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Thursday, 24 September 2009

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- 1213. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Environment
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- 1222. Hon Jock Ferguson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1223. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment
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1228. Hon Kate Doust to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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1229. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training

I refer to the Minister's recent media comments in relation to the new Department of Training and Workforce Development, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Minister met with representatives from the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies since 23 September 2008?
- (2) If yes to (1), what were the dates, attendees and subjects of discussion?
- (3) Has the Minister met with representatives of the Chamber of Minerals of Energy since 23 September 2008?
- (4) If yes to (3), what were the dates, attendees and subjects of discussion?
- (5) Has the Minister met with representatives of the Master Gentleman's Hairdresser's Association of Western Australia or the Master Ladies Hairdressers Association of Western Australia since 23 September 2008?
- (6) If yes to (5), what were the dates, attendees and subjects of discussion?
- (7) Does the Minister believe there is a danger that the newly re-badged TAFE Colleges will follow his lead and focus on the traditionally male-dominated industries at the expense of traditionally female dominated industries, which may also have severe skill shortages?

1230. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to your answer to question No. 939, and to the Minister for Planning's answer to question No. 955, and I ask -

- (1) Which of these totals is the correct amount for Landcorp creditors as at 24 June 2009?
- (2) Why there are two different totals for the same agency?

1231. Hon Jock Ferguson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How many applicants are currently waiting for Homeswest accommodation by each Homeswest district or region?
- (2) Of these applicants, -
 - (a) how many have children or dependants;
 - (b) what is the total number of these children or dependants by each district or region; and
 - (c) how many have spouses or partners; and
 - (d) what is the total number of these spouses or partners by each district or region?

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1232. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Environment

- (1) Has funding been secured from Alcoa for the 2010 round of the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister provide information about the funding to the house?
- (3) If no to (1), what provisions has the Minister made to ensure this program continues to operate?

1233. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister provide the number of approved full time employees that are currently vacant in the Department of Health and the percentage of the approved positions in each of the following areas, -
 - (a) North Metropolitan Area Health Service;
 - (b) South Metropolitan Area Health Service;
 - (c) Child and Adolescent Service;
 - (d) Pathwest Laboratory Medicine Western Australian; and
 - (e) Dental Health Services,

as at each of the following dates, -

- (i) 30 June 2007;
- (ii) 30 June 2008;
- (iii) 30 June 2009; and
- (iv) 24 September 2009?

1234. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection

I refer to the formal service agreements signed by employers of child migrants from at least the 1920's. The service agreements usually indicated the children would be paid a wage, half in cash and half banked by Child Welfare to be held in trust until their 21st birthday, and I ask -

- (1) Were any formal service agreements signed by non-Government institutions (for example, Bindoon or Castledare) as employers of child migrants?
- (2) If yes to (1), please advise, -
 - (a) in what years the agreements were made;
 - (b) which institutions the agreements covered; and
 - (c) the number and ages of the children covered by the agreements?
- (3) If yes to (1), did those agreements conform to the *Child Welfare Act 1947* (sections 51 and 54)?
- (4) If no to (3), in what respects did they not conform?

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- (5) Upon turning 21, did the children covered under the service agreements receive the money which had been held in trust for them by Child Welfare?
- (6) If yes to (5), how many children received these entitlements?
- (7) Will the Government address the non-payment of money held in trust as one of the historic injustices suffered by former child migrants placed in institutions in Western Australia?

1235. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport

I thank the Minister for his answer regarding Great Northern Highway through the iconic Swan Valley and further ask -

- (1) How many major crashes involving heavy goods vehicles have occurred on Great Northern Highway between Bullsbrook and Midland in, -
 - (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006;
 - (g) 2007; and
 - (h) 2008?
- (2) How many of the crashes resulted in fatalities, serious injury and/or hospitalisation?

1236. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

- (1) Please provide the full list of local government areas in Western Australia that have formally declared their local government areas either genetically modified (GM) free or non-GM?
- (2) Please provide the full list of local government areas in Western Australia that have indicated opposition to GM crops through other means such as submissions in response to the recent review of the *Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003*?
- (3) I refer to the Minister's answer to question without notice No. 807 on 20 August 2009, and ask -
 - (a) who selected the non-GM growers, that the Minister met on his recent trip to North America;
 - (b) on what basis were those people selected;
 - (c) were there other GM free or non-GM names suggested to the Minister, who he then elected not to meet;

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- (d) if yes to (c), who were those people and why was the decision taken not to meet them and;
 - (e) is it true that Terry Boehm, the vice-president of the National Farmers Union in Canada, was to be called by the Minister but that Mr Boehm waited for three hours by the phone without receiving the pre-arranged call?
- (4) I refer to answers to question on notice No's 444 through 448 in the other place, on 7 April 2009, and ask -
- (a) would the Minister outline how the GM canola 'trial' sites have thus far been monitored by his department;
 - (b) if there has been such monitoring, approximately how many staff hours have been allocated to that effort;
 - (c) would the Minister outline what further monitoring of those sites and if any, is intended for the future;
 - (d) if there is such monitoring intended in the future, approximately how many staff hours have been budgeted and over what timeframe will that effort be expended;
 - (e) in all of the above cases, in what circumstances have or will the actual trial fields be entered by departmental staff;
 - (f) would the Minister outline how the various transport corridors involved with taking the GM canola to market have thus far been monitored by his Department;
 - (g) if there has been such monitoring, approximately how many staff hours have been allocated to that effort;
 - (h) would the Minister outline what further monitoring of the various transport corridors involved with taking the GM canola to market, if any, is intended for the future;
 - (i) if there is such monitoring intended in the future, approximately how many staff hours have been budgeted and over what timeframe will that effort be expended; and
 - (j) what will be or has been the most critical time in terms of risk of cross-contamination and how, if at all, has the department addressed monitoring during that time?

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- (5) I refer to the recent tour of the GM canola trial site on the Department's Northern Sandplain Research Annexe, and ask -
- (a) who picked the speakers at that event;
 - (b) why was no one speaking from the other side of the debate;
 - (c) who was invited to attend; and
 - (d) why weren't invitations extended to all Members of Parliament with an interest in the area, including those speaking to the other side of the debate?

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