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728. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

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731. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

732. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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738. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

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761. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

- (1) Please detail all amounts paid to, or on behalf of each Member of Parliament and/or their spouses for the periods ended, -
  - (a) 30 June 2005;
  - (b) 30 June 2006;
  - (c) 30 June 2007;
  - (d) 30 June 2008; and
  - (e) 21 May 2009?
- (2) Please include payments for, -
  - (a) second home;
  - (b) expenses within electorate; and
  - (c) expenses outside of electorate including, -
    - (i) expenses associated with overseas travel and accommodation;
    - (ii) expenses associated with interstate travel and accommodation; and
    - (iii) expenses associated with intrastate travel and accommodation?
- (3) Please provide details of any other travel paid for, including travel on The Ghan and Indian Pacific Rail services, and any other rail transport undertaken by members?
- (4) Please provide the names of all members who have received any superannuation or entitlements since 6 September 2009, and the amounts paid?
- (5) Please provide details with regard to any other payments made to members of Parliament by the Crown for the years 2005 to 2009?

762. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Please detail for the following Departments, -

- (a) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (b) Office of the Auditor General;
- (c) Department of the Attorney General;
- (d) Department of Health; and
- (e) Western Australian Electoral Commission, -

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- (i) the number of female staff at class one and above (for each class please specify); and
- (ii) the percentage of female staff at class one and above (for each class please specify)?

763. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

What Government Agencies have been provided advice from Freehills, and any subsidiary of Freehills for the period, -

- (a) 2007-2008; and
- (b) 2008-2009?

764. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

- (1) Please detail all the Office of Shared Services contracts and who 'signed off' on each of those contracts for the years ending, -
  - (a) 30 June 2007;
  - (b) 30 June 2008;
  - (c) up to 21 May 2009?
- (2) Specifically, please detail which under Treasurer signed off on any contracts with Oracle?

765. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

Under the agenda Report 5- Shared Services Reform- A Work in Progress, one of the stated Shared Service Centre is the Health Corporate Network (HCN), and I ask -

- (1) How many positions were taken from separate health services into HCN (e.g. Midwest, Goldfields- South East Health Service)?
- (2) Of these positions, how many positions in finance, procurement, human resource and payroll process were consolidated into HCN?
- (3) How many people were transferred in the above processes?
- (4) What will be the harvesting of annual savings of HCN process for, -
  - (a) July 2008-09;
  - (b) July 2009-10; and
  - (c) July 2010-11?

766. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

What is the total amount charged to all Government agencies by Freehills, and any subsidiary of Freehills for the period, -

- (a) 2007-2008; and
- (b) 2008-2009?

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767. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the attack on a mental health nurse on 17 September 2007, while walking from her car to her East Perth office, and ask -

- (1) Please provide a description of specific strategies, policies and/or security measures that have been put in place at the East Perth Mental Health Facility and other mental health facilities, following the incident since 2007?
- (2) Where strategies, policies and/or security measures are still being put in place, could you please provide details as to what these measures are and when these measures are expected to be in place?

768. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) Please detail every category of mental health bed (e.g. locked, secure, closed, open, community)?
- (2) Please provide a brief description of what each category means?
- (3) For each category, for each hospital and/or other facility in Western Australia, please detail the number of beds that are potentially available?
- (4) As at Thursday, 21 May 2009, for each category, for each hospital and/or other facility, please detail the number of beds that, -
  - (a) were able to be staffed; and
  - (b) were occupied?

769. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) For each of the following years, please detail the amount of accrued annual leave for nurses across the public sector, -
  - (a) 2006-07;
  - (b) 2007-08; and
  - (c) 2008-09?
- (2) For each of the following years, please detail the amount of accrued long service leave for nurses across the public sector, -
  - (a) 2006-07;
  - (b) 2007-08; and
  - (c) 2008/09?
- (3) For each of the following years, please detail the amount of accrued sick leave for nurses across the public sector, -
  - (a) 2006-07;
  - (b) 2007-08; and
  - (c) 2008-09?

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770. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

In relation to the plight of quadriplegic people living in the Quad Centre accommodation at Shenton Park, I ask -

- (1) What department has the responsibility for the ownership, maintenance and day to day operation of the facility?
- (2) What department has the responsibility for the care and wellbeing of over 85 of the quadriplegic residents at this facility?
- (3) What department has the responsibility for the full time respiratory support care for the more critically dependent residents at this facility?

771. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Transport

For the period ending 30 June 2008, and for the financial year to date, I ask -

Will the Minister please identify and itemise all money spent on upgrading the following Ports, -

- (a) Albany;
- (b) Broome;
- (c) Bunbury;
- (d) Dampier;
- (e) Esperance;
- (f) Fremantle;
- (g) Port Hedland; and
- (h) Wyndham?

772. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

- (1) Will the Treasurer advise the names of the interstate jewellers and the jewellery manufacturers that currently supply jewellery to the Perth Mint?
- (2) Can the Treasurer advise the reasons the Perth Mint is supplied by interstate jewellers?

773. Hon Anthony Fels to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) Please detail every category of mental health bed (e.g. locked, secure, closed, open, community)?
- (2) Please provide a brief description of what each category means?
- (3) For each category, for each hospital and/or other facility in Western Australia, please detail the number of beds that are potentially available?
- (4) As at Thursday 21 May 2009, for each category, for each hospital and/or other facility, please detail the number of beds that, -
  - (a) were able to be staffed; and

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- (b) were occupied?

774. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Port Geographe development in Busselton, and ask -

- (1) What action is the Minister taking to ensure that the development is brought into compliance with the Ministerial Environment Approval conditions?
- (2) In view of the evidence that the assumptions on which the four year Management Plan was based are incorrect, what action is the Minister taking to ensure that this year's works program is modified accordingly?
- (3) In view of the recently released information that during the 2008 bypassing works hydrogen sulphide levels recorded at residents' houses exceeded acceptable levels set by the World Health Organisation, -
  - (a) what action is the Minister taking to ensure that there is no repeat of these high and unacceptable hydrogen sulphide levels during this year's works; and
  - (b) what measures are being put in place to protect residents' health from these harmful hydrogen sulphide levels?
- (4) Will the Minister meet with representatives of the Port Geographe Action Group to discuss their concerns with this development?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

775. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

How many full-time equivalent and contract staff are based in the following District Offices for the Department of Agriculture and Food, -

- (a) Albany;
- (b) Geraldton;
- (c) Jerramungup;
- (d) Esperance;
- (e) Katanning;
- (f) Moora;
- (g) Narrogin;
- (h) Three Springs;
- (i) Boyup Brook;
- (j) Bridgetown;
- (k) Denmark;
- (l) Donnybrook;



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- (m) Eucla;
- (n) Gillamii Cranbrook;
- (o) Goomalling;
- (p) Halls Creek;
- (q) Hyden;
- (r) Kojonup;
- (s) Margaret River;
- (t) Mount Magnet;
- (u) Mukinbudin;
- (v) Narembeen;
- (w) Port Hedland;
- (x) Pingelly;
- (y) Plantagenet Mount Barker;
- (z) Ravensthorpe;
- (aa) Southern Cross;
- (bb) Wagin;
- (cc) Wickepin;
- (dd) Williams;
- (ee) Wongan Hills;
- (ff) Avondale Beverley;
- (gg) Badgingarra;
- (hh) Downs, Esperance;
- (ii) Geraldton;
- (jj) GSARI Katanning;
- (kk) Mount Barker;
- (ll) Newdegate;
- (mm) Vasse; and
- (nn) Eucla Checkpoint?

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776. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

Regarding the teaching of English as a second language to migrant children in the Kindergarten and Pre-primary classes in public schools in Western Australia, I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister concerned about the lack of English as a second language tuition in Western Australian non compulsory school age children?
- (2) If yes to (1), how is the Minister addressing this concern?
- (3) What strategies is the Minister using to ensure that these children reach their full potential and are school ready for year one?

777. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Local Government

Given that from the 1960's and 1970's onwards, many metropolitan and country Local Councils mandated that building structures such as verandas, and the supporting ballustrading that extended to the street-side especially on major intersections, should be removed for reasons of road traffic sight-lines and pedestrian safety and given that since that time the risks from the volume of traffic has increased, from the top speed of vehicles has increased, from the size of vehicles has increased and from the number of pedestrians has increased with population growth, I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any studies, research or other data that suggests the abovementioned risks have been reduced sufficiently for these structures to be re-instated?
- (2) Is the Minister's department aware of any studies, research or other data that suggests it is safe for these structures to be re-instated?

778. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police

- (1) Does the Minister's statement of 19 May 2009 about his, 'Towards Zero Strategy', and the components (of road safety, anti-drunk driving) that he mentioned in that strategy represent the Government's policy on this matter?
- (2) Is the Commissioner of Police, Karl O'Callaghan in concurrence with the strategy and the Government's policy as announced by the Minister?
- (3) Do the components of the Government's strategy include, for example, doing anything reasonable to reduce drink driving such as not supporting increasing the size and/or number of drinkers at licensed premises, Police actions to clamp-down on repeat drink drivers, laws to suspend the licenses of drunk drivers 'on-the-spot' and Government actions to clamp-down on anti-social behaviour and violence in our streets caused by drunkenness by specific initiatives such as 'grog bans' in aboriginal communities, trading restrictions (on hours, number of drinkers, alcohol products sold, etc) in Kimberley, North-West, Goldfields and Agricultural towns, the 'Safer Bars Program' in Leederville, the prohibition orders issued by Police to Hotels, Pubs and Bars that are in breach of the liquor licensing laws and the 'Operation NightSafe and Operation Cleanse' by District Superintendent Budge in Northbridge?
- (4) Does the Minister concur that grog bans in the aboriginal communities, trading restrictions on pubs and bars in the Kimberleys, North-West, Goldfields and in my electorate of Agriculture Region , for example in Katanning, is consistent with taking the

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abovementioned actions to reduce drinking problems and drunkenness in the metropolitan area?

- (5) Does the Minister concur that that this consistency of treatment, even if different in detail in different regions, is part of the Government's anti-drunkenness strategy and of its Towards Zero Road Safety Policy?
- (6) Does the Minister support the Police Commissioner's actions in all the above-mentioned areas?
- (7) If yes to (6), is the Minister concerned about the contradictory action of the Subiaco Police to support a 70 percent increase in the number of drinkers at the Subiaco Hotel especially when it is already the biggest feed-in source of drinkers to other nightclubs in Subiaco?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council