



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2024

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

QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

Notice Given **Thursday, 30 November 2023**

1787. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing (*SO108(2) response due 21 March 2024*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 27 February 2024**

1858. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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1861. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services

1862. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy

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1866. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

1867. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1868. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Defence Industry

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1876. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
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1878. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade
1879. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage
1880. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs
1881. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
1882. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
1883. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations
1884. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health; Mental Health
1885. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
1886. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
1887. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action
1888. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
1889. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
1890. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
1891. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business
1892. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

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1910. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business
1911. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports
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1913. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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1915. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education

1916. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

1917. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1918. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1919. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education

1920. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1921. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

1922. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Homelessness

1923. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

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1924. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer

1925. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

1926. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1927. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1928. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

1929. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry

1930. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Small Business

1931. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

1932. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Local Government

1933. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

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1934. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

1935. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1936. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

1937. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

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1938. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health
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1940. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1941. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
1942. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

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1943. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Finance
1944. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
1945. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health
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1958. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water:

Please supply the amount of water used under the following licenses, where data is available, for financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023 to date:

- (a) Alcoa of Australia Limited:
 - (i) 61024;
 - (ii) 63409;
 - (iii) 68893;
 - (iv) 83356;
 - (v) 97472;
 - (vi) 98936;
 - (vii) 98937;
 - (viii) 98939;
 - (ix) 98940;
 - (x) 99246;
 - (xi) 102669;
 - (xii) 150586;
 - (xiii) 151027;
 - (xiv) 153635;
 - (xv) 159085;
 - (xvi) 160881; and
 - (xvii) 167867; and
- (b) South32 Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd:
 - (i) 68041?

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1959. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the number of excess deaths recorded in Western Australia in the 2021 calendar year, and I ask:

- (a) has the Government investigated the number of excess deaths recorded in 2021:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) is the Government able to provide an explanation as to why there was a statistically significant increase in the number of excess deaths in 2021:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not; and
- (c) how many confirmed cases of COVID-19 were recorded in Western Australia in the 2021 calendar year?

1960. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Women's Interests:

I refer to female sports, and I ask:

- (a) does the Minister support the separation of biological males and biological females in some sports;
- (b) can the Minister explain why biological males and biological females are separated in some sports;
- (c) what sports require the separation of biological sexes to ensure the physical safety of all participants and fairness in competition for biological females; and
- (d) does the Minister support the right of biological females to choose to participate in sports where they are not required to compete against biological males?

1961. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the closure of schools on 20 February 2024 in parts of the South West region, and I ask:

- (a) how many students were affected by school closures on 20 February 2024;
- (b) can the Minister confirm some students were forced to stay at home, often in remote locations, and possibly without parental supervision considering the short notice given to families;
- (c) in the event of a catastrophic fire, can the Minister confirm evacuation centres are often established at community facilities near schools or at schools; and
- (d) can the Minister explain how it is safer for students to not be at school on days when there is a catastrophic fire risk, and why it is safer for them to be at home?

1962. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I refer to my previous question, C125, regarding agency compliance with the WA Government's Cybersecurity Policy, and I ask:

- (a) how many agencies have achieved each level of cybersecurity maturity; and
- (b) if this information is not available, how does the Office of Digital Government monitor and ensure compliance with the policy?

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1963. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the tragic deaths of three young people who were hit by a train on 8 July 2000 at the Yarramony Road level crossing near Jennacubbine in the WA Wheatbelt, and I ask:

- (a) after the 2021 inquest, the Western Australian coroner made several recommendations, one of which was related to the lack of lighting on the train, which the coroner described as constituting a very serious hazard. Is the Minister aware of this issue;
- (b) what has been done by the Department of Transport to mitigate the risk of inadequate train lighting; and
- (c) why has the coroner's recommendation still not been actioned?

1964. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Climate Action:

I refer to the Minister's appointment as the Minister for Climate Action from 21 December 2021, and I ask:

- (a) on how many occasions has the Minister taken a commercial flight in an official capacity;
- (b) of those identified in (a), on how many of the occasions did the Minister elect, as part of the booking, to offset related carbon emissions;
- (c) on how many occasions has the Minister utilised the Government owned ministerial aircraft or charter aircraft in an official capacity;
- (d) of those identified in (c), how did the Minister assess and consider offsetting the related carbon emissions; and
- (e) please identify the relevant Government policy relating to offsetting carbon emissions created in the course of official Government travel?

1965. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the severe weather event that left more than 30,000 properties without power, and I ask:

- (a) noting the Minister's comments that the event caused more damage to the network than Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja, on what basis did the Minister make such a claim;
- (b) were the transmission towers rated to 260km/h, as claimed by the Hon. Darren West in the Legislative Council on 14 March 2024, and if so, what was the wind speed recorded in the vicinity at the time of the damage;
- (c) how many transmission towers were lost and how many were damaged arising from the event;
- (d) what was the cost related to replace or repair transmission towers arising from the event;

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- (e) noting claims that power restoration took ten days from this recent event, how does this compare to the weeks and months that resulted for repairs following Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja; and
- (f) if the damage caused by Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja was less than the recent severe weather event, why did repairs take disproportionately longer?

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