

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 88

Wednesday, June 19 2002

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- 695. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
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- 719. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 720. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
- 721. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 722. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
- 723. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 724. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 725. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Government Enterprises
- 726. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance
- 727. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 728. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 729. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs
- 730. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Peel and the South West
- 731. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
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- 738. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 739. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection
- 740. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 741. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Training
- 742. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs
- 743. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 744. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 745. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 746. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 759. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 760. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 761. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
- 762. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
- 763. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 764. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
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789. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education

Given that Division 62 Education Services of the 2002-03 State Budget, page 1062, Item 99 headed Amount Provided Administered Grants, Subsidies and Other Transfer Payments lists an Appropriation for 2002-03 of \$175 577 000 -

- (1) What is the expenditure as grants to non-Government schools by -
 - (a) purpose;
 - (b) school; and
 - (c) per capita funding per school year?
- (2) What is the expenditure as loans and other transfers to non-Government schools by -
 - (a) purpose;
 - (b) school; and
 - (c) per capita funding per school year?
- (3) What is the expenditure on Government schools by -
 - (a) school; and
 - (b) per capita funding per school year?

790. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

- (1) What is the total expenditure in the 2002-03 Budget on youth specific programs as part of the Department for Community Development Budget -
 - (a) by individual program or project;
 - (b) by program area;
 - (c) on internal DCD policy coordination;
 - (d) on interdepartmental policy coordination; and
 - (e) on interdepartmental program coordination?
- (2) What was the expenditure, by year, for the years 1993-2002 for the above breakdowns, including existing and previous programs?
- (3) What projects are funded by the Department that have a youth component, but are not identified as youth specific?
- (4) How much is each project funded -
 - (a) by one-off grants; and

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(b) as recurrent expenditure?

791. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

- (1) For the year 2002-03 what will the total expenditure on youth policy be?
- (2) What was the total expenditure by year for the years 1993-2002 on youth policy?
- (3) What was the structure and pay scales for the Office of Youth Affairs in the year 2001-02, including unfilled positions?
- (4) What was the structure and pay scales for the Family and Children's Policy Office in the 2001-02, including unfilled positions?
- (5) What will the structure and pay scales of the proposed Office of Children and Young People's Policy be?

792. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In regard to the timber houses formerly part of, or associated with, the Northcliffe and Pemberton timber mills -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the engagement of any consultants to examine the sale or otherwise disposal of these houses?
- (2) If so, what are the costs of engagement of any consultants?
- (3) What reports, if any, have been made by any consultants into the sale or otherwise disposal of these houses?
- (4) Will the Minister table these reports?
- (5) If not, why not?

793. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) What is the Minister doing in respect of timber houses formerly part of, or associated with, the Northcliffe and Pemberton timber mills?
- (2) What options is the Minister considering in respect of the preservation or otherwise of these houses?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of a proposal from the National Trust to preserve any or all of these houses?
- (4) Has the Minister met with, or received a briefing from, the National Trust regarding any proposal/s?
- (5) What impediment exists to accepting any such proposals?

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- (6) What other proposals for the use, preservation or otherwise of these houses is the Minister aware of?
- (7) Is the South West Development Commission involved in the process of determining what would be a suitable outcome for the houses?
- (8) Is the Minister aware of what options the SWDC prefers or is likely to prefer?
- (9) What involvement does the Heritage Council have in determining the future of the houses?
- (10) When will the Minister be making a decision on options for the houses?
- (11) What process of community consultation has the Minister used to gauge community sentiment?
- (12) If this was in the form of a questionnaire or comment sheet what questions were asked?
- (13) What are the outcomes of this process?

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

In November/December 2001, some \$13 million was excised from the Central Wait List Bureau's total 2001/02 Budget of \$25 million and redirected to the Metropolitan Health Services for extra wait listing activities -

- (1) Have all the funds been spent on extra wait listing activities?
- (2) If yes, can the Minister detail what extra wait listing activity was conducted with these funds?
- (3) If not, what have the funds been used for?
- (4) Will the Central Wait List Bureau maintain control of its full allocation of some \$25 million for the year 2002-03?
- (5) If not, how will the Central Wait List Bureau's annual allocation of \$25 million be apportioned?
- (6) Will it be redirected to Metropolitan Health Services as per the 2001-02 financial year?
- (7) If funds are to be redirected as per the 2001-02 year, what extra waiting list activity does the Minister/Government expect to be undertaken?

795. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

Given the Minister's announcement on May 23 2002 of the creation of an Office of Children and Young People's Policy -

- (1) What process will be used to fill the staff positions within the proposed Office of Children and Young People's Policy?
- (2) Will staff previously employed within the Office of Youth Affairs and Family and Children's Policy Office be given preferential employment treatment?

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- (3) Will staff from other departments containing programs or policies concerning or focussing on youth be seconded to the new office?
- (4) How will the new office coordinate youth policy across Government?
- (5) What coordination methods or mechanisms will be used to coordinate youth policy across Government?
- (6) In respect of youth policy, will DCD Office of Children and Young People's Policy have the final say on youth policy matters across Government?
- (7) Will any Department or Office have an overriding say on youth policy matters?
- (8) If so, which ones?
- (9) If none, what mechanism will be used to ensure consistency within youth policy?

796. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
With reference to the announcement by the Minister for Health on May 26 2002, regarding proposals to strengthen cannabis controls -

- (1) How will the announced changes differ from the existing diversion program?
- (2) What is the past median level of fines for possession of less than 25 grams of cannabis?
- (3) What is the number of fines applied to the possession of 100 grams or less of hash or hash oil -
 - (a) as a percentage of total fines for cannabis possession; and
 - (b) in total?
- (4) Will the infringement system apply?
- (5) If so, how to -
 - (a) being present where drugs are being smoked; and
 - (b) owning premises where drugs are being smoked?
- (6) If not, why not?
- (7) If not, are there plans for future legislative changes concerning these offences?
- (8) If so, what will those changes be?

797. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- (1) What are of land is covered by State managed radiata plantations?
- (2) Of the total area what percentage is freehold title?
- (3) Is the rest State Forest?
- (4) If not, what other land categories are managed as State radiata plantations?
- (5) What are the equivalent answers to the above question for 1993?

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- (6) Have the freehold titles for radiata plantations been transferred from the ex-Director of CALM to the Forest Products Commission?
- (7) If not, is this title change intended and when is it likely to occur?

- 798. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
 - (1) What is the allocation for the Road Enhancement Program in 2002-03?
 - (2) What is the estimated expenditure for Road Enhancement Program in 2001-02?
 - (3) Is funding for the Road Enhancement Program part of the Main Roads Road Improvement Program?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council