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QUESTIONS

No. 141

Wednesday, 6 June 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*)

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4469. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 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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4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4695. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 9 2007*)

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4933. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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4934. Hon Barry House to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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4938. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Climate Change

With respect to the Department of Environment and Conservation's support of prescribed burning of our native forest, I ask -

- (1) How many tonnes of CO₂ were released into the atmosphere in 2005 and 2006 as a consequence of the Department of Environment and Conservation's (previously Conservation and Land Management) prescribed burning policy?
- (2) What percentage of released CO₂ was due to the loss of control of the prescribed burn?
- (3) What percentage of the state's total CO₂ emissions came from prescribed burning in 2005 and 2006?

4939. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Can the Minister advise the House of the estimated cost, per kilometre, of building narrow gauge rail in open country without bridges?
- (2) Can the Minister advise the anticipated life of the rail?
- (3) Can the Minister advise of the estimated cost per kilometre, of building a highway to a width of eight metres in open country without bridges?
- (4) Can the Minister advise the anticipated life of the highway?

4940. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

In relation to the Government's gifted and talented education initiative for secondary public school students, can the Minister advise me in respect of the secondary schools that have not been included in the gifted and talented program -

- (1) Will the academic extension programs currently offered by these schools for year eight to ten students still be available from 2008 and onwards?
- (2) If yes to (1), what minimum enrolment figure in an academic extension program in year eight does the Minister consider to be necessary to ensure the continued teaching of this program at any one school?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Do you expect that schools with low academic extension program enrolments will need to amalgamate their academic extension programs with other mainstream schools, if any, in their education district?

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- (5) If yes to (4), how will this be achieved?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

4941. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

On 29 May 2007, the Hon Kate Doust, Representing the Minister for State Development, stated that, 'The Government and its agencies have been communicating in recent months with United Mineral Corporation (UMC) and other parties in the course of normal operations, to provide information that is on the public record in relation to the status of the occupancy rights to Temporary Reserve 70/5610H (TR), at the Mitchell Plateau, and certain public record geological data pertaining to the resources within the TR'. Regarding this issue, I ask -

- (1) On what date did the Government or its Agencies first have communications with UMC and/or its associated entities in relation to the status of the occupancy rights to the TR and/or certain public record geological data pertaining to the resources within the TR?
- (2) Has the Government or its agencies had direct communications with Norsk Hydro and/or its associated entities (Hydro) in relation to the in relation to the TR?
- (3) If yes to (2), with whom and on what date did these communications first take place?
- (4) Has the Government or its Agencies had direct communications with BHP Billiton and/or its associated entities in relation to the TR since 30 June 2006?
- (5) If yes to (4), -
 - (a) with whom and on what dates;
 - (b) what was the date of the most recent communication; and
 - (c) with whom was that communication with?
- (6) Has the Government or its Agencies had direct communications with Alcan Bauxite and/or its associated entities (Alcan) in relation to the TR since 30 June 2006?
- (7) If yes to (6), -
 - (a) with whom and on what dates;
 - (b) what was the date of the most recent communication; and
 - (c) with whom was that communication with?
- (8) Has the Government or its Agencies had direct communications with Aluminium Corporation of China Ltd (Chalco) and/or its associated entities in relation to the TR since 30 June 2006?
- (9) If yes to (8), -
 - (a) with whom and on what dates;
 - (b) what was the date of the most recent communication; and
 - (c) with whom was that communication with?

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- (10) Has the Government or its Agencies had direct communications with Hindalco of India and/or its associated entities in relation to the TR since 30 June 2006?
- (11) If yes to (10), -
 - (a) with whom and on what dates;
 - (b) what was the date of the most recent communication; and
 - (c) with whom was that communication with?
- (12) Has the Government or its Agencies had direct communications with United Co. Rusal and/or its associated entities in relation to the TR since 30 June 2006?
- (13) If yes to (12), -
 - (a) with whom and on what dates;
 - (b) what was the date of the most recent communication; and
 - (c) with whom was that communication with?
- (14) Are there any other parties, not referred to in the above questions, with which the Government or its Agencies has had communications in relation to the TR since 30 June 2006?
- (15) If yes to (14), -
 - (a) with whom and on what dates;
 - (b) what was the date of the most recent communication for each party named; and
 - (c) whom was that communication with, in respect to each party?
- (16) What are the proportionate beneficial ownership interests of the Mitchell Plateau Joint Venture, as split between Rio Tinto and Alcoa of Australia?

4942. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

With regard to question No. 4447 answered on 1 May 2007, I ask -

- (1) Who was Peter Yu has working for during his involvement in assisting Mr Brendan Hammond in relation to his role for the Premier on the dates outlined in question No. 4447?
- (2) Who paid for accommodation, airfares, transport and expenses for the visits outlined in question No. 4447?
- (3) What was the Governments expenditure in relation to these visits for -
 - (a) Mr Brendan Hammond;
 - (b) Mr Peter Yu;
 - (c) Ms Joan Lane;
 - (d) Mr Sam Lovell; and
 - (e) Mr Micko O'Byrne?
- (4) If the Government did not pay for the expenses of any of the named parties in (3), who did?

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- (5) Was any financial or in-kind assistance received by the Government or any of the people identified in (3), in respect of the visits outlined in question No. 4447 from any third party?

4943. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General

I refer the Minister to the Yallingup Foreshore Land Bill which passed the Legislative Council on 2 May 2006, and ask -

- (1) Was the Attorney General lobbied by any person or parties seeking his agreement to introduce the Bill into Parliament in the first place?
- (2) If yes to (1), who were they lobbyists and are they now included on the Government's Register of Lobbyists?
- (3) Was the Attorney General lobbied by any person or parties seeking his support to expedite the passage of the Bill through the Legislative Council?
- (4) If yes to (3), who were the lobbyists?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council