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2471. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Given the closure of the Bunbury to Lambert railway line in March 2005, with all log and woodchip rail freight being moved to road freight, and the Minister's claims, in a media statement of 14 June 2007, that initiatives to improve traffic conditions on South Western Highway included work done back in 2001-2002, I ask -

- (a) what road improvements along South Western Highway, between Boyanup and Walpole, have been undertaken and completed in -
 - (i) 2001;
 - (ii) 2002;
 - (iii) 2003;
 - (iv) 2004;
 - (v) 2005;
 - (vi) 2006; and
 - (vii) 2007 (year-to-date);
- (b) what was the cost of these road works;
- (c) when did these road works commence;
- (d) what road improvements are still to be undertaken and along which sections on South Western Highway; and
- (e) when will all road improvements included in the \$20 million budget announced in September last year for the South Western Highway be completed?

2472. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Disability Services

- (1) During the 2006-2007 financial period how much money did Rocky Bay receive from the Disability Services Commission?
- (2) How much funding has been provided by the Disability Services Commission for the renovations which are about to commence at Rocky Bay?
- (3) How long will the Rocky Bay Country Respite program be closed whilst the renovations are being undertaken?
- (4) When will the Rocky Bay Country Respite program reopen?
- (5) Are there any other respite facilities available for carers whilst Rocky Bay is closed for renovations?

2473. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Premier

I refer to the answer the Premier gave to a question without notice on the Electrac database system on 20 September 2006, in which the Premier advised that the Independent Member for Ballajura was the only non-Labor member who had been supplied with Electrac, and ask -

- (a) in light of the fact that an Independent Member of Parliament is now using Electrac, could the Premier advise when other Independent Members of Parliament will be issued with that database system; and
- (b) if other Independent Members of Parliament are not to be issued with Electrac, why is the Member for Ballajura being given a special dispensation?

2474. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to the solar powered light-emitting diode (LED) flashing lights on top of 40 kph school zone signs (for example, Blythe Avenue, Yokine) and ask the Minister -

- (a) how many primary schools in the metropolitan area have been provided with the lights, and which ones;
- (b) how many lights in total (number of units) are in existence in the metropolitan area;
- (c) how many primary schools in rural areas in Western Australia have been provided with the lights, and which ones; and
- (d) how many lights in total (number of units) are in existence in the rural areas of Western Australia?

2475. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the solar powered light-emitting diode (LED) flashing lights on top of 40 kph school zone signs (for example, Blythe Avenue, Yokine) and ask the Minister -

- (a) what is the cost of installation of each flashing light; and
- (b) what is the yearly cost of maintenance for each light?

2476. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Employment Protection

With regard to the recently recommissioned liquor burner at Alcoa's operations at Kwinana, can the Minister advise -

- (a) what is the distinction between a reportable incident and a non-reportable incident resulting in injury at this site;

- (b) how many reportable incidents have been recorded, when did they happen and what was the nature of those incidents;
- (c) is the Minister aware that since the liquor burner was recommissioned, there have been at least nine incidents involving chemical exposure to dust, vapours or chemicals at the Alcoa Kwinana Refinery (which is classified as a mine site), but none of those incidents were considered by Alcoa personnel to be reportable under the *Mining Act 1978*;
- (d) given that chemical, dust or vapour exposure could have a devastating effect on the health of Alcoa staff, has the Minister given consideration to making all exposures at that site recordable under the *Mining Act 1978*;
- (e) is the Minister aware that Alcoa's own internal incident records indicate that the liquor burner is of a faulty design and construction; and
- (f) is the Minister aware that Alcoa's own internal incident records indicate that the reasons listed for some of the exposure incidents are the continuation of leaking seals, inadequate warnings, defective equipment, inadequate preventative maintenance and deteriorating exposure?

2477. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Energy

With regard to the Synergy GreenPower Accredited Renewable Energy option for power bills, for the years 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, can the Minister advise -

- (a) how many Synergy customers have chosen the GreenPower options and what revenue has been generated for the -
 - (i) 25% option;
 - (ii) 50% option;
 - (iii) 75% option; and
 - (iv) 100% option;
- (b) how does switching to NaturalPower increase the overall amount of renewable energy in the grid in real terms;
- (c) if NaturalPower costs an extra 3 cents per unit, how is that money spent;
- (d) where is the renewable energy being used for the NaturalPower option being sourced;
- (e) what State-funded renewable energy programs have been implemented;
- (f) when did they come on stream; and
- (g) how much power is generated from each program?

