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QUESTIONS

No. 60

Tuesday, May 13 2003

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4. Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier
(*SO 138(d) response - September 18 2002*)

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563. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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586. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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628. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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638. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and
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- 680. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 689. Hon Peter Foss to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
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- 691. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 692. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 696. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
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- 699. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 700. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 702. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 703. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
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- 732. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- 733. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 734. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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Notice Given ***Thursday, May 8 2003***

- 736. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern
- 737. Hon Alan Cadby to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 738. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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- 748. Hon John Fischer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 749. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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750. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister's decision to delete the Fremantle Eastern Bypass (FEB) from the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS), and the public submissions received by the initial closing date of March 12 2003 -

- (1) How many individual submissions were received by the WAPC by March 12 2003?
- (2) Of these, how many -
 - (a) were in favour of deleting the FEB from the MRS;
 - (b) opposed deleting the FEB from the MRS; and
 - (c) sought to attend hearings on the issue of the FEB deletion from the MRS?
- (3) Have any community action groups sought to attend hearings on the issue of the FEB deletion from the MRS, and what number of people do they claim to represent?
- (4) How many petitions were received by the WAPC by March 12 2003, and what was the total number of signatories of those petitions?
- (5) Of these petitions, how many -
 - (a) were in favour of deleting the FEB from the MRS, and what was the total number of signatories on those petitions, and how many people did they represent; and
 - (b) opposed deleting the FEB from the MRS, and what was the total number of signatories on those petitions, and how many people did they represent?

751. Hon Peter Foss to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

- (1) How many members who were first elected to Parliament before the 2001 election ('old members') have relocated their electorate offices since the 2001 election and who are they and when did they relocate?
- (2) How many old members have opened a further electorate office since the 2001 election and who are they?
- (3) Of the members who were elected for the first time at the 2001 election -
 - (a) how many moved into the office occupied by their predecessor member and who were they;
 - (b) how many moved into a new office and who were they;
 - (c) how many have since relocated to another office, and who are they and when did they move;

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- (d) how many have opened more than one electorate office and who are they and where are those offices?
- (4) Of those referred to in answer to questions (1) and 3(c), what was the -
 - (a) total rent at the previous office;
 - (b) total floor space at the previous office;
 - (c) total rent at the new office; and
 - (d) total floor space at the new office?
- (5) Of those referred to in answer to questions (2), 3(d), what was the -
 - (a) total rent at the office;
 - (b) total floor space at the office; and
 - (c) reason that the member was permitted to open a further office?

752. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Train movements on the integrated Currambine/Armadale lines show that after the morning peak period, trains leave the system primarily by exiting from the northern line via Perth Central Station. When operations on the new Clarkson/Mandurah service initially commence, the Mandurah/Whitfords services will be 3-car consists and the Thompson's Lake/Clarkson services will be the older profile 4-car consists -

- (1) Will trains leave the system, for the interpeak lay-off, primarily by exiting from the northern line via Perth Central to be marshalled in the yards in East Perth?
- (2) Is it intended to preferentially withdraw the older or newer profile trains for interpeak lay-off?
- (3) In the morning two hour peak period, what percentage of commuters from the northern line will alight at Perth Central in lieu of the new William Street stations?

753. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the Minister's decision to delete the Fremantle Eastern Bypass (FEB) from the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS), and the public submissions received after the initial closing date of March 12 2003, and by the extended closing date of April 7 2003. Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many individual submissions were received by the WAPC after the initial closing date of March 12 2003 and by the extending closing date of April 7 2003?
- (2) Of these, how many -
 - (a) were in favour of deleting the FEB from the MRS;
 - (b) opposed deleting the FEB from the MRS; and
 - (c) sought to attend hearings on the issue of the FEB deletion from the MRS?

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- (3) Of the submissions received after the initial closing date of March 12 2003 and by the extending closing date of April 7 2003, have any community action groups sought to attend hearings on the issue of the FEB deletion from the MRS, and what number of people do they claim to represent?
- (4) How many petitions were received by the WAPC after the initial closing date of March 12 2003 and by the extending closing date of April 7 2003, and what was the total number of signatories of those petitions?
- (5) Of these petitions, how many -
 - (a) were in favour of deleting the FEB from the MRS, and what was the total number of signatories on those petitions, and how many people did they represent; and
 - (b) opposed deleting the FEB from the MRS, and what was the total number of signatories on those petitions, and how many people did they represent?

754. Hon Dee Margetts to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs

I refer to a fire that was started by a lightening strike in the Lancelin Defence Training Area (LDTA) on Saturday, March 8, which was allowed to burn unchecked until it grew into a dangerous wildfire the following day threatening the communities at Lancelin and Ocean Farms -

- (1) Are State fire and emergency services permitted to work inside the LDTA to put out fires?
- (2) What personnel and equipment are maintained by Defence on the training area to prevent wildfires?
- (3) What is the response time for Defence's fire-fighting contractors?
- (4) Does the Premier consider it acceptable to allow bush fires to remain un-checked in areas close to human settlements and the conservation estate?
- (5) What agency has responsibility for the permissive occupancy area used by the army adjoining the LDTA?

755. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Has the level of water quality in the lower reaches of the Murray and Serpentine Rivers deteriorated since the opening of the Dawesville Cut?
- (2) How many *Nodularia* blooms have occurred in the lower reaches of the Murray and Serpentine Rivers since the opening of the Dawesville Cut and how long has each bloom lasted?
- (3) Does the current composition of marine species now present in the Peel Harvey Estuary differ from that prior to the opening of the Dawesville Cut?
- (4) If yes, what have been the changes in species composition?
- (5) Have areas of *Ruppia* seagrass died off in the Peel Harvey Estuary since the opening of the Dawesville Cut?

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- (6) If yes, what is the extent of the seagrass death?
- (7) What has been the cause of this loss of seagrass?
- (8) What role does *Ruppia* seagrass play in the ecology of the Peel Harvey Estuary?
- (9) What impact has the Dawesville Cut had on the frequency and abundance of the mosquito population in the Peel Harvey Estuary area?
- (10) What measures have been taken in response to this change in the mosquito population?
- (11) Have some species of waterbirds declined in number in the Peel Harvey Estuary area since the opening of the Dawesville Cut?
- (12) If so, which ones?

756. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Further to question on notice No. 627 lodged on April 1 2003 regarding the South Beach Urban development and the Site Remediation and Validation report -

- (1) Is the Minister aware that groundbreaking activities occurred in the northern section of the site prior to the lodging of the Site Remediation and Validation report?
- (2) What action has the Minister taken to ensure that regulatory departments require developers to lodge the necessary reports on time?
- (3) Does the Minister consider it acceptable that significant activities can occur prior to the DoE assessing the required reports?
- (4) Is the Minister's refusal to table a copy of the Site Remediation and Validation report an example of the Government's 'right to know' commitment?
- (5) If the Site Remediation and Validation report contains information relating to public health threats arising from contamination, does the Minister still consider the report to be confidential?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council