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2995. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

- (1) How many tailing's dams are there in Western Australia that are, -
 - (a) active; and
 - (b) inactive?
- (2) Who is responsible for the maintenance of these dams?
- (3) What are the standards for the design and maintenance of these dams?
- (4) Who sets these standards?

2996. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

With regard to water consumption at various locations in the Pilbara and the Pilbara Regional Water Plan 2010-2030, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that there are currently no water allocation plans for the Pilbara?
- (2) If yes to (1) why not?
- (3) Is it correct that total mining water use in 2008 was estimated at 127 GL/yr?
- (4) Of the 127 GL/yr how much by volume and percentage, is used in the minerals processing of various minerals, by corporation?
- (5) Of the 127 GL/yr how much by volume and percentage, is used in the dust suppression of various minerals, by corporation?
- (6) Of the 127 GL/yr how much by volume and percentage, is not used but released as a result of dewatering associated with various minerals, by corporation?
- (7) Of the 127 GL/yr how much by volume and percentage, is used by the LNG industry, by corporation?
- (8) How much water is currently produced by desalinisation across the region?
- (9) Of the water produced in respect of the answer to (8), which corporations use this water?
- (10) Of the water used in respect to (4), (5), (7), and (9), what are the charges for water used by these industries?

2997. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

With regard to water consumption at various locations, I ask -

- (1) How much water is exported from the Broome, Port Hedland and Karratha Ports for the oil and gas or other industries, by volume per sector and/or industry?

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- (2) Who is the responsible Agency for permitting water collection or extraction?
- (3) Who carries out this water collection or extraction?
- (4) Does the EPA have a regulatory or evaluation roll in respect of water collection or extraction, and what is it?
- (5) Is water exported to Barrow Island from any of the Pilbara/Kimberley Ports?
- (6) If yes to (5), -
 - (a) where does that water come from; and
 - (b) through which port is it exported?
- (7) Is a fee charged for that water?
- (8) If yes to (7) -
 - (a) what is the fee; and
 - (b) who receives the fee?

2998. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the Department of Water's Perth shallow groundwater investigation Lake Mariginiup, Hydrogeological record series report No. HG 36 of June 2010, and the finding that to improve the ecological condition of Lake Mariginiup, water levels must increase, and ask -

- (1) Have private groundwater extractors in the region of Lake Mariginiup been advised, that in line with the recommendations of this report and of the Gnamangara groundwater areas allocation plan, that their groundwater extraction licenses will be reduced by 20 percent?
- (2) If no to (1), when will the Department of Water advise licensed groundwater extractors, and when will licenses be altered to reflect the report's recommendations?
- (3) When will all licenses within the groundwater management sub areas directly relevant to this report, and subject to the Gnamangara groundwater areas allocation plan, be fully compliant with the recommendations?
- (4) Precisely how many licenses, and for what volumes of water within the groundwater management sub-areas, are subject to these recommendations?
- (5) Are these licenses each and severally subject to metering, monitoring and license compliance measures?
- (6) If no to metering, monitoring and / or license compliance measures, why not?
- (7) How many unlicensed bores are located within the groundwater management sub areas directly relevant to this report, and what volumes of water are estimated to be extracted by private unlicensed bores located within the groundwater management sub areas, directly relevant to this report?
- (8) What appropriate hydrochemical triggers and management actions, will be developed to improve the ecological condition of Lake Mariginiup, and what timeline is in place to implement, action and review?

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- (9) What hydrochemical sampling and analysis program will be undertaken, and what timeline is in place to implement, action and review?
- (10) How has Lake Mariginiup been managed to comply with Ministerial environmental criteria over the past decade?
- (11) What are the hydrochemical implications for Lake Mariginiup from continued over-extraction, and drier climate scenarios?