2478. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to a newspaper article titled 'Gas Heater Rebate feelgood politics', which appeared on page 2 of the *Kalgoorlie Miner* on Monday 18 June 2007, I ask -

- (a) will the Minister ensure that the \$500 gas heater rebate available to metropolitan residents is made available to all residents in the Goldfields and other residents outside of the Perth metropolitan area;
- (b) if no to (a) why not;
- (c) can the Minister explain the rationale and formula used by Government which estimated that health costs attributed to wood smoke will be \$314 million dollars; and
- (d) if no to (c) why not?

2479. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With reference to the publication 'Talking Taxis' April 2007 produced by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, I ask -

- (a) can the Minister advise why the Government is not offering a capital grant of \$15,000 dollars for the installation of wheelchair hoists to Kalgoorlie and other regional country taxi operators;
- (b) if no to (a) why not;
- (c) will the Minister change Government policy to ensure that all taxi operators in the country areas, including Kalgoorlie, are not disadvantaged by implementing a policy which reflects that all regional country operators are entitled to a capital grant of up to \$15,000 the same as the Perth metropolitan operators;
- (d) if no to (c) why not;
- (e) can the Minister advise what is the rationale and justification behind offering a grant of \$15,000 dollars for wheelchair hoist installation to Perth metropolitan multi-purpose taxi operators;
- (f) if no to (e) why not;
- (g) can the Minister explain what is the rationale behind providing a \$5 lifting fee to help operate a multi-purpose taxi within the Perth metropolitan area;
- (h) if no to (g) why not;
- (i) can the Minister explain how long, in months, has the scheme been operating which provides a \$5 lifting fee to help with operating a multi-purpose taxi within the Perth metropolitan area;
- (j) if no to (i) why not;
- (k) can the Minister state how much total revenue in dollars has the Government subsidised Perth metropolitan taxis by providing the \$5 dollar lifting fee since it was implemented;
- (l) if no to (k) why not;
- (m) will the Minister change Government policy to ensure that all taxi operators in country regional areas, including Kalgoorlie, have the \$5 - \$10 lifting fee subsidy so that regional country residents who require wheelchair lifts are not disadvantaged; and
- (n) if no to (m) why not?

2480. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health

With regard to the State Government Incontinence Subsidy of \$470 per annum now available through the Silver Chain program, can the Minister advise -

- (a) how many Western Australian incontinence sufferers have been provided with the \$470 annual subsidy to purchase incontinence pads since the program commenced on 1 February 2007;
- (b) how many Western Australian incontinence sufferers have been refused access to the annual subsidy, and for what reasons;
- (c) what provision is made to assist incontinence sufferers when the products provided through the service are too big or uncomfortable to wear;
- (d) given other states provide the incontinence subsidy direct to the incontinence sufferers to purchase their own products, why didn't the State Government provide the subsidy

as a cash payment to Western Australian incontinence sufferers to allow them to purchase incontinence products that suit their individual needs; and

- (e) what advertising program has the State Government undertaken to alert the public of Western Australia to the fact that the incontinence subsidy is now available?

2481. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With regard to the provision of crossing guards or traffic wardens to assist young students to safely cross busy roads on their way to school in the South Metropolitan Police District, can the Minister advise -

- (a) given that in 2005, one traffic warden was removed from service, in 2006, twelve traffic wardens were removed from service and, so far, in 2007, three have been removed and more than 25 are under threat, why is the State Government removing so many traffic wardens and what alternative measures is the Government putting in place to safeguard children who need to cross busy roads;
- (b) on 10 May 2007 the Minister advised Parliament that the School Crossing and Road Safety Committee determined whether traffic wardens were to remain at school sites and stated that the committee was independent; however, the committee reviews its own decisions to axe traffic wardens. Given this, what measures are currently in place to review these decisions independently and to look at any extenuating or mitigating circumstances;
- (c) the report, 'An Independent Review of the Children's Crossings Programme (Western Australia)' dated May 2005 recommended that an independent review committee be formed to look at extenuating and mitigating circumstances where crossing guards were under threat. Does the Minister intend to form that independent review committee and, if not, why not; and
- (d) as there have been several accidents at a crossing location where the crossing guard has been removed, would the Minister consider replacing the crossing guard?

