

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 163

Tuesday, 16 October 2007

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4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 20 March 2007**

4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4519. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4520. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4521. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
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4575. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4576. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

Notice Given **Thursday, 3 May 2007**

4776. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
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Notice Given **Tuesday, 14 August 2007**

5013. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - October 17 2007*)

Notice Given **Wednesday, 15 August 2007**

5014. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - September 16 2007*)
5039. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5040. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5041. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Trade (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5042. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Innovation (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5043. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5044. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5056. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)
5060. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - September 20 2007*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 28 August 2007**

5129. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5138. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5143. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)

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5144. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5145. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5222. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5223. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5224. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Trade (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5225. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Innovation (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5226. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
5227. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)

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5436. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West
5441. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection

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5442. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Child Protection
5443. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
5446. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
5447. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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- 5460. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5461. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5462. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General

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- 5465. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 5466. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Forestry
- 5467. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt
- 5468. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Great Southern
- 5469. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government
- 5470. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 5471. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship
- 5472. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Government Enterprises
- 5473. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 5474. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance
- 5475. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Youth
- 5476. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development
- 5477. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Fisheries
- 5478. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne
- 5479. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection
- 5480. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Communities
- 5481. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Women's Interests
- 5482. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering
- 5483. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 5484. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations
- 5485. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Trade
- 5486. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Innovation
- 5487. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science
- 5488. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 5489. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier

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- 5490. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 5491. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 5492. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 5493. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
- 5494. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 5495. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 5496. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
- 5497. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 5498. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs (*SO 138(d) response - September 26 2007*)
- 5499. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Employment Protection
- 5500. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 5501. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5502. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage
- 5503. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Land Information
- 5504. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 5505. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 5506. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- 5507. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 5508. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Consumer Protection
- 5509. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5510. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West
- 5511. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

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- 5512. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
- 5513. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 5514. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5515. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business
- 5516. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations
- 5517. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 5518. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Change
- 5519. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Peel

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- 5520. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 5521. Hon Brian Ellis to the Minister for Fisheries
- 5522. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 5523. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5527. Hon Donna Faragher to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 5528. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5529. Hon Brian Ellis to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management

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- 5530. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 5531. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5532. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5533. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 5534. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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- 5535. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

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5536. Hon Murray Criddle to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
5539. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
5540. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5541. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5543. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5545. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

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5546. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
5547. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5548. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

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5549. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What is the rate of breach of community correction orders by adults in Western Australia?
- (2) What is the rate of breach of community correction orders by Aboriginal women in Western Australia?
- (3) Why is the rate of breach of community correction orders by Aboriginal women worse than other adults in Western Australia?
- (4) What action is the Department of Corrective Services taking to address the high proportion of Aboriginal women not able to carry out their community-based orders?

5550. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Is the Minister aware of alleged disparity between salaries of lecturers at Swan TAFE with lecturers at other TAFE Colleges, particularly those Colleges in country locations?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister confirm the accuracy of this alleged disparity?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If such disparity exists, will the Minister explain the reasons for this distinction in salary levels?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Is the Minister aware of alleged lack of equity between the salaries of male and female lecturers within TAFE Colleges in Western Australia?
- (7) If yes to (6), will the Minister confirm the accuracy of this alleged disparity?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) If such disparity exists, will the Minister explain the reasons for this distinction in salary levels?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

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5551. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to question on notice No. 5370, where Synergy said it had disconnected power to 6 372 premises since 1 August 2006 and that 606 premises remain disconnected. Of the 606 premises that remain disconnected, Synergy has ascertained that 293 premises which have been disconnected more than 90 days are vacated premises which still leaves approximately 300 premises without power, and I ask -

- (1) Does Synergy know if children reside in any of the 300 premises?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many of the 300 premises have children residing in them?
- (3) If the above is unknown, then what is the Government's duty of care towards those children?
- (4) Of the 300 premises without power, what is the timeframe that each of the premises has been disconnected?

5552. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Local Government

Further to my question without notice No. 555, of 14 August, regarding the exposure of Councils to the United States sub prime mortgage market, I ask -

- (1) How many Local Government Authorities (LGA), have been exposed?
- (2) What is -
 - (a) the total level of exposure; and
 - (b) the level of exposure for each individual LGA?
- (3) What reporting obligations are these LGA's subject to?