2999. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the Department of Water's management of Water Resources, and ask -

- (1) How many water allocation licences issued under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act*, and for what volume of water, were current at the end of each year, -
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09; and
 - (c) 2009-10?
- (2) How many licences issued under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act*, and for what volume of water, were subject to compliance surveys for each year, -
 - (a) 2007-08;
 - (b) 2008-09; and
 - (c) 2009-10?
- (3) In answer to question on notice No. 914, answered on 23 June 2009, the Parliamentary Secretary stated, 'As part of its continuous improvement process to enhance compliance issues, the DoW has developed a performance indicator to measure proactive compliance monitoring with the target of spending not less than 10 percent of the resources allocated to the licensing function', -
 - (a) how many resources did the Department of Water allocate to the licensing function, for 2008-9 and 2009-10; and
 - (b) how many resources did the Department of Water allocate to proactive compliance monitoring for 2008-9 and 2009-10?

3000. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

I refer to the Mingenew Aquifer, and ask -

- (1) What is the sustainable allocation limit for groundwater extraction for this aquifer?
- (2) How many licenses are currently approved, and for what volume of water for this aquifer?
- (3) How many applications for groundwater licenses, and for what volume of water are currently before the Department of Water?

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- (4) What are the predicted impacts of climate change for recharge of the aquifer, and for the sustainable allocation limit for this aquifer?
- (5) What trading value is currently given to water traded within the management areas of this aquifer?

3001. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment

I refer to *Watsonia* growing in the National and Regional Parks in the Perth Hills, and ask -

- (1) Can the Minister please provide estimates of the amount of land in the National and Regional Parks of the Perth Hills affected by *Watsonia* infestation for each of the years, -
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007;
 - (i) 2008;
 - (j) 2009; and
 - (k) 2010?
- (2) Could the Minister also please provide this information as a percentage of the land area of the Parks?
- (3) Does the Minister have an overall strategic plan of management, to control the infestation of *Watsonia* into our National and Regional Parks?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister please table this plan?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) Will the Minister convene a task force to examine the crisis of introduced weeds in our National and Regional Parks, and particularly to examine the proposition that, '*Watsonia* and other key introduced weeds be declared a proscribed weed and to recommend strategies and funding for its control and eradication'?

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3002. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
I refer to carers of people with mental illness, and the need for carers to be able to play a genuine and effective role within the mental health care system, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister consider introducing an institutional-level carer consultant model, similar to that in place in Victoria, with at least one carer consultant engaged in each Western Australian hospital?
- (2) If yes to (1), when?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

3003. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
I refer to the Auditor General's report, regarding the Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH), and specifically refer to the section regarding future staffing for FSH, and the anticipated shortfall, and ask -

- (1) When will the Government know the exact number of staff required to run the FSH?
- (2) When will the Government finalise the workforce modelling for the health service, so that South Metropolitan Health, and FSH can complete the workforce planning for FSH?
- (3) When will the Government finalise the comprehensive transition plan for the FSH?

3004. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
I refer to the Auditor General's report, regarding the Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH), and specifically refer to the section regarding staffing for FSH, and ask -

- (1) How will the Government ensure that sufficient staff have been recruited, selected and employed prior to opening FSH?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that staffing the FSH will not adversely impact the staffing of other Western Australian Secondary and Tertiary Hospitals?
- (3) Given the far greater number of new medical staff required than originally anticipated, what strategies has the Government put in place to train and/or recruit these new staff to the Public Health system?
- (4) Which of these strategies will be producing potential staff for the FSH in time for the expected opening in 2014?
- (5) How many staff does the Government expect each strategy to produce by 2014?

3005. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
I refer to WA Health's nursing recruitment office in the United Kingdom (UK), and ask -

- (1) How many Registered Nurses have been recruited each year from the UK since the opening of this office?

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- (2) On average, how long does it take from initial expression of interest by a UK nurse for them to commence work in Australia?
- (3) Does the Government track how long UK nurses sponsored to immigrate by the Western Australian Government, remain in the Western Australian public health system?
- (4) If yes to (3), please provide this information
- (5) If no to (3), why not?
- (6) What was the cost of running this recruitment service in 2009-10?
- (7) What are the estimated costs of running this recruitment service in 2010-11 and 2011-12?

3006. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the Australian Centre for Energy and Process Training, and ask -

- (1) How many students have enrolled in Challenger TAFE and graduated from Challenger TAFE, are studying at this facility?
- (2) What qualifications did these students achieve?

