

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

---

---

## QUESTIONS

No. 16

**Tuesday, October 15 2002**

---

---

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.  
When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

---

### POSTPONED QUESTIONS

---

*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, August 13 2002*

4.        Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier

*Notice Given*                      *Thursday, August 22 2002*

89.      Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, September 10 2002*

91.      Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
92.      Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
98.      Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
100.     Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
104.     Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
107.     Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Postponed Questions*****Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, September 11 2002***

110. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
112. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
114. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
115. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
116. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
117. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
118. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
119. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
120. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, September 12 2002***

121. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
122. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
125. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
127. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
128. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
130. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, September 17 2002***

131. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
132. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
134. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Postponed Questions**

135. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
136. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
137. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
138. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
139. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
140. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
141. Hon Dee Margetts to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
142. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, September 18 2002***

143. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
144. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
145. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
147. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, September 19 2002***

148. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, September 24 2002***

150. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
151. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
152. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, September 25 2002***

153. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
154. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
155. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Postponed Questions**

156. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

*Notice Given Thursday, September 26 2002*

157. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

158. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

159. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

160. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

161. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

162. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works

163. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

164. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

165. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

166. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises

167. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance

168. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

169. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

170. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs

171. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Peel and the South West

172. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management

173. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science

174. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier

175. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

176. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

177. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

178. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General

179. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

180. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Postponed Questions**

181. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Training
182. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs
183. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
184. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
185. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
186. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
187. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
188. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business
189. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
190. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
191. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
192. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
193. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
194. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
195. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
196. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
198. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
199. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
200. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
201. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

---

**QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY**

---

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

203. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

I refer the Treasurer to the 2001-2002 Government Financial Results Report released on September 25 2002, and to the \$418 million of capital works expenditure deferred or delayed by the Government in fiscal 2001, and I ask -

- (1) For each of the following items outlined in the above Report, will the Treasurer detail -
  - (a) what works have been deferred or delayed;
  - (b) the cost of each of the individual works;
  - (c) the dates by which each of the individual works are now expected to be completed compared to the original expected completion dates;
  - (d) whether the deferral or delay in the completion of the capital works will result in additional costs for those works; and
  - (e) if so, by how much -
    - (i) Main Roads - \$117.6 million;
    - (ii) Water Corporation - \$70.9 million;
    - (iii) Industry and Technology;
    - (iv) Western Australian Government Railways Commission - \$36.1 million;
    - (v) Fremantle Port Authority \$26.2 million;
    - (vi) Western Australian Planning Commission - \$26.4 million;
    - (vii) Burrup Peninsula - \$22.0 million;
    - (viii) Western Australian Land Authority - \$12 million; and
    - (ix) the remaining unidentified \$107 million worth of deferred or delayed capital works?

204. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) Will the Minister table a copy of the report 'Options for the Development of Western Australian Electricity Market - Final Draft', February 1998, by London Economics?
- (2) If not, why not?

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

205. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

Regarding the Office of Aboriginal Health, I ask the Minister -

- (1) Can you confirm if there has been an independent review into the management of the Office of Aboriginal Health?
- (2) If yes, what were the findings?
- (3) What action, if any, has been taken as a result of the review?
- (4) What is the staff turnover between 2001-2002 compared with the previous 12 months?

206. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regard to the development of a Coastal Management Plan for the Town of Port Hedland, as announced by the Minister on October 4 2002, I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Department of Planning and Urban Development developed a Coastal Management Plan for the Town of Port Hedland in 1992?
- (2) Can the Minister identify the cost of the 1992 study?
- (3) Can the Minister identify if the recommendations of the 1992 study, whilst being endorsed and implemented at the time, have been maintained?
- (4) Is the Port Hedland Coastal Planning and Management Liaison Group still in existence?
- (5) How will the new study differ from the 1992 study, given that the guidelines for both studies are almost parallel?

207. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regard to Register of the National Estate, Number 010068, File Number 5/08/202/0007, the Spoil Bank, Port Hedland, given that the area is identified as being used as breeding area by the Australian pelican, other seabirds and turtles, given that the area (VCL) is under the Port Hedland Port Authority control -

- (1) Why is the Port Hedland Port Authority allowing unbridled vehicle access over this area?
- (2) Does the Minister consider 4WD vehicle access to the Spoil Bank pose any problem to the structural integrity of the Spoil Bank or potential coastal environmental harm?

