sustainable forest management in the 2008-09 budget?
- (2) Specifically, how will the expenditure on Sustainable Forest Management Service 2 be allocated for all activities related to native forest logging?
- 6463. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer question on notice number 5968 of 27 February 2008, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) on behalf of Newmont Australia and Barrick Gold proposal to restart the Kaltails tailings dam and to a 'note to file' dated 7 February 2000, author Ann Barter, concerning the Kaltails tailings dam, and I ask -

(1) Did the Minister's Chief of Staff or Minister's office receive a copy of 'note to file' dated 7 February 2000, author Ann Barter, concerning the Kaltails tailings dam, a facsimile message dated 14 December 1995 from Jim Tucker, Manager - Kalgoorlie Branch, Department of

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Environmental Protection (DEP) to Greg Barret of Kaltails, with a subject heading 'Licence Condition B1 Interpretation' on or about 5 March 2008?

- (2) If no to (1), then on what specific dates were these documents received in the Minister's office?
- (3) Will the Minister table copies of the 'note to file' dated 7 February 2000 and the facsimile message dated 14 December 1995 from Jim Tucker, Manager Kalgoorlie Branch, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to Greg Barret of Kaltails?
- 6464. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer question on notice number 5964 of 27 February 2008, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) on behalf of Newmont Australia and Barrick Gold proposal to restart the Kaltails tailings dam, and to minutes of a meeting held 19 December 1991, at the offices of State Development titled 'Kaltails Tailings Dam - Seepage of Hypersaline Water', in which Mr Harvey Johnstone from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) attended along with others from the Mines Department, Water Authority of Western Australia (WAWA) and the Department of Conservation and Land Management(CALM), and I ask -

- (1) Did the Minister's Chief of Staff or Minister's office receive a copy of the Minutes dated 19 December 1991 referred to above on or about 5 March 2008?
- (2) If no to (1), then on what specific date were the minutes dated 19 December 1991 received in the Minister's office?
- (3) Will the Minister quote the full text from these minutes dated 19 December 1991 referred to above?

### MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council