3007. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the Delivery and Performance Agreements with State-funded training providers, and ask -

Can the Minister please table these Agreements?

3008. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

I refer to the Budget papers page 602, Significant Issues dot point three, and ask -

- (1) What is the Budget estimate and forwards estimates for the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre?
- (2) How many staff will be employed in the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre?
- (3) How many Indigenous job seekers will the Centre deal with in 2010-11?
- (4) What services will it provide to Indigenous job seekers?
- (5) How will success be measured?
- (6) Will this Centre provide advice to employers of Indigenous people and vocational teachers with Indigenous students?
- (7) What channels are used to ensure that information about the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre gets out to the target market(s)?
- (8) The State Training Plan mentions other Priority Target Groups, can the Minister please explain, -
 - (a) who these might be; and
 - (b) what programs the Minister is intending to put into place to assist these groups?

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3009. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

I refer to the \$7.032 million allocated in the 2010-11 Budget, for English as a second language support for the children of 457 visa holders, and ask -

- (1) Has the funding allocation for individual schools/language centres been finalised?
- (2) If yes to (1), please provide details of which schools/language centres will receive this funding, and how much they will receive.
- (3) Please provide detail of what the funding will be used for?

3010. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the recent debate on the *Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 2010*, and to the comments raised by several members on the importance of adequate resources for palliative care in this State, and I ask -

- (1) What has the Government done since it came to power in September 2008 to properly resource palliative care services?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to further improve palliative care in the remainder of this term of Government?

3011. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

With regards to the Department of Mines and Petroleum's (DMP) Annual Report 2009-10, I ask -

- (1) The report states on page 77, that no further potential contaminated sites were identified, but mentions 16 sites. Can the Minister advise how many contaminated sites were identified by the DMP last year?
- (2) What and where, are the 16 potential sites the report refers to?
- (3) What and where are the three suspected sites the report refers to?
- (4) On what dates were the three suspected sites reported to the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (5) Can the Minister please detail which resource company the DMP is litigating against in the Federal Court?
- (6) Why may the DMP be liable for court costs in the range of \$1 million to \$2 million, if the case is unsuccessful, but not damages?

3012. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

With regard to the Department of Mines and Petroleum's Annual Report 2009-10, and table two, I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister detail the nature of what happened, and where did they occur in respect of the 29 accidents?
- (2) How many people were injured as a result of the 29 accidents?

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- (3) Was there any environmental impact, as a result of any of these accidents?
- (4) In respect of the 178 accidents, and serious incidents noted on page 23, will the Minister table a list of all accidents and serious incidents by type, location, and responsible company?
- (5) With reference to the frequency of work-related injury and disease per million hours in the mining industry, why has the number of accidents increased?

3013. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the answer given to my question without notice No. 818, on 19 October 2010, and ask -

- (1) Have all of the bodies responsible for weed control at all sump sites in Western Australia, (including but not limited to Main Roads Western Australia and the Public Transport Authority), been informed of how hexazinone behaves during drought periods?
- (2) In respect of all sump sites for which the local authority is not the only body responsible for weed control, -
 - (a) when was this information provided;
 - (b) to whom was this information provided; and
 - (c) how was this information provided?

3014. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

I refer to your approval given in January 2009, regarding a proposal by Western Australia Biomass Pty Ltd, to construct and operate a 40 megawatt wood fuelled biomass power plant at Diamond Mill near Manjimup, and ask -

- (1) Have the Minister, the Department, or Agencies, been approached to vary the current condition applying to the fuel for the biomass power plant that it, 'only use wastes from Bluegum and Pine plantations as fuel', to enable use of fuel from native forest?
- (2) If yes to (1), what opportunity will there be for the public to comment?

3015. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

In relation to the Layman Ballan BS120 prescribed burn, I ask -

- (1) What is the total area of Wiltshire-Butler and Blackwood River National Parks?
- (2) Was the prescribed burn planned to be conducted within these two national parks?
- (3) How many hectares of each park, and how many hectares in total were planned to be burnt?
- (4) How many hectares of each park have been burnt to date?
- (5) How many hectares were burnt in each of the other forest blocks, into which the prescribed burn escaped?
- (6) How many hectares in total have been burnt to date?
- (7) Do Wiltshire-Butler and Blackwood River National Parks have management plans?

