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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

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- 6075. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business *(SO 138(d) response - May 13 2008)*
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- 6297. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 6298. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
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- 6300. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

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- 6301. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 6302. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 6305. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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- 6307. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 6308. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West
- 6309. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 6310. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 6311. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 6312. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 6313. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 6314. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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- 6315. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 6316. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 6317. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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6318. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

I refer the Minister to his media statement of 20 March 2008, titled 'Appointment shake-up for Principals' and in particular to the Minister's comment that, 'the new system will give local communities and principals a far greater say while still having the appropriate checks and balances in place to ensure a fair recruitment system', and ask -

- (1) Did the new selection process for around 600 Principals commence at the beginning of term two 2008 as per the media statement?
- (2) If no to (1), -
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) when will the new selection process be implemented?
- (3) If yes to (1), -
 - (a) what is the criteria for membership of the selection panel to appoint a Principal in a school;
 - (b) what is the process for selection of a Principal to a school under the new system; and
 - (c) is the decision of the local selection panel for Principal final?
- (4) If no to (3)(c), who makes the final decision on the appointment of Principal to a school under the new system?

6319. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Employment Protection

- (1) Is the Minister aware that section 56 of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981 (WA)*, states that workers compensation payments cease or are paid at reduced rates once a worker attains the age of 65?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that this provision conflicts with section 66V of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA)*?
- (3) Has the Minister or his predecessors been provided with any report, opinion, memorandum, or information from the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity or her predecessors, or any other officer or employee of the Equal Opportunity Commission to the effect that section 56 of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981(WA)* is in conflict with section 66V of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984(WA)*?
- (4) Has the Minister or WorkCover WA been supplied with a copy of the paper by Curtin University Professor Robert Guthrie entitled 'Workers Compensation and Age Discrimination in Australia' (published in the International Journal of Discrimination and the Law 2006 Vol 8 pp 145-168)?

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- (5) If yes to (4), what action if any has been taken in relation to the recommendations contained in the conclusions and predictions which relate to Western Australia in that paper?
- (6) Is the Minister aware of the recommendation made in the Report on the 'Implementation of the Labor Party Direction Statement on Workers Compensation 2001', at page 240 (the Guthrie Report), that further research be carried out the costs of extending the coverage of the Act to workers' up to the age of 70 years
- (7) If yes to (6), has the Minister or his predecessors requested WorkCover WA or its agents to carry out any such research?
- (8) If no to (6), can the Minister advise if and when he will request WorkCover or some other body or researcher to conduct such research?
- (9) If WorkCover has undertaken research into the matters raised in Question 6 (recommendation 13 on page 240 of the Guthrie Report) will the Minister provide copies of that research and/or details of the substance of that research?
- (10) If no to (9), why will the Minister not release such information?
- (11) Does the Minister have any intention of removing the age qualifications in section 56 of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981(WA)*?
- (12) If yes to (10), will the Minister provide details of what action will be taken and when?
- (13) If no to (10), can the Minister explain why he does not intend to remove the age qualifications in section 56 of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981(WA)*?

6320. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the clearing of endangered western ringtail possum habitat in the Peppermint Park subdivision in Clydebank Avenue Busselton, and I ask -

- (1) How many hectares of western ringtail possum habitat has been approved for clearing in the Peppermint Park subdivision in Clydebank Avenue, Busselton?
- (2) How many western ringtail possum dreys have been found in the area approved for clearing?
- (3) How many western ringtail possums have been found in the area approved for clearing?
- (4) How many western ringtail possums will be displaced by the clearing?
- (5) Does the Minister accept that all surrounding habitat is fully occupied by either western ringtail possums or common brushtail possums?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) If yes to (5), does the Minister accept that displaced western ringtail possums will either be killed at the time of vegetation removal or die soon after from predation or starvation?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Does the Minister believe that the loss of western ringtail possum habitat at Peppermint Park is acceptable?

