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4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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5558. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
In relation to the new Denmark Health Facility currently under construction on the Denmark Community Park site, as of the 30 September 2007 -

- (1) What funds have been spent or committed for -
 - (a) treatment ponds and drainage;
 - (b) roads;
 - (c) bulk earthworks, including fill; and
 - (d) any other site development work?
- (2) What are the names of the contracting companies engaged, directly and indirectly, in carrying out the above works?
- (3) Of the contractors identified in (2), what individual parts of the construction works has each -
 - (a) carried out; or
 - (b) been contracted to carry out?
- (4) Of the contractors identified in (2), what funds have so far been paid or committed to each contractor?
- (5) Of the funds identified in (4), which part or parts of the construction works have they been for?
- (6) What is the anticipated final cost for the works identified in (1)?
- (7) How many cubic metres of fill have been delivered to the site?
- (8) How many cubic metres of soil have been removed from the site?
- (9) Where has the soil removed from the site been taken?

5559. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I ask about the subdivision development known as Dalyellyup in the Shire of Capel -

- (1) How many hectares of land have been cleared to date?
- (2) How many more hectares of land are -
 - (a) zoned residential; and
 - (b) scheduled for clearing?
- (3) How many hectares of land scheduled for clearing are western ringtail possum habitat?

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- (4) How many hectares of land cleared were ringtail possum habitat?
- (5) Did the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) conduct any clearing inspections on land that has been cleared to determine if ringtail possum habitat was being preserved?
- (6) If yes to (5), please provide full inspection reports.
- (7) If no to (5), why not?
- (8) If any of the inspections in (6) found compliance irregularities, did any of these findings lead to prosecution?
- (9) If yes to (8), what prosecutions arose?
- (10) If no to (8), why not?
- (11) Given the Auditor General's recent report on the DEC's failure to manage compliance issues in relation to the clearing of native vegetation, does the DEC intend to conduct compliance testing of any future clearing at the development?
- (12) If yes to (11), -
 - (a) what resources have been allocated for compliance testing; and
 - (b) which regional office will be conducting the work?
- (13) If no to (11), why not?
- (14) How many hectares of land scheduled for clearing comprises dune systems?
- (15) If dune systems have been scheduled for clearing, what environmental and soil assessments have been done on these systems?
- (16) Can the Minister confirm claims that the cleared dunes are now being mined for sand?
- (17) If yes to (16), what permits have been issued to mine the sand?
- (18) If no to (16), would the Minister investigate these claims?

5560. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

Regarding Alcoa's Supplementary Property Purchase Program (SPPP), I ask -

- (1) With regard to private homes and properties -
 - (a) how many were eligible under the SPPP; and
 - (b) how many were valued under the SPPP?
- (2) Based on the valuations in (1b), -
 - (a) how many proceeded to the acceptance of an offer from Alcoa;
 - (b) how many did not proceed to the acceptance of an offer from Alcoa; and
 - (c) how many were disputed by the owners?

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- (3) Of the offers by Alcoa referred to in the answer to (2a), how many -
 - (a) have been completed to sale; and
 - (b) have not yet been completed to sale?
- (4) What is the total value of the properties referred to in answers -
 - (a) (1b);
 - (b) (2a);
 - (c) (2b) Excluding those in (2c);
 - (d) (2c);
 - (e) (3a); and
 - (f) (3b)?
- (5) With regard to farms -
 - (a) how many were eligible under the SPPP; and
 - (b) how many were valued under the SPPP?
- (6) Of the valuations referred to in the answer to (5b) -
 - (a) how many proceeded to the acceptance of an offer from Alcoa;
 - (b) how many did not proceed to the acceptance of an offer from Alcoa; and
 - (c) how many were disputed by the owner?
- (7) Of the offers referred to in answer to (6a), how many -
 - (a) have been completed to sale; and
 - (b) have not yet been completed to sale?
- (8) What is the total value of the properties referred to in answers -
 - (a) (5b);
 - (b) (6a);
 - (c) (6b) Excluding those in (6c);
 - (d) (6c);
 - (e) (7a); and
 - (f) (7b)?
- (9) With reference to the Equalisation Payment referred to in 3.3 (a) (ii) of Schedule 3 of the SPPP -
 - (a) what was the percentage Equalisation Payment over valuation paid on each farm referred to in question (7a);
 - (b) what was the percentage Equalisation Payment over valuation paid on each farm referred to in question (7b);

