



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL 2022

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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- 640. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 641. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action

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- 642. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 643. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy

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651. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Independent Review Into The Department Of Communities' Policies And Practices Into The Placement Of Children With Harmful Sexual Behaviours In Residential Care Settings, tabled on 15 September 2021, and note the reference on page 19 to improvements to the Residential Care Practice Manual, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table a copy of the Residential Care Practice Manual; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?

652. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the media statement of 21 April 2021 entitled "Successful tender announced for lifesaving Albany radiation oncology service", and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide detail of the current timeline of this redevelopment;
- (b) is the project on track to be completed in the second half of 2022;
- (c) can the Minister confirm what funds have been spent on the project to date; and
- (d) is the project total cost expected to exceed the \$13.1 million originally budgeted?

653. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) I refer to the Western Australian Emergency Response Network (WAERN) repeater sites and evidence provided to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations 2021-22 Budget Estimates inquiry and I ask, in the past two years, has any WAERN repeater site failed?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister please provide the following in respect to each failure:
 - (a) the date;
 - (b) the time;
 - (c) the length of failure; and
 - (d) the location of repeater site?
- (3) How does the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) determine the failure of a repeater site?
- (4) Will the Minister please table the policy and procedures that apply in the event that a site loses power and switches to batter redundancy?
- (5) How frequently is each radio repeater site inspected and maintained?
- (6) How many radio technicians by FTE are ordinarily employed by DFES?
- (7) How many radio technicians by FTE are currently employed by DFES?

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- (8) Noting the case study found at Appendix G of the *Independent Review of Christmas 2021 Power Outages*, I ask:
- (a) given the power disruption occurred at 1920 hours on 25 December 2021, why was it the case the repeater site mentioned was low on power by the following morning, given the Minister has stated each site has a 48-hour battery redundancy;
 - (b) did the site mentioned in the case study lose power and fail;
 - (c) at what date and time was back up generation mobilised to the site; and
 - (d) at what date and time was back up generation operational at the site?
- (9) Noting the comment on page 37 of the above mentioned review, which states, "The Western Power DFES TFB exemption does allow DFES to request re-instatement of power in an emergency however this appears to be rarely used and there are no documented procedures on how to apply that request", and I ask:
- (a) will the Minister please table the Western Power TFB exemption;
 - (b) on how many occasions has DFES 'requested' that power be restored pursuant to the exemption;
 - (c) of those identified in (b), on what dates were such requests made and in relation to which locations; and
 - (d) given the impact of extended outages on the WAERN repeater network as well as other telecommunication facilities which enable emergency response and emergency management, why does DFES not have a documented procedure in this respect?

654. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to child development services provided by the WA Country Health Service and ask what is the current median wait time for children, in the primary years of schooling, to access the following services:

- (a) paediatricians; and
- (b) clinical psychologists?

655. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

As previously published in the former Department of Environment and Conservation Yearbooks, I ask will the Minister table the following information in relation to prescribed burning within the three south-west forest regions (as defined by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)) for the year 2020-21, in table form:

- (a) the area and number of prescribed burns:
 - (i) in each land category (as classified by DBCA); and
 - (ii) the total area and total number; and
- (b) the area of prescribed burns in each region broken down by the following:

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- (i) dominant purpose;
- (ii) season (ha);
- (iii) grand total by season (ha);
- (iv) seasonal (percentage); and
- (v) grand total (ha)?

656. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to State run mortuaries, which are often co-located at hospitals run by the Department of Health, and I ask:

- (a) how many public hospitals have mortuaries;
- (b) for each hospital with a mortuary, how many bodies can be stored in each of those mortuaries;
- (c) what are both the capacities and surge capacities for each public hospital with a mortuary;
- (d) has the Department of Health recently changed any policies regarding the storage of bodies:
 - (i) if yes to (d), what was the change(s) and why did the change(s) occur;
- (e) how much funding was spent in each of the following financial years to specifically develop capacity at state mortuaries:
 - (i) 2018-19;
 - (ii) 2019-20; and
 - (iii) 2020-21;
- (f) for all mortuaries in (b), when was the last time those mortuaries received some sort of funding for upgrades;
- (g) are any mortuaries being investigated for not being up to regulatory standard; and
- (h) have any mortuaries failed to be up to regulatory standards since 2017:
 - (i) if yes to (h), please detail the date that this failure was identified and the date the issue was resolved for each incident?

657. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

How many abortions were performed at 20 weeks gestation, or later, with the justification for the abortion given as "Trisomy 21" between 20 May 1998 and 31 December 2021?

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I refer to the conduct of reviews following significant emergency responses and the important role they play in improving and guiding future responses and also engaging career and volunteer first responders, and I ask:

- (a) who determines the level of review that is applicable to each incident;
- (b) how is such a determination made;
- (c) will the Minister please table any policy, procedure or framework that is utilised in making a decision in (b);
- (d) will the Minister please table the incidents in 2020, 2021 and 2022 which were subject to an After Action Review;
- (e) will the Minister please table the report of each review identified in (d);
- (f) will the Minister please identify the reviews that are ongoing and that are not yet finalised;
- (g) has an interim report of the After Action Review into Cyclone Seroja been prepared and, if so, please table that report;
- (h) on what basis is a determination made than an external review, such as the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) review into the Wooroloo bushfire, is required; and
- (i) what was the cost of the AFAC Wooroloo inquiry?

659. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website, which states that in October 2019 "Cabinet has approved the consolidation of the three emergency service Acts into a single piece of legislation", and I ask:

- (a) does that remain the current status of this project;
- (b) has drafting commenced on the exposure draft Bill;
- (c) if yes to (b), on what date did drafting commence and when is it expected to be concluded;
- (d) when is it expected that the exposure draft Bill will be made public for consideration and consultation; and
- (e) when is it expected that the Government will prioritise the passage of new legislation?

660. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) I refer to the mobilisation of brigades, groups and units (BGUs), and I ask, during 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date, on how many occasions has a BGU not mobilised in response to an incident?
- (2) For each instance identified in (1), please provide:

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- (a) the name of the BGU;
 - (b) the location of the incident; and
 - (c) the reason for the non-response?
- (3) Of the instances identified in (1), in how many occasions was a BGU not mobilised due to the failure of telecommunication services?
- (4) What redundancy does the Department of Fire and Emergency Services have in place for BGU mobilisation in the event of planned or unplanned telecommunication outages?

661. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management:

I refer to special inquiries established pursuant to the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, and I ask, what was the cost of the following inquiries:

- (a) Waroona Bushfire Special Inquiry;
- (b) Margaret River Bushfire Inquiry; and
- (c) Perth Hills Bushfire Inquiry?

662. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative of Carnarvon, and I ask:

- (a) how many grants has the Sweeter Banana Cooperative received since inception from the Mid West Development Commission;
- (b) what was the date and value of each of those grants;
- (c) what was the outcome of each of those grants and how were the results assessed; and
- (d) does the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative lease land and grow bananas themselves?

663. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative of Carnarvon, and I ask:

- (a) how many grants has the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative received since inception from the Gascoyne Development Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- (b) what was the date and value of each of those grants;
- (c) what was the outcome of each of those grants and how were the results assessed; and
- (d) does the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative lease land and grow bananas themselves?

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council