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

208. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

With regard to the 1996 Report to the then Minister of Mines entitled 'Conservation and Rehabilitation in the Gold Mining Industry' which reviewed the 1985 Playford Reports and the subsequent debate within the Minerals Environment Liaison Committee about the establishment of a review -

- (1) Will the Minister consider implementing the recommendations of that Report and the subsequent MELC deliberations that a review of the condition and state of tailings dams within the State of Western Australia be carried out?
- (2) If yes, in what time frame will the implementation take place?
- (3) If not, why not?

209. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) What is the current daily average number of vehicles travelling along -
  - (a) Riverside Drive in Perth; and
  - (b) Wellington Street in Perth?
- (2) What is the current daily average number of vehicles travelling through the Northbridge Tunnel?
- (3) What is the current daily average number of vehicles travelling across the Shepperton Road Causeway in Victoria Park/Perth?

210. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) What percentage of the coastline from North Fremantle to Hillarys is zoned Parks and Recreation?
- (2) What percentage of the coastline from South Fremantle to the Garden Island Causeway in Rockingham is zoned Parks and Recreation?
- (3) Has the Government assessed the impact of predicted population growth and increasing recreational needs on the limited public access beaches in the South Metropolitan area?
- (4) If yes, will the Minister table that assessment?

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

211. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In the 1987 document, 'Coogee Beach - What a Brilliant Future', produced by the then Deputy Premier's office, it notes that the coastline from Woodman Point to South Fremantle should be zoned Parks and Recreation -

- (1) Has the Minister read this document?
- (2) Does the Minister agree with this statement?
- (3) If not, why not?

212. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Have there been resignations of senior staff in the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Quality Branch recently?
- (2) How many staff and what financial resources are now allocated to the implementation of the Perth Air Quality Management Plan?
- (3) How many times has the Air Quality Management Plan Steering Committee met this year?
- (4) When did the meetings take place?
- (5) What is the membership of the Environmental Health Foundation, and what organisations do they represent, which the Minister announced several months ago?
- (6) Has this Foundation met yet?
- (7) If yes, when?
- (8) If not, why not?
- (9) What are the terms of reference of the Environmental Health Foundation?

213. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) What are the steps a business must follow to become accredited under the Green Stamp program?
- (2) How much has been budgeted for this program from the Waste Management and Recycling Fund?
- (3) What section of the Department assesses the applications?
- (4) What are the steps that the Department follows while assessing an application?
- (5) How many businesses are currently accredited under this scheme?
- (6) How many businesses have applied and are currently awaiting accreditation?
- (7) How often does the accreditation need to be renewed or assessed?

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

214. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) For each of the last four financial years how much money has been spent on the marketing and advertising of the Jervoise Bay Heavy Fabrication Facility?
  - (2) Are any marine based fabrication industries committed to locating at Jervoise Bay?
  - (3) If so, which ones?
  - (4) Are any resource based fabrication industries committed to locating at Jervoise Bay?
  - (5) If so, which ones?
  - (6) Are any marine maintenance and repair industries committed to locating at Jervoise Bay?
  - (7) If so, which ones?
  - (8) Has the State Government offered any industries financial grants/incentives/subsidies to locate at Jervoise Bay?
  - (9) If so, will the Minister provide details?
  - (10) Will the Minister rule out offering industries financial grants/incentives/subsidies to locate at Jervoise Bay?
  - (11) Will the Minister table any correspondence he, or his Department, has had with the US Navy or US Government regarding the use of Jervoise Bay for maintenance or repair work?
215. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) For each of the last four financial years will the Minister detail which companies received State Government financial assistance or incentives?
  - (2) For each of those companies will the Minister detail the type and value of the financial assistance or incentive?
216. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- (1) What has happened to the Western Australian Conservatorium of Music?
  - (2) Why has it been phased out or removed?
  - (3) Has funding from the State Government for the Conservatorium been subsequently withdrawn?
  - (4) Was the State Government consulted regarding the decision of Edith Cowan University not to use the title Western Australian Conservatorium of Music?
  - (5) Has the statute governing the establishment of the Conservatorium been repealed?
  - (6) What is the current status of the Western Australian Institute of Music which apparently replaced it?
  - (7) Will it be wound up?
  - (8) Why has it failed to reach its objectives?