2482. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Education and Training

On 14 October 2004 the Hon. Alan Carpenter MLA promised to 'wipe out the entire maintenance backlog currently on our books' under the 'Fixing our Schools Program'. As of December 2006 over \$700,000 of this promised funding for 8 schools in my electorate was still outstanding, and I ask the Minister -

- (a) how much money was allocated for each of the following schools under the 'Fixing our Schools Program' program -
 - (i) Applecross Senior High School;
 - (ii) Ardross Primary School;
 - (iii) Attadale Primary School;
 - (iv) Bicton Primary School;
 - (v) Booragoon Primary School;
 - (vi) Melville Senior High School;
 - (vii) Mt Pleasant Primary School; and
 - (viii) Palmyra Primary School;
- (b) what specific maintenance works have been carried out for each of the schools listed in (a) since this funding has been allocated and how much money was spent on each of these specific maintenance works;

- (c) how much of the initial funding under the 'Fixing our Schools Program' is still outstanding for each of the school listed in question (a);
- (d) what specific maintenance works are still outstanding for each of the schools listed in question (a) and what is the cost for each of these specific maintenance works;
- (e) when will the outstanding maintenance works be carried out for each of the schools listed in question (a); and
- (f) if the cost of the maintenance works has increased since initial costing, will the Government be allocating additional funding to meet the new increased costs and, if not, why not?

2483. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Renewable Remote Power Generation Programme (RRPGP), which is a Commonwealth Government programme that provides funding to support the uptake of renewable energy in regional areas and to support the development of the Australian renewable energy industry. In Western Australia, the RRPGP is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by the Sustainable Energy Development Office. The total amount of RRPGP funding available to Western Australia is approximately \$100 million and I ask -

- (1) In total, how much RRPGP funding has been made available to Western Australia by the Commonwealth Government to date?
- (2) What is the total amount of RRPGP funding that has been made available to the State Government to be administered by the Sustainable Energy Development Office from the Commonwealth Government for the following financial years -
 - (a) 2000-2001;
 - (b) 2001-2002;
 - (c) 2002-2003;
 - (d) 2003-2004;
 - (e) 2004-2005;
 - (f) 2005-2006; and
 - (g) 2006-2007?
- (3) How much of the total RRPGP funding available from the Commonwealth Government has been spent by the Sustainable Energy Development Office in administering the RRPGP subprograms, including office-related costs, and excluding the amounts paid as grants/rebates to recipients for each RRPGP subprogram in each of the financial years -
 - (a) 2000-2001;
 - (b) 2001-2002;
 - (c) 2002-2003;
 - (d) 2003-2004;
 - (e) 2004-2005;
 - (f) 2005-2006; and
 - (g) 2006-2007?
- (4) How much funding has the State Government provided for the Sustainable Energy Development Office to administer each RRPGP subprogram, other than grants/rebates and funding support for the following financial years -
 - (a) 2000-2001;

