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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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1415. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier; Minister for State Development

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1490. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment

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1819. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

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1823. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

1824. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism

1825. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

1826. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Police

1827. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

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1829. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Health

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1831. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Premier; Minister for State Development
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1833. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
1834. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
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1854. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
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- 1860. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- 1861. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 1862. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1863. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 1864. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 1865. Ms A.S. Carles to the Minister for Lands
- 1866. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Health
- 1867. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1868. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1869. Mr M.P. Whitely to the Treasurer
- 1870. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1871. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
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- 1873. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
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- 1876. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1877. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning
- 1878. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1879. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 1880. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Education
- 1881. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1882. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1883. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Water
- 1884. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1885. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

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- 1886. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1887. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1888. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1889. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- 1890. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- 1891. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for State Development

- 1892. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for State Development
- 1893. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

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- 1894. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 1895. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1896. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1897. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

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- 1898. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
- 1899. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1900. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education
- 1901. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

- 1902. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 1903. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 1904. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Mental Health
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- 1908. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education
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- 1918. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer
- 1919. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 1920. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 1921. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 1922. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

- 1923. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Forestry
- 1924. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Forestry
- 1925. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Planning
- 1926. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1927. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier
- 1928. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1929. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Water
- 1930. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning

Thursday, 19 November 2009

- 1931. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1932. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1933. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1934. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1935. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1936. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Planning
- 1937. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 1938. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

In reference to the ministerial statement of 5 November 2009 indicating that the State Government has submitted a further round of proposals to Infrastructure Australia:

- (a) will the Premier provide full detail of the work proposed as part of the Pilbara Revitalisation Plan for:
  - (i) airport upgrades;
  - (ii) wastewater services;
  - (iii) serviced land; and
  - (iv) accommodation; and
- (b) does this latest proposal include seeking federal funds for the infill sewerage program needed for Port Hedland?

- 1939. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

In reference to the ministerial statement of 5 November 2009 indicating that the State Government has submitted a further round of proposals to Infrastructure Australia:

- (a) will the Premier provide full detail of the work proposed for the Port Hedland Inner Harbour;
- (b) specifically, what particular enhancements will be constructed with this proposed funding;

- (c) what will be the nature of the increased capacity developed;
- (d) which existing projects will benefit from this expenditure;
- (e) which new projects will benefit from this expenditure;
- (f) will the Premier supply full details of the scope of work proposed for the channel widening and dredging of Port Hedland Inner Harbour;
- (g) what works will be included in a \$1 billion enhancement;
- (h) what works will be excluded if only \$500 million of work is undertaken; and
- (i) how much of the funding allocation for this work, of between \$500 million to \$1 billion, will be met by private users; and
  - (i) which users will contribute;
  - (ii) how much will each contribute; and
  - (iii) over what period of time will that private user contribution be obtained?

1940. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Minister's response to Question on Notice No. 1662 in relation to the payment of monies to the law firm Minter Ellison, and ask:

- (a) could the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$1,694,384.67 paid to Minter Ellison for services provided to the Esperance Port Authority and Fremantle Port Authority;
- (b) in providing this breakdown, could the Minister also indicate the nature of the service for which the monies were paid;
- (c) in relation to the Esperance Port Authority, could the Minister advise when Minter Ellison was engaged by the Authority;
- (d) is Minter Ellison still engaged by the Authority; and
- (e) could the Minister provide the names of all Minter Ellison lawyers who have provided a legal service to, or legal representation for, the Esperance Port Authority?

1941. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Minister's response to Question on Notice No. 1658 in relation to the payment of monies to the law firm Minter Ellison, and ask:

- (a) could the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$40,016.31 paid to Minter Ellison for services provided to the Department of Health;
- (b) in providing this breakdown, could the Minister also indicate the nature of the service for which the monies were paid;
- (c) could the Minister advise when Minter Ellison was engaged by the Department;
- (d) is Minter Ellison still engaged by the Department; and
- (e) could the Minister provide the names of all Minter Ellison lawyers who have provided a legal service to, or legal representation for, the Department?

1942. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government

I refer to the Minister's response to Question on Notice No. 1671 in relation to the payment of monies to the law firm Minter Ellison, and ask:

- (a) could the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$35,546.73 paid to Minter Ellison for services provided to the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board;

- (b) in providing this breakdown, could the Minister also indicate the nature of the service for which the monies were paid;
- (c) could the Minister advise when Minter Ellison was engaged by the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board;
- (d) is Minter Ellison still engaged by the Board; and
- (e) could the Minister provide the names of all Minter Ellison lawyers who have provided a legal service to, or legal representation for, the Board?

1943. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General

I refer to the Attorney General's response to Question on Notice No. 1668 in relation to the payment of monies to the law firm Minter Ellison, and ask:

- (a) could the Attorney General provide a breakdown of the \$24,422 paid to Minter Ellison for services provided to the Department of the Attorney General;
- (b) in providing this breakdown, could the Attorney General also indicate the nature of the service for which the monies were paid;
- (c) could the Attorney General advise when Minter Ellison was engaged by the Department;
- (d) is Minter Ellison still engaged by the Department; and
- (e) could the Attorney General provide the names of all Minter Ellison lawyers who have provided a legal service to, or legal representation for, the Department?

1944. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Heritage

In relation to the decision by the Education Department to evict Mount Lawley Out of School Care from their historic building at the Mount Lawley Primary School in order to demolish the circa 1918 building:

- (a) will the Minister guarantee that no demolition will be allowed until the Heritage Council assessment is properly completed;
- (b) will the Minister release all the information provided to and by the Heritage Council for its consideration; and
- (c) will the Minister make public the rationale behind the Heritage Council's decision?

1945. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier; Minister for State Development

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Premier aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Premier confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1946. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Deputy Premier aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Deputy Premier confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1947. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1948. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1949. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education; Tourism

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1950. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and



- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1951. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Treasurer aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Treasurer confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1952. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1953. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1954. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1955. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1956. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Attorney General aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Attorney General confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1957. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1958. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Water; Mental Health

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1959. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1960. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1961. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth

In relation to the Government 2009 document "Directions for keeping hardcopy State archives awaiting transfer to the State Records Office", I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that shelving for archives should be of metal or sealed wood and that medium density fibreboard (MDF) or particle board should not be used due to the potential carcinogenic risk; and
- (b) can the Minister confirm which existing archive areas and their location within portfolio agencies and departments are of MDF or particle board and would thus pose a potential carcinogenic risk?

1962. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Minister's response to Question on Notice No. 1661 in relation to the payment of monies to the law firm Minter Ellison, and ask:

- (a) could the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$13,794.09 paid to Minter Ellison for services provided to the Department of Education;
- (b) in providing this breakdown, could the Minister also indicate the nature of the service for which the monies were paid;
- (c) could the Minister advise when Minter Ellison was engaged by the Department;
- (d) is Minter Ellison still engaged by the Department; and
- (e) could the Minister provide the names of all Minter Ellison lawyers who have provided a legal service to, or legal representation for, the Department?

1963. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Minister's response to Question on Notice No. 1659 in relation to the payment of monies to the law firm Minter Ellison, and ask:

- (a) could the Minister provide a breakdown of the \$36,428.70 paid to Minter Ellison for services provided to Department of Mines and Petroleum;

- (b) in providing this breakdown, could the Minister also indicate the nature of the service for which the monies were paid;
- (c) could the Minister advise when Minter Ellison was engaged by the Department of Mines and Petroleum;
- (d) is Minter Ellison still engaged by the Department; and
- (e) could the Minister provide the names of all Minter Ellison lawyers who have provided a legal service to, or legal representation for, the Board?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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