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- (10) Does the Minister believe that the future of the western ringtail possum is secure given that the Government continues to approve clearing of prime habitat?

6321. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the strategic review of the habitat of the endangered western ringtail possum in Busselton, and I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the previous Minister for the Environment, Dr Judy Edwards, initiated a strategic review of western ringtail possum habitat in the Busselton area in October 2005?
- (2) If yes to (1), has this review been completed?
- (3) If no to (2), -
 - (a) why not;
 - (b) does the Minister believe that two and a half years has been sufficient time to complete this review; and
 - (c) when does the Minister expect the strategic review to be completed?
- (4) If yes to (2), -
 - (a) has the Department of Environment and Conservation identified habitat for consolidation and maintaining ecological linkages as well as identified opportunities for educating the community about the importance of maintaining habitat values as requested by the previous Minister;
 - (b) has the Department of Environment and Conservation in its strategic review identified key habitats to be protected and enhanced as part of planning and development processes; and
 - (c) will the Minister table a copy of the strategic review?
- (5) If no to (4)(a), why not?
- (6) If no to (4)(b), why not?
- (7) If no to (4)(c), why not?
- (8) Has the strategic review been undertaken in consultation with local authorities, relevant Government agencies and the community as stated by the previous Minister for the Environment?
- (9) If no to (8), when will local authorities, relevant Government agencies and the community be consulted?
- (10) How many hectares of western ringtail possum habitat remains on private land in the Busselton area as per the strategic review?
- (11) What is the estimated population of western ringtail possums in the Busselton area as per the strategic review?

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6322. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) Does the Minister dispute that in a letter dated 9 May 2002, Western Power's Support Services manager advised the Secretary of the Hacketts Gully Residents Action Group that a terminal substation was no longer required at Location 3897 Mundaring Weir Road, and that no alternative sites close to Hacketts Gully were to be acquired?
- (2) Does the Minister dispute that in 2007 Western Power representatives advised Hacketts Gully residents that Western Power was proposing to construct an Eastern Terminal substation in Hacketts Gully, at the same site that was the subject of negotiations with Hacketts Gully residents during the period 1998-2000?
- (3) Which long term electrical load requirements for the east metropolitan area changed from 9 May 2002 to 2007?
- (4) During the period 2000-2002, what advice concerning the Eastern Terminal proposal did Western Power receive from, -
 - (a) the Environmental Protection Authority;
 - (b) the Waters and Rivers Commission; and
 - (c) Conservation and Land Management?
- (5) Will the Minister direct Western Power to reply to a letter dated 3 December 2007 from Dr Alan Lonsdale which requested information regarding, -
 - (a) Western Power's community consultation procedures;
 - (b) the lack of/misleading nature of information provided by Western Power; and
 - (c) the time period provided for community members to respond to Western Power's proposal?
- (6) The Minister has confirmed that the Pinjar generators are actively providing 16hours of power into the grid per day. Given that one of the critical underlying assumptions of the Sinclair Knight Merz study has been invalidated, will the Minister direct Western Power to review the decision to upgrade the Boddington to Hacketts Gully transmission line and the decision to develop an Eastern Terminal Substation?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Will the Minister explain why no public consultation took place prior to Western Power's announcement of 7 February 2008, that it would construct a gantry and associated structures in Hacketts Gully?
- (9) Has the visual impact of the proposed gantry and associated structures announced by Western Power on 7 February 2008, been assessed, either formally or informally?
- (10) Has Western Power investigated other potential locations for the gantry site that are not as visually harmful to this popular tourist route?
- (11) Why was a dieback management plan contracted in June 2007 for a transmission line ending in Hacketts Gully?

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- (12) Why were dieback management plans not carried out for any other potential Eastern Terminal sites in Western Power's designated study area?
- (13) In answer to question on notice No. 5963, the Minister referred to current studies of the environmental, social, and economic impact of extending the 330kV transmission line from the gantry in Hacketts Gully to the existing Guildford Terminal substation, will the Minister table each of these studies?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council