- (b) 2001-2002;
 - (c) 2002-2003;
 - (d) 2003-2004;
 - (e) 2004-2005;
 - (f) 2005-2006; and
 - (g) 2006-2007?
- (5) RRP GP funding has been available from the Commonwealth Government to the State Government for renewable energy system rebates in Western Australia for the past few years. The State Government has also provided supplementary funding to the Commonwealth funds. In Western Australia, the RRP GP Commonwealth and State derived funds are administered by the Sustainable Energy Development Office under RRP GP subprograms -
- (a) Since the RRP GP funding has been available to the Western Australian Sustainable Energy Development Office, how much has been paid out in total as rebates/grants for eligible systems and expenditures (excluding administration costs) in each of the financial years -
 - (i) 2000-2001;
 - (ii) 2001-2002;
 - (iii) 2002-2003;
 - (iv) 2003-2004;
 - (v) 2004-2005;
 - (vi) 2005-2006; and
 - (vii) 2006-2007;
- for the following RRP GP subprograms -
- (A) the Renewable Energy Water Pumping Program (REWP);
 - (B) large renewable energy projects;
 - (C) industry development and support projects;
 - (D) the Remote Area Power System (RAPS) scheme;
 - (E) the Rural Renewable Energy Program (RREP);
 - (F) The Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP);
 - (G) Bushlight; and
 - (H) any other subprograms?
- (b) what total amount of funding has been paid out as grants/rebates to the RRP GP subprograms in question (5)(a) from each subprogram for the following financial years by the Western Australian State Government derived funds -
 - (i) 2000-2001;
 - (ii) 2001-2002;
 - (iii) 2002-2003;
 - (iv) 2003-2004;
 - (v) 2004-2005;
 - (vi) 2005-2006; and
 - (vii) 2006-2007?

- (c) what total amount of funding has been paid out as grants/rebates to the Western Australian RRP GP funded subprograms in question (5)(a) for each subprogram for the following financial years by the Commonwealth Government derived RRP GP funds -
- (i) 2000-2001;
 - (ii) 2001-2002;
 - (iii) 2002-2003;
 - (iv) 2003-2004;
 - (v) 2004-2005;
 - (vi) 2005-2006; and
 - (vii) 2006-2007?
- (6) Prior to the RRP GP, the Western Australian Government provided funding to encourage the uptake of renewable energy in regional and remote areas of the state through the Renewable Energy Remote Area Power Supply Scheme (RERAPS). The \$2 million state funded RERAPS scheme was introduced in July 1996 and was administered by the Western Australian Office of Energy, offering a rebate for 75% of the costs for renewable energy components and 25% of the battery bank costs up to a maximum of \$8,000 where the cost of extending the grid was over \$50,000. When the RRP GP became available, the Western Australian State Government replaced the RERAPS scheme with the RRP GP funded RAPS program. The Western Australian State Government offered an additional 5% on top of the 50% Commonwealth rebate on renewable energy components and supporting technologies -
- (a) has the State Government made a decision to discontinue the State Government's additional 5% funding for the RAPS subprogram, or any other RRP GP subprogram listed in question (5)(a) that it may have been contributing Western Australian State funds to?
 - (b) if the answer to question (a) is yes, what are some of the reasons why the State Government has ceased its support?
- (7) The Photovoltaic Rebate Program (PVRP) is another Commonwealth Government renewable energy funding program that provides rebates for photovoltaic (PV) systems. The PVRP is also administered in Western Australia by the Sustainable Energy Development Office -
- (a) what is the total amount of funds received by the Sustainable Energy Development Office from the Commonwealth Government for the PVRP for the following financial years?
 - (i) 1999-2000;
 - (ii) 2000-2001;
 - (iii) 2001-2002;
 - (iv) 2002-2003;
 - (v) 2003-2004;
 - (vi) 2004-2005;
 - (vii) 2005-2006; and
 - (viii) 2006-2007?
- (8) In March this year, the number of installed Photovoltaic systems funded under the PVRP in Western Australia was only 2.1% of the national total. Why does Western Australia have only 2% of the national total when we have the best solar resource of all the states and we represent around 10% of the national population?

- (9) The South West Integrated System (SWIS) was only 55% of the total Western Australian electricity generation in the last financial year. The North West Interconnected System (NWIS) and the 28 Non-Interconnected Systems (NIS) was responsible for the remaining 45% of the states total electricity generation in the same year. How much electricity (GWh) did all electricity retailers sell on the Western Australian North West Integrated System (NWIS) in each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (10) How much electricity (GWh) did all electricity retailers sell on the South West Integrated System (SWIS) in each of the following years?
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (11) How much electricity (GWh) did all electricity retailers sell in Western Australia on all systems other than the North West Integrated System (NWIS) and the South West Integrated System (SWIS) in each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (12) What was the number of RECs liabilities/surplus for all electricity retailers on the NWIS, for each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?

