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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**QUESTIONS**

**No. 204**

**Tuesday, 23 June 2020**

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**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 12 March 2020**

2872. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health  
(SO108(2) response due 11 August 2020)

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 16 April 2020**

2922. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for  
Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth (SO108(2) response due 24 June 2020)

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 12 May 2020**

2931. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health  
(SO108(2) response due 25 June 2020)

2932. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment (SO108(2) response due 11  
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2940. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police  
(SO108(2) response due 24 June 2020)

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 19 May 2020**

2952. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

2956. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

2958. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 20 May 2020**

2962. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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2963. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

2964. Hon Robin Scott to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for  
Mines and Petroleum

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2966. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety

2967. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport

2968. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

2969. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Ports

2970. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection

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2973. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Corrective Services

2974. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

2975. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Road Safety

2976. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport

2977. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

2978. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

2979. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

2980. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

2981. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training

**Notice Given** *Wednesday, 10 June 2020*

2982. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health

2983. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport

2984. Hon Jacqui Boydell to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Finance

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2985. Hon Rick Mazza to the Minister for Environment

2986. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection

2987. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

**Notice Given** *Thursday, 18 June 2020*

2988. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

2989. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection

2990. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General

2991. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

2992. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

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- 2993. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police
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- 2995. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police

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**2996. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry**

- (1) Will the Minister please table all current contracts of sale that exist between sawmills and the Forest Products Commission for the purchase of native forest logs, including the contract name/sawmill; contract number; product (species and grade or type of product); quantity per annum; current expiry date; and final expiry date?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister please table all contracts with contractors for the logging of native forests?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

**2997. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Premier**

I refer to the email from the Premier's office, dated 18 June 2020 and received at 4:26pm from the Premier's appointments secretary, and I ask:

- (a) for what period of time was the Premier in the South Metropolitan Region;
- (b) further to (a):
  - (i) how many meetings, events, functions or similar did the Premier attend;
  - (ii) who attended each of the meetings, events, functions or similar with the Premier; and
  - (iii) did the Premier receive or create any documents during or in preparation for the meetings, events, functions or similar;
- (c) if yes to (b)(iii), what were those documents;
- (d) further to (c), will the Premier table those documents;
- (e) if yes to (d), when; and
- (f) if no to (d), why not?

**2998. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

I refer to the publication *Petroleum in Western Australia*, April 2015, which contains several articles, from the Department of Mines and Petroleum, available at <https://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/Documents/Petroleum/PD-RES-PUB-134D.pdf>, wherein the authors state that the Department had conducted a review of 1035 of the approximately 1060 not-decommissioned wells in Western Australia's State jurisdiction; and "The survey found 122 (11.8 percent) cases of integrity/barrier failure in approximately 1035 wells."; and "Twenty-five wells remain to be inspected to assess their current well integrity status."; and, "All non-decommissioned wells should be inspected for well integrity issues twice per year under the Schedule of Onshore Petroleum Exploration and Production Requirements 1991.", and I ask?

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- (a) have the 122 cases of well integrity/barrier failure been remediated:
  - (i) if yes to (a), when did this occur, at what cost, and by whom;
  - (ii) if no to (a), why not; and
  - (iii) if no to (a), can the Minister advise when the 122 cases, referred to at (a), will be remediated;
- (b) have the remaining 25 wells been inspected:
  - (i) if yes to (b), what were the names/IDs of those wells, when were they inspected, and were any further integrity/barrier failures identified; and
  - (ii) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) have all non-decommissioned wells in Western Australia been inspected for well integrity issues twice a year, since 2015, as required:
  - (i) if yes to (c), would the Minister please table the results; and
  - (ii) if no to (c), why not; and
- (d) have the four recommendations in the '*The use of cement bond logs in assessing well integrity*' (p32ff) been implemented for each non-decommissioned well in Western Australia:
  - (i) if no to (d), why not?

**2999. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General**

I refer to the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018, which received the Royal Assent on 5 December 2018, and I ask:

- (a) how many applications from Western Australia were submitted in the 2019 calendar year; and
- (b) how many of those applications were approved in that same year?

**3000. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum**

I refer to 'Figure 1: A non-exhaustive list of water bores in the Kimberley Region, identified here by name or typical reference ID', available at <https://robinchapple.com/fig-1-non-exhaustive-list-wells-kimberley-region-identified-here-name-or-typical-reference-id>, and I ask:

- (a) for each of the 27 wells, (a) through (aa) inclusive, will the Minister please:
  - (i) advise as to when the most recent compliance inspections and assessments were conducted;
  - (ii) advise whether any well-integrity, or other compliance failures or issues were identified, as a result of the inspections and assessments referred to at (i):
    - (A) if yes to (a)(ii), what were these failures and/or issues;
    - (B) if yes to (a)(ii), was the company operating the well(s) made aware of these integrity failures or compliance issues and, if so, when, and by what means; and
    - (C) if yes to (a)(ii), in each case, have the issues been addressed and corrected to the satisfaction of the Department and, if not, why not; and

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- (iii) if identified failures or issues referred to at (a)(ii) have not been addressed, will the operator receive any penalty:
  - (A) if yes to (a)(iii), in what form; and
  - (B) if no to (a)(iii), why not?

**3001. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence**

I refer to the media statement on 29 March 2019 in which it is stated “The McGowan Government has committed more than \$21 million of new funding during this term of government, as part of a comprehensive policy package to address family and domestic violence”, and I ask:

- (a) what was the actual expenditure for the 2019–2020 financial year; and
- (b) further to (a), what were the items of expenditure in this period?

**3002. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection**

I refer to the article published in *The Australian* on 10 June 2020 entitled “Spike in number of Indigenous kids placed in care”, in which it was reported that there has been a 4.7 percent increase in Indigenous children entering care since March 2019, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of the increased intake; and
- (b) what are the reasons for the increased intake?