5553. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries

I refer to the Statement of Decision by the Minister for Environment on EP Act Appeals 015, 016 and 017 of 2007, on the Port Kennedy Boat Launching Facility, City of Rockingham. Given the Department of Fisheries is referred to in the 'Statement of Decision' as being responsible for the monitoring and management of impacts associated with the boat launching facility on the Port Kennedy whitebait stock, and I ask -

- (1) When will a specifically designed monitoring program commence?
- (2) What experimental design will be utilised?
- (3) For how long will the program be continued?
- (4) At what interval will the results be reported?
- (5) How much will the monitoring program cost?
- (6) How much of the cost will be contributed by the proponent?

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5554. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to question number 4454 and the condition 3 in the tabled letter Ref 11-8877 of 26 February 2007 to Lucio Della Martina, Director, Pluto (where it is not possible to comply with Condition 2, use best endeavours to record, salvage and relocate Sites, using the processes set out in conditions 5, 6, 7 and 8 below), and I ask -

- (1) How will the site or sites be salvaged or relocated, given that the definition of a site is that it is a complex entity?
- (2) How will the site or sites be salvaged or relocated, given the Burrup Peninsula is listed on the interim register as Site 23323?

5555. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to the article that appeared in *The West Australian* on Wednesday, 3 October 2007 Page 19 entitled 'Vandals use power tools to deface art', and I ask -

- (1) When did the vandalism occur?
- (2) When was the Department notified of the vandalism and by whom?
- (3) Has the Department visited the site and when?
- (4) What methods can be used to repair such vandalism?
- (5) Will any efforts be made by the Department to repair the vandalism and when?
- (6) Have Agencies of Government, industry or individuals reported vandalism on the Burrup?
- (7) If yes to (6), which agencies or industries have reported vandalism and on what dates?
- (8) How many acts of vandalism have been recorded on the Burrup?
- (9) Does the Department keep a registry of vandalism to Aboriginal sites contrary to s 17(a) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* on the Burrup?
- (10) Does the Department keep a registry of vandalism to Aboriginal sites contrary to s 17(a) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* throughout Western Australia?
- (11) How many prosecutions have been forthcoming as a result of damage to an Aboriginal site contrary to s 17(a) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* since its inception?
- (12) How many prosecutions have been forthcoming as a result of damage to an Aboriginal site contrary to s 17(a) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* since this Government took office in 2001?
- (13) How many prosecutions have been forthcoming as a result of damage to an Aboriginal site contrary to s 17(a) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* in relation to vandalism on the Burrup?
- (14) What methods are applied at Aboriginal sites across Western Australia to ensure that those sites are protected?

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- (15) Are the same mechanisms applied to Aboriginal sites on the Burrup and, if not, why not?
- (16) What measures are available on the Burrup to protect the rock art and artefacts?
- (17) Is the Minister of her Department aware of any cultural material, rock art or artefacts being removed or stolen from the Burrup and, if so, how many items?
- (18) Why is vandalism increasing on the Burrup and what action is being taking by the Minister or her Department to protect the rock art and artefacts on the Burrup?
- (19) What direct action is the Minister of her Department taking to pursue prosecution of offenders vandalising or stealing rock art and artefacts from the Burrup?
- (20) Have the police been informed of the vandalism by the Minister's Department and, if so, when?

5556. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to the Department of Indigenous Affairs web site page <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/heritage/Burrup/BurrupPeninsula.aspx>, and I ask -

- (1) How does the Department intend to work closely with the community, other Government Agencies and industry groups to protect and preserve the outstanding heritage values of the Dampier Archipelago?
- (2) Has the Department had any formal dialogue with Friends of Australian Rock Art Inc, the International Federation of Rock Art Organisations, the Australian Anthropological Society, the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc, the Australian Archaeological Association, the Australian Rock Art Research Association, the National Trust Australia WA Inc, or the Western Australian Heritage Council?
- (3) If yes to (2), when and with whom?
- (4) If no or no in part, to (2), is formal dialogue being considered with these parties?
- (5) If yes to (4), when will such dialogue occur with each party?

5557. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

With regard to the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula) being included on the National Heritage List, I ask -

- (1) Does the State Government intend to pursue large-scale industrial development within the National Heritage Listed place as per the Burrup Maitland Industrial Agreement?
- (2) If yes to (1), which areas is the Government still considering using that fall within the National Heritage Listed place?
- (3) If yes to (1), why?
- (4) If no to (1), does this compromise the intent of the Burrup Maitland Industrial Agreement?

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- (5) If yes to (4), how?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?
- (7) Specifically are the industrial areas identified as Conzinc South, Withnell East, Stage 1A and Stage 2 (West Intercourse Island), still contained within the areas of potential industrial or port development being considered by the State Government?

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council