- (13) What was the number of RECs liabilities/surplus for all electricity retailers on the SWIS, for each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (14) What was the number of RECs liabilities/surplus for all electricity retailers in Western Australia, for each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (15) How much electricity (MWh) was generated (as defined in the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001* under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*) on the Western Australian North West Integrated System (NWIS) in each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (16) How much electricity (MWh) was generated (as defined in the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001* under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*) on the Western Australian South West Integrated System (SWIS) in each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?

- (17) How much electricity (MWh) was generated (as defined in the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001* under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*) in total in Western Australia for each of the following years -
- (a) 2001;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2003;
 - (d) 2004;
 - (e) 2005;
 - (f) 2006; and
 - (g) 2007?
- (18) Explain in words the methodology that was used to obtain the figures to questions (9), (10), (12), (13), (15) and (16).
- (19) What was Western Australia's total 'Primary Energy Production' (PJ) for each of the following financial years -
- (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004;
 - (d) 2004-2005;
 - (e) 2005-2006; and
 - (f) 2006-2007?
- (20) What was Western Australia's total net exports of 'Primary Energy' (PJ) for each of the following financial years -
- (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004;
 - (d) 2004-2005;
 - (e) 2005-2006; and
 - (f) 2006-2007?
- (21) What was Western Australia's total 'Primary Energy Use' (PJ) for each of the following financial years -
- (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004;
 - (d) 2004-2005;
 - (e) 2005-2006; and
 - (f) 2006-2007?

- (22) According to the Western Australian Government's Office of Energy's publication in 2003, the Final Energy Use for Western Australia in the financial year 2000-2001 was 464 Petajoules. Only 16% percent of the Final Energy Consumed was in the form of electricity -
- (a) what was Western Australia's total 'Final Energy Use' (PJ) for each of the following categories (Natural Gas, Petroleum Products, Coal, Solar and Wood) for each of the following financial years -
 - (i) 2001-2002;
 - (ii) 2002-2003;
 - (iii) 2003-2004;
 - (iv) 2004-2005;
 - (v) 2005-2006; and
 - (vi) 2006-2007?
 - (b) what was Western Australia's total 'Final Energy Use' (PJ) for the electricity sector for each of the following financial years -
 - (i) 2001-2002;
 - (ii) 2002-2003;
 - (iii) 2003-2004;
 - (iv) 2004-2005;
 - (v) 2005-2006; and
 - (vi) 2006-2007?
- (23) Established in 1997, GreenPower is a national accreditation program that sets stringent environmental and reporting standards for renewable electricity products offered by energy suppliers to households and businesses across Australia. GreenPower product providers are required to submit information on the number of eligible RECs that have been transferred to a registered GreenPower account in the REC Registry. These transferred RECs ensure that GreenPower increases the amount of renewable energy generated in Australia over and above the MRET requirements. Of the 236,766 MWh of GreenPower that was sold in Australia for the quarter from 1 January to 31 March, Western Australia represented only 3.4% of the total national sales. Other state percentages for the quarter were: South Australia (6.4%), ACT (9.2%), Queensland (15.7%), Victoria (29.2%) and New South Wales (36.1%). The annual GreenPower sales in Western Australia represent around 0.1% of the total electricity generated in our State -
- (a) how many MWh of 100% (equivalent) GreenPower has the Western Australian Government purchased in each of the following financial years -
 - (i) 2001-2002;
 - (ii) 2002-2003;
 - (iii) 2003-2004;
 - (iv) 2004-2005; and
 - (v) 2005-2006?
- (24) GreenPower can be purchased as a percentage (10% – 100%) of total electricity consumption. 50% means that an electricity supplier purchases renewable energy from accredited GreenPower sources to the amount equal to 50% of a household's or a business' electricity consumption. 100% means that all of your electricity is sourced from registered renewable energy generators to the amount equal to 100% of your electricity consumption. This level of

detail and accountability is achieved by the purchase and surrendering of RECs equal to the amount of the purchased percentage electricity, where 1 REC represents 1 MWh -