**3003. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection**

I refer to a *Koori Mail* article on 20 May 2020, entitled “Foster Carers blocked from taking kids OS”, which references a case in NSW where carers, who were not Australian residents, wanted to take their foster children with them to England, and I ask:

- (a) is it possible in Western Australia for foster carers to not be permanent residents or citizens;
- (b) if yes to (a), in which circumstances is this possible and why;
- (c) further to (b), would such carers be permitted to travel overseas with their foster children; and
- (d) currently, how many Western Australia foster carers are not citizens or permanent residents?

**3004. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection**

I refer to children in care who have interactions with Western Australia Police as a result of problematic behaviour, and I ask:

- (a) does the Department keep record of police interactions or interventions with children in care:
  - (i) if yes to (a), what are the statistics for 2020;
  - (ii) what are the statistics for 2019; and
  - (iii) what are the statistics for 2018;

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- (b) does the Department keep record of charges laid by police against children in care:
  - (i) if yes to (b), what are the statistics for 2020;
  - (ii) what are the statistics for 2019; and
  - (iii) what are the statistics for 2018; and
- (c) if the Department only keeps this information at a case file level, why isn't it kept in a readily-accessible, global manner?

**3005. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health**

I refer to the provision of mental health services for 2018-19 in the East Metropolitan, North Metropolitan, South Metropolitan, Goldfields, Kimberley, Pilbara, Midwest, Great Southern, South West and Wheatbelt regions, and I ask:

- (a) for each of these regions, will the Minister please advise:
  - (i) the total number of hours of community support services provided; and
  - (ii) the total cost of each of the following type of mental health services:
    - (A) prevention activities;
    - (B) community support;
    - (C) community beds;
    - (D) community treatment; and
    - (E) hospital based services?

**3006. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier**

I refer to work to develop independent oversight mechanisms for children in the child protection system, and I ask:

- (a) would the Premier please advise what progress has been made towards achieving this aim;
- (b) have any specific models been identified for consideration;
- (c) if yes to (b), which model(s); and
- (d) what is the anticipated timeframe for this project?

**3007. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Disability Services**

I refer to the Disability Justice Centre (DJC) and to work done to support people accommodated at the DJC to transition back into the community, and I ask:

- (a) do DJC policies support community sector disability support services to provide in-reach services to individuals accommodated at the centre;
- (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) which organisations have provided in-reach services to the DJC;
  - (ii) how often have these organisations attended the DJC; and
  - (iii) please table any memorandums of understanding relating to this work; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

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**3008. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police**

- (1) I refer to question on notice 2929, regarding Water Police vessels 1-7, and I ask:
- (a) what was the purchase cost of each vessel; and
  - (b) what is the expected replacement cost?
- (2) I refer to vessels 6 and 7, which are now close to or have exceeded their expected useful life for police operations, and I ask:
- (a) when will each vessel be replaced;
  - (b) how will replacement vessels be determined;
  - (c) what is the expected replacement costs for these vessels; and
  - (d) has the Western Australia Police Force or the State Government commissioned a review or report on marine capability and, if so, will the Minister please identify the author, date, and table a copy?

**3009. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier**

I refer to the State Disaster Council (SDC) formed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and I ask:

- (a) on what date was the SDC formed;
- (b) on what dates have the SDC met;
- (c) who has chaired each meeting of the SDC identified in (b);
- (d) who has formed the membership of the SDC, including relevant commencement and conclusion dates (if applicable);
- (e) for each meeting of the SDC who was in attendance at each meeting;
- (f) please table minutes of each meeting of the SDC, including any briefing material and situation reports provided to the meeting;
- (g) on how many of the occasions identified in (b), has the SDC met with the Security and Emergency Committee of Cabinet (SECC); and
- (h) who has formed the membership of the SECC, including relevant commencement and conclusion dates (if applicable)?

**3010. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development**

I refer to question on notice 1756, regarding local procurement officers and I ask:

- (a) for each of the nine regions what percentage of Government contracts have been awarded to local suppliers and contractors, both as head contractors and via the supply chain, by region for:
  - (i) 2017-18;
  - (ii) 2018-19; and
  - (iii) 2019-20;
- (b) on how many occasions has each officer directly assisted a regionally located business to secure a government contract;
- (c) of those identified in (b), will the Minister please identify the business and the contract;



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- (d) on how many occasions have officers supported decision making for the awarding of State Government contracts;
- (e) of those identified in (d), will the Minister please identify the contract and the decision making process assisted by the officer;
- (f) how many contracts have been awarded to Aboriginal businesses by region for:
  - (i) 2017-18;
  - (ii) 2018-19; and
  - (iii) 2019-20; and
- (g) with respect to each Regional Development Commission, will the Minister please advise:
  - (i) the name of each specialist local procurement;
  - (ii) the employment level of each position;
  - (iii) the commencement date of each position; and
  - (iv) if the position is full-time or part-time, and if part-time the extent to which it is part-time?

**3011. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health**

I refer to question on notice 2519, regarding “Priority hospital maintenance blitz to help stimulate local economy” and the \$15,416,000 allocated to WA Country Health Service for 2019-20, and I ask:

- (a) how much has been spent by region;
- (b) what percentage was allocated to local contractors in each region; and
- (c) how many jobs were created in each region?

**3012. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training**

I refer to question on notice 2517, regarding “Major maintenance blitz: New job-creating school package unveiled”, and the \$99,900,000 allocated for 2019-20, and I ask:

- (a) how much has been spent by education region;
- (b) what percentage was allocated to local contractors in each education region; and
- (c) how many jobs were created in each region?

**NIGEL PRATT**

Clerk of the Legislative Council