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

217. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- (1) Why is the morale amongst the staff at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts so poor?
  - (2) Why have the last three Academy staff appointments all been from overseas when eminent Australians were overlooked?
  - (3) Why have staff been recruited from the same British College from which the Dean of the School of Performing Arts came?
  - (4) Why did those staff replace eminent Western Australian arts practitioners who were employed at the Academy?
  - (5) Why has the Academy lost so many staff over the past four years?
218. Hon Barbara Scott to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- Can the Minister inform the House -
- (1) How many women have been appointed to Government boards or advisory bodies since February 2001?
  - (2) Can you name the women and the positions to which they have been appointed?
219. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- (1) Why have the standards at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in terms of graduate placements been so poor over the past five years?
  - (2) Why are so few Western Australians being accepted into its courses?
  - (3) Why were only three theatre students from Western Australia admitted into Theatre program in 2002 when it is totally funded by this State Government?
220. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- (1) Did any of the following senior police officers take annual or long-service leave between July 1 1997 and June 30 1998 -
    - (a) Commissioner R. Falconer;
    - (b) Deputy Commissioner B. Brennan;
    - (c) Deputy Commissioner K. Porter;
    - (d) Assistant Commissioner J. Mackaay;
    - (e) Assistant Commissioner M. Hay;
    - (f) Assistant Commissioner R. Kucera;
    - (g) Assistant Commissioner J. Standing;

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

- (h) Assistant Commissioner G. Power;
  - (i) Assistant Commissioner D. Balchin; and
  - (j) Assistant Commissioner D. McCaffrey?
- (2) If yes, on what dates did each officer, respectively, commence leave and return to duty after leave?
221. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Housing and Works
- (1) What constitutes a local business under the State Government's Buy Local policy?
  - (2) Does a business which does not have a country office, but does have a country phone number which diverts to a Perth office, qualify under the Buy Local policy?
  - (3) If a business which maintains an office in a regional centre, but has an agent who only takes phone calls in another country centre, qualify under the Buy Local policy?
222. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- (1) Has Westrail recently carried out substantial subdivisions on their land at Manjimup and Donnybrook?
  - (2) Were associated local businesses advised, or contacted to tender for work associated with the subdivisions under the State Government's Buy Local Policy?
  - (3) If not, why not?
223. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- (1) What is the anticipated annual running cost of the new Racing and Wagering Western Australia?
  - (2) Will this be an extra cost to the racing industry in Western Australia?
  - (3) If yes, how does the Minister justify the increased cost and how will this cost be shared by the industry?
  - (4) If no, will the Minister detail the cost savings and where they will come from within the industry?
  - (5) Have budgets been prepared showing anticipated operating costs for Racing and Wagering Western Australia?
  - (6) What are the expected cost savings or cost increases for the TAB, the WATC, the WATA, WAGRA and the Racecourse Development Trust as part of the restructure?
  - (7) The Government has stated that when the TAB becomes the wagering division of Racing and Wagering Western Australia, that savings will be generated from board fees and associated board costs. How much are those savings?

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Questions Asked Today**

*Notice given*                      *Tuesday, October 15 2002*

- (8)     The Government has also stated that there will be some economies of scale achieved from the rationalisation of similar functions presently performed by the respective controlling authorities. Will the Minister detail those economies of scale?
224.   Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- (1)     Will racing, pacing and chasing clubs get the net profits from off course betting on their own race meetings when Racing and Wagering Western Australia takes control of the industry?
- (2)     How will net profits from betting on other race meetings, favourite numbers and sweepstakes be distributed?
- (3)     Will the WATC be given preference to revenue from Eastern States gallop betting over local trots and dogs?
- (4)     If so, why?

**L B MARQUET**

Clerk of the Legislative Council