- (a) what is the budget/forward estimates of the number of 100% equivalent MWh that the Western Australian Government has estimated it will purchase in the following financial years -
 - (i) 2006 -2007;
 - (ii) 2007-2008;
 - (iii) 2008-2009;
 - (iv) 2009-2010; and
 - (v) 2010-2011?
 - (b) which are the participating agencies/government departments in the Western Australian Government's 'Energy Smart Government Program'?
 - (c) what was the total amount of electricity (GWh) that all participating agencies/government departments consumed in the following financial years -
 - (i) 2001-2002;
 - (ii) 2002-2003;
 - (iii) 2003-2004;
 - (iv) 2004-2005;
 - (v) 2005-2006; and
 - (vi) 2006-2007?
 - (d) what are the Government's estimates of the total amount of electricity (GWh) that all participating agencies/government departments will consume in the following financial years -
 - (i) 2001-2002;
 - (ii) 2002-2003;
 - (iii) 2003-2004;
 - (iv) 2004-2005;
 - (v) 2005-2006; and
 - (vi) 2006-2007?
 - (e) which government agencies/departments will purchase 20% of their electricity by 2010 from accredited renewable energy generators?
- (25) What has the Western Australian Government estimated the annual electricity consumption (in GWh) will be for the existing 24MW desalination plant in Kwinana?
- (26) What has the Western Australian Government estimated the annual electricity consumption (in GWh) will be for the proposed 23MW desalination plant near Binningup, when producing 45 Gigalitres of water per year?
- (27) What has the Western Australian Government estimated the annual electricity consumption (in GWh) will be for the proposed expansion of the desalination plant near Binningup when producing 100 Gigalitres of water per year?
- (28) What is the mechanism that the Western Australian Government uses to ensure that the equivalent amount of RECs is surrendered to the amount of electricity consumed in the existing desalination plant?

- (29) The Kwinana desalination plant was officially opened on the 18 April this year and is now running at full capacity. The facility has been delivering water to the city's supply system since November 2006. What are the Renewable Energy Certificate numbers (i.e. 000034 WD00WA02 - 2006-00000X etc.) of the RECs that have been surrendered or transferred into a GreenPower account in the REC Registry on behalf of the Water Corporation to ensure the electricity used in the desalination plant is sourced from new renewable generation capacity?

2484. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Can the Minister advise -

- (a) what was the total cost of the Greenbushes to Bunbury railway project when announced in 2004;
- (b) what is the projected cost in today's terms of the Greenbushes to Bunbury railway project;
- (c) under the *Transport Co-ordination Act 1966* who will be responsible for paying for the upgrade of the line to make it operational;
- (d) how will those costs be shared in dollar terms and percentage terms;
- (e) how many daily truck movements currently transport logs/wood chips into the Bunbury Port on the South Western Highway;
- (f) how many daily truck movements will transport logs/wood chips on the South Western Highway once the WA Plantation Resources (WAPRES) woodchip mill is operational;
- (g) under the *Transport Co-ordination Act 1966* amendments, when a company is issued a permit to haul logs/chips by road transport from 1 December 2007, what will be the minimum and maximum permit timeframe;
- (h) if the Greenbushes to Bunbury rail line is not operational before a company's permit for using road transport has expired, will they be refused further use of the roads;
- (i) from 1 December 2007 under the *Transport Co-ordination Act 1966* what percentage of logs/chips will be forced onto rail;
- (j) will there be a phasing-out period allowed from 1 December 2007 for logs/chips to be transported by road; and
- (k) if the answer to question (j) is yes, from 1 December what percentage of logs/chips will travel by road?

2485. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) When is the upgrade of Bunbury Regional Prison due to be completed?
- (2) When the upgrade is complete, will the classification (level of security) of prisoners sent to Bunbury Regional Prison change and, if so, how will it change?
- (3) Will the classification (level of security) of Bunbury Regional Prison change once the upgrade is complete and, if so, how?
- (4) What will be the capacity of Bunbury Regional Prison once the upgrade is complete?
- (5) Will additional staff be employed at Bunbury Regional Prison after the upgrade and, if so, how many are required?
- (6) Has staff recruitment for Bunbury Regional Prison begun?
- (7) Are prisoners sentenced in other jurisdictions released in Bunbury once they have been released, or are they returned to their home town/city?