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- (c) what was the average percentage Equalisation Payment over valuation paid on all farms purchased by Alcoa;
 - (d) what was the percentage Equalisation Payment recommended by the SPPP Administrator to Alcoa for each farm valued;
 - (e) what was the percentage Equalisation Payment requested by each farm owner who disputed the percentage Equalisation Payment offered by Alcoa; and
 - (f) what was the percentage Equalisation Payment requested by each farm owner who disputed the percentage Equalisation Payment recommended by the SPPP Administrator?
- (10) Of the farms referred to in (6a) that had tradable water rights -
- (a) how many owners signed over their water rights to Alcoa as part of the purchase by Alcoa;
 - (b) what was the quantity of water signed over for each purchase;
 - (c) how many owners did not sign over their water rights to Alcoa; and
 - (d) what was the quantity of water for each farm that owners chose not to sign over?
5561. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- With regard to the various energy supply options Synergy offers its consumers, I ask -
- (1) With Synergy's 'Natural Power' option -
- (a) how many householders subscribe;
 - (b) what percentage of Synergy's household power sales does this represent;
 - (c) how many businesses subscribe;
 - (d) what percentage of Synergy's business power sales does this represent; and
 - (e) how many tons of green house gas emissions is the option estimated to save?
- (2) With Synergy's 'Easy Green' option -
- (a) how many householders subscribe;
 - (b) what percentage of Synergy's household power sales does this represent;
 - (c) how many businesses subscribe;
 - (d) what percentage of Synergy's business power sales does this represent; and
 - (e) how many tons of green house gas emissions is this option estimated to save?
- (3) With Synergy's 'Earth Friendly' option -
- (a) how many householders subscribe;
 - (b) what percentage of Synergy's household power sales does this represent;
 - (c) how many businesses subscribe;

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- (d) what percentage of Synergy's business power sales does this represent;
- (e) how much of subscribers' money has been raised;
- (f) how much of subscribers' money has been invested;
- (g) which projects has the money been invested in;
- (h) if there is outstanding uninvested money, when is it expected to be invested; and
- (i) how many tons of green house gas emissions are this option estimated to save?
- (4) With Synergy's 'Renewable Energy Buyback' option -
 - (a) how many householders subscribe;
 - (b) what percentage of Synergy's household power sales does this represent;
 - (c) what percentage of Synergy's 'Natural Power' option does this scheme provide;
 - (d) what percentage of Synergy's 'Easy Green' option does this scheme provide;
 - (e) how many tons of green house gas emissions is this estimated to save;
 - (f) how many householders are in the 5kw bracket;
 - (g) how many householders have applied to supply over 5kw; and
 - (h) how many of (4g) have been accepted into the scheme?

5562. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the recent signing by the Minister of the 'State/Local Government Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership Agreement', and unallocated Crown Land Location 1997 on the southern boundary of the township of Frankland, I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Location 1997 -
 - (a) has been recognized by his Department as home to 87 species of native orchids;
 - (b) the States largest colony of Cossack Orchids numbering approximately 2 500 plants with the next largest known colony only numbering 143 plants; and
 - (c) has 21 more species of orchid than the whole of the Porongurup Ranges?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Does the Minister believe that providing habitat for such a range of rare and endangered orchids makes this location of high conservation value?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that the Shire of Cranbrook has divested itself of the management of the abovementioned location?
- (6) If no to (5), what is the situation regarding the Shire of Cranbrook's legal relationship with the land?

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- (7) Can the Minister confirm that his Department has expressed unwillingness to Gazette the land as a Reserve because -
- (a) the Department rarely declares and manages Reserves close to townships; and
 - (b) any other reason?
- (8) Given point 5b of 'Priority Areas' of the 'State/Local Government Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership Agreement', states the Department will work with local shires towards 'appropriately protecting high conservation value areas and native vegetation remnants', what measures does the Department propose to protect this location from current degradation being experienced though timber cutting, motorbikes, horses etc., besides the signs the Department has promised to erect and the fence the Shire has offered to erect?
- (9) Does the Department have any plans to declare location 1997 a Reserve?
- (10) If yes to (7), -
- (a) what class of Reserve is planned for the Location;
 - (b) for what purpose will the Reserve be declared; and
 - (c) when will it be declared?
- (11) If no to (7), why not?
5563. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the South West College of TAFE is in breach of the Department of Education and Training Apprenticeship and Traineeship Policy and Delivery Guidelines by not supplying its current stage one students with a training record book?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that the South West College of TAFE have a group of instrumentation students that have enrolled, paid and started a certificate in instrumentation, and as yet are without a lecturer, and have no confirmation as to when they will get one?
5564. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that approximately \$750 000 was allocated for a men's shelter in the Carnarvon area?
 - (2) In what financial year were the funds allocated?
 - (3) Were the funds spent on a men's shelter?
 - (4) If no to (3), what happened to the funds?
5565. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- (1) Has land been identified for community supported residential units (CSRUs) on current hospital sites in -

