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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 39

Thursday, December 19 2002

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363. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to the 'Western Australia and Greenhouse' Issues Paper published by the Greenhouse Task Force, and ask -

- (1) Can the Minister explain how the Task Force arrived at the conclusion that 'Land use change and resultant emissions have dropped by about 75 per cent from 1990 to 2000' (page 8), and table any documentation to support this claim?
- (2) Why does the Issues Paper contain no references to estimates of Western Australian Greenhouse emissions for any date?
- (3) When will the proposed State greenhouse gas inventory be conducted, and why has this not already been undertaken?
- (4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the Government's most accurate estimates of current or recent greenhouse emissions, by sector?
- (5) On page 8 it is claimed the Western Australian tree plantations have 'sequestered substantial amounts of carbon', can the Minister quantify this assertion and table any relevant supporting documentation?
- (6) Will the Minister commit to providing estimates for 1990, 1995 and 2000-2001 state emission figures to recipients of the Issues Paper, so that respondents may make an informed contribution to the process?

364. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to the *Wood Processing (Wesbeam) Agreement Act 2002* which provides for logging over a period of 25 years of the Gngangara pine plantation adjacent to and covering the Gngangara groundwater mound north of Perth and question without notice No. 546 -

- (1) Would the Minister table the results of the analysis of modelling carried out by the Water and Rivers Commission and the Water Corporation referred to in question without notice No. 546 asked on December 18 2002?
- (2) Has the modelling and analysis undertaken in question (1) taken into account the extraction of groundwater from the new bores by the Water Corporation?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Could the Minister provide an estimate of the likely total annual groundwater extraction rates over the next five years, which takes into account the new bores by the Water Corporation and other extraction of groundwater over the Gngangara water mound including the area over the Yanchep cave system?

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- (5) What modelling and management plans have been done for the areas where the logging of pines under the State Agreement will occur over the areas of the Yanchep cave system and does this take into account the extraction rates for the new bores for groundwater use by the Water Corporation?
- (6) Will the Minister table any results of analysis and management plans referred to in question (3)?
- (7) Does the *State Agreement Act* allow for the State Government to stop logging should it be necessary in the future because of adverse impacts on the environment?

365. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regard to environmental management in the rangelands of the Mid West or Murchison -

- (1) Have any regular flora surveys been carried out?
- (2) If so, -
 - (a) when;
 - (b) where; and
 - (c) can the Minister list the references and table a copy of the results?
- (3) Could the Minister confirm that the pastoral stations in the Murchison have over 50 per cent poor or worse quality native vegetation and if this is not the case, can the Minister provide the correct percentage and list the names of the stations?
- (4) What is the current rate of sandalwood harvesting per year and is there evidence to show that current sandalwood harvesting is sustainable?
- (5) Is there a limit on the amount of sandalwood that can be removed from an area for which a licence has been granted, and which agency carries out the monitoring to ensure that licence conditions are complied with?
- (6) Given that it has been reported that the loss of topsoil on rangelands is up to 10 times greater than on freehold farmland and the State Government's Sustainability Strategy, how will this excessive rate of soil degradation be addressed?

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366. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regard to conditions on pastoral leases -

If the conditions on pastoral leases relating to land management are not complied with, is the State Government liable for the environmental damage that results from the resultant land degradation?

367. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

With regard to feral goats on pastoral leases -

- (1) Why are feral goat levels on pastoral leases being allowed to remain at above 6.5 goats per 1000 hectare limit as set down in the conditions of the pastoral lease?
- (2) Why did the program of aerial shooting of feral goats cease?

368. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to Memorandum of Understanding with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community -

- (1) When will the Government negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?
- (2) What reason does the Government have for not negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?

369. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

- (1) How many Section 18 applications (re the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* [the Act] has the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC)) processed since the Act came into force?
- (2) How many Section 18 applications have the ACMC recommended be approved?
- (3) How many have the ACMC recommended be refused?
- (4) How many Section 18 applications (re the Act) has the Minister approved since he came to office?
- (5) How many Section 18 applications has the Minister refused since he came to office?
- (6) How many times has the ACMC recommended a Section 18 application be refused and the Minister overridden this recommendation and approved this application?
- (7) Since the inception of the Act, how many prosecutions under the Act have been laid?

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370. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* -

- (1) Is the Government proposing a review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*?
- (2) If yes, is the Government going to consult with Grassroots Mainstream Law Men and Law Women and Elders throughout Western Australia as part of that review?

371. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to Western Australian Government contact with the Swan Valley Nyungah Community -

- (1) Has the Minister or the Premier ever been to the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If no to (1), does either the Premier or the Minister intend to visit the Community?

372. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to access to the Swan Valley Nyungah Community. In light of the fact that the front gate of the Swan Valley Nyungah Community is only shut when there is a threat of unlawful incursions, and in light of the fact that the community is not fenced on three sides, and in light of the fact that people, including Government agency staff have always been observed coming and going freely -

- (1) Will the Minister make clear his understanding of whether or not the Swan Valley Nyungah Community is a closed community and that the gates are locked to keep people in and out?
- (2) What is his source of information in providing an answer to question (1)?
- (3) Will the Minister make clear his understanding of whether or not Susan Taylor was a resident of the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?
- (4) What is his source of information in providing an answer to question (3)?

373. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

With regard to the Swan Valley Nyungah Community's Ancestors' remains -

- (1) Where are the Aboriginal remains that were discovered at Lake Claremont by Dr Ian Crawford in 1972?
- (2) What steps is the Government proposing to retrieve those remains and allow the Native Title Holders of the Swan River and Swan Coastal Plains to properly lay their Ancestors' remains to rest?

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374. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) Does the Department have any information that RTZ is considering converting leases over the Kintyre Uranium prospect into Mining Tenements?
 - (2) If yes, how will such a conversion be viewed in light of the Government's stated prohibition on the mining of uranium?
 - (3) Will mining tenements covering uranium deposits granted prior to the introduction of the Government's legislation be covered by this legislation?

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