- (8) If the prisoners are not returned to their home town/city, what are the reasons for not doing so?
- (9) How many sex offenders are imprisoned at Bunbury Regional Prison?

2486. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What are the classifications (e.g. what crimes committed) for the varying levels of security prisoners are placed in?
- (2) What are the classifications (crimes committed) allowed for the minimum-security prisoners placed at Bunbury Regional Prison?
- (3) Are any current prisoners at Bunbury Regional Prison not classified for a minimum-security prison?
- (4) What is the current capacity of Bunbury Regional Prison?
- (5) What is the current population?
- (6) Has Bunbury Regional Prison's population exceeded its capacity in the past 12 months?
- (7) How many full-time equivalent staff members are currently employed at Bunbury Regional Prison?
- (8) What is the recommended staff-to-prisoner ratio of a minimum-security prison?
- (9) If there is not a full complement of staff at Bunbury Regional Prison, what has caused the shortage?

2487. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

With regard to the South Metropolitan Police District, can the Minister advise -

- (a) how many full-time equivalent police officers were employed in the district for each of the following years -
 - (i) 2001;
 - (ii) 2002;
 - (iii) 2003;
 - (iv) 2004;
 - (v) 2005;
 - (vi) 2006; and
 - (vii) 2007;
- (b) what was the average staffing for the Palmyra Police Station, the Murdoch Police Station and the Fremantle Police Station for the years listed in question (a);
- (c) what specific hours are the Palmyra Police Station, the Murdoch Police Station and the Fremantle Police Station manned each day;
- (d) what is the current ratio of police officers to population for the South Metropolitan Police District and how does that ratio compare with the North Metropolitan Police District;
- (e) given that the Kennedy Royal Commission Final Report identified several areas of policing as not meeting the community's expectations for basic policing services, including call-taking, response times and tackling volume crimes such as burglary, anti-social behaviour, assaults and disorderly conduct, what specific measures have been implemented at the Palmyra Police Station, the Murdoch Police Station and the Fremantle Police Station under the new Frontline First Program;

- (f) what are the current average response times for the South Metropolitan Police District for all categories of reported crime;
- (g) is the police station at Garden City Shopping Centre in Booragoon still operational and, if so, what hours is it open, how many staff are working from that office and what policing issues do they respond to; and
- (h) what plans have been put in place, or are being considered for, the Palmyra Police Station, the Murdoch Police Station and the Fremantle Police Station to respond to additional crime issues as a result of the upcoming opening of the new Perth to Mandurah rail line?

2488. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration Licence 38/1176 and Question on Notice no. 2171, 8 May 2007, I ask -

- (a) can the Minister state the rationale as to why and how the Department of Industry and Resources formed the view that a grant of the application for exemption could not be justified on the basis of the supporting reasons cited in the application;
- (b) if no to (a) why not; and
- (c) can the Minister state the rationale as to how the criteria for exemption as prescribed were not met?

2489. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration Licence 38/1114 and Question on Notice no. 2168, 8 May 2007, I ask -

- (a) can the Minister state the rationale as to why and how the Department of Industry and Resources formed the view that a grant of the application for exemption could not be justified on the basis of the supporting reasons cited in the application;
- (b) if no to (a) why not; and
- (c) can the Minister state the rationale as to how the criteria for exemption as prescribed were not met?

2490. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Mining Lease 38/303 and Question on Notice no. 2170, 8 May 2007, I ask -

- (a) can the Minister state the rationale as to why and how the Department of Industry and Resources formed the view that a grant of the application for exemption could not be justified on the basis of the supporting reasons cited in the application;
- (b) if no to (a) why not; and
- (c) can the Minister state the rationale as to how the criteria for exemption as prescribed were not met?

2491. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration Licence 38/1113 and question on notice number 2169 Tuesday 8 May, 2007, I ask -

- (a) can the Minister state the rationale as to why and how the Department of Industry and Resources formed the view that a grant of the application for exemption could not be justified on the basis of the supporting reasons cited in the application;
- (b) if no to (a) why not; and
- (c) can the Minister state the rationale as to how the criteria for exemption as prescribed were not met?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