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- (a) Kalamunda;
 - (b) Armadale;
 - (c) Osborne Park;
 - (d) Mandurah; and
 - (e) Bentley?
- (2) At what stage is construction of each of the CSRUs on the above sites?
 - (3) Has the land for each of the above sites been excised from the hospital?
 - (4) If no to (3), when will the process of excising the land from the hospital site be completed?
5566. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- (1) How many serious incidents have been reported to the Chief Psychiatrist in 2006-2007?
 - (2) How many of these serious incidents are alleged assaults on staff or others by patients?
 - (3) How many of these serious incidents are alleged on patients by staff?
 - (4) How many alleged assaults on staff or patients have been referred to police?
 - (5) How many of the alleged assaults in (2) and (3) are alleged sexual assaults?
 - (6) How many of the assaults in (5) have been referred to police?
5567. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- Given that community mental health services were under-spent by about \$7 million last financial year, I ask -
- (1) Is demand for community mental health services continuing to increase?
 - (2) What is the average waiting time for patients to see a non-clinical community mental health service provider following discharge from hospital?
 - (3) What is the average waiting time for patients to see a clinical community based mental health service provider following discharge from hospital?
 - (4) Do local managers have flexibility to use resources for non-clinical community based mental health services if they are unable to recruit and retain clinical staff?
 - (5) How many youth counsellors are employed in metropolitan and in non-metropolitan mental health services?
 - (6) Where is each youth counsellor located, and what geographical areas do they cover?
 - (7) What is the average case load -
 - (a) per metropolitan youth counsellor; and
 - (b) per non-metropolitan youth counsellor?
 - (8) What is the average waiting time to see a youth counsellor employed -

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- (a) in metropolitan mental health services; and
 - (b) in non-metropolitan mental health services?
5568. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- (1) How many mental health staff in regional areas currently use -
 - (a) GEHA housing; and
 - (b) Department of Health housing?
 - (2) What is the rental cost to a mental health worker of GEHA housing or Department of Health housing in each of the following locations -
 - (a) Derby;
 - (b) Broome;
 - (c) Karratha;
 - (d) Geraldton;
 - (e) Kalgoorlie;
 - (f) Merredin;
 - (g) Northam;
 - (h) Bunbury;
 - (i) Albany; and
 - (j) Katanning?
 - (3) How many mental health workers are renting privately?
 - (4) Are the rents in (3) subsidised by the Government?
 - (5) How many mental health workers are currently seeking GEHA or Department of Health housing, and what are their locations?
 - (6) What relocation expenses are paid to mental health workers who transfer to the following country regions from the Metropolitan area -
 - (a) Kimberley;
 - (b) Pilbara;
 - (c) Goldfields;
 - (d) Midwest;
 - (e) Wheatbelt;
 - (f) Southwest; and
 - (g) Great Southern?

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5569. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
Referencing an article published in the *Stirling Times* on 28 August 2007, page three, entitled, 'Jim McGinty breaks word', and a letter to the editor published in the *Stirling Times* on 25 September 2007, allegedly written by Dr Steve Patchett, executive director mental health division, Department of Health, I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that Dr Patchett has been overseas for several weeks recently?
- (2) If yes to (1), during what time period was Dr Patchett gone from Western Australia?
- (3) Who authored the letter to the *Stirling Times* signed by Dr Patchett?
- (4) How and when was Dr Patchett made aware of the article in the *Stirling Times* published on 28 August 2007, page three, entitled, 'Jim McGinty breaks word'?
- (5) How and when was Dr Patchett made aware of the letter to the editor of the *Stirling Times* published on 25 September 2007?
- (6) Do formal or informal policies of the Department of Health permit an employee or staff member or any other person to provide an official written statement in the name of the Executive Director, Mental Health division, Department of Health?
- (7) If yes to (6), what are those policies?
- (8) If no to (6), can the Minister assure the West Australian public that any and all official written statements or responses by executives of the Department of Health are in fact authored and sanctioned by the executives to whom the statements or responses are attributed?
- (9) Was Dr Patchett encouraged or advised either directly or indirectly by the Minister or the Minister's office or staff to respond to the article in the *Stirling Times* entitled 'Jim McGinty breaks word'?
- (10) Was there any contact between the Minister and/or the Minister's office/staff with Dr Patchett, and/or Dr Patchett's office/staff relative to the article in the *Stirling Times* or Dr Patchett's response thereto?
- (11) If yes to (10), what specifically was the nature of that contact?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council