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- (8) What are the requirements of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, in relation to activities such as a large prescribed burn in a national park, without a management plan?
- (9) Were these requirements complied with?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Has the success criterion of burning between 60 percent and 80 percent of the riparian and forest areas of *Agonis flexuosa* been achieved?
- (12) If no to (11), how much of, -
 - (a) the riparian areas; and
 - (b) the forest areas of *Agonis flexuosa* have been burnt?
- (13) Has the success criterion of at least 70 percent of the burn treatment area being burnt been achieved?
- (14) If no to (13), what percentage has been burnt?
- (15) Has the success criterion of no more than 30 percent of the total forested area being fully crown scorched been achieved?
- (16) If no to (15), what percentage has been crown scorched?
- (17) Was the primary purpose and objective of the burn biodiversity management met, namely to protect, maintain and enhance specific components of the local biodiversity, including Balston's pygmy perch, Western mud minnow and Western ringtail possum habitat, also to protect, maintain and enhance priority flora within and adjacent to the burn area?
- (18) How was it intended that the burn protect fish?
- (19) Was this objective achieved?
- (20) How was the burn intended to protect the endangered Western ringtail possum habitat, when the burn prescription required that between 60 percent and 80 percent of forest areas of *Agonis flexuosa* (the prime habitat of the species), was to be burnt?
- (21) Was the requirement for the protection of Declared Rare Flora *Daviesia elongata*, in the event of an escape there be no machine disturbance, complied with?
- (22) If no to (21), in what respects?
- (23) In relation to the seven species of Priority Flora found in the area of the planned burn, *Acacia tayloriana* (P4), *Astroloma* sp. Nannup (P4), *Chordiflex gracilior* (P3), *Hybanthus volubilis* (P2), *Leptinella drummondii* (P2), *Darwinia* sp (P1) and *Eucalyptus relictus* (P2), is their response to fire known?
- (24) What percentage of the populations of each of these species have been burnt?
- (25) Was the Department of Environment and Conservation aware, that the planned burn had been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority for assessment, under section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act* as a proposal, likely if implemented to have a significant effect on the environment?
- (26) If yes to (25), why did it proceed with the burn?

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(27) What was the estimated cost of the planned burn?

(28) What is the cost to date?

3016. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

I refer to Monsanto's 19.9 percent investment in Intergrain in August 2010, and consultations regarding the GM exemption order made in January 2010, and ask -

- (1) Did the Minister meet with representatives of Monsanto prior to the signing the agreement regarding the transfer of Intergrain shares?
- (2) If yes to (1), how often has the Minister met with representatives of Monsanto in Western Australia, since becoming a Minister?
- (3) Please provide details regarding the dates, attendees and the subject of each meeting in Western Australia?
- (4) Did the Minister meet representatives of Monsanto outside Western Australia?
- (5) If yes to (4), please provide details about the dates, attendees and the subject of each meeting?
- (6) How many times have the Department's employees and consultants, met with representatives of Monsanto in the past five years (please identify number of meetings per year)?
- (7) Is the Minister or the Department planning to contribute to Monsanto's education and advocacy campaign, to change the opposition many Australia consumers have to genetically modified food, as reported by *ABC Rural* on 30 August 2010 (<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/201008/s2996789.htm>)?
- (8) If yes, to (7), in what way?
- (9) Did the Department engage any consultants or seek external advice, in the coming to the decisions on the investment and the exemption order?
- (10) If yes to (9), -
 - (a) who were these consultants or external advisers; and
 - (b) what was the cost of each engagement?

3017. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to question on notice No. 2715 answered on 12 October 2010, and ask -

- (1) Do any mining operations in Western Australia currently provide the Mullen Industries 'Miners Mate' referred to in the Minister's answer to parts (1)-(14) of the question, or similar toilet bags to their employees, particularly those working long distances from permanent toilet facilities?
- (2) If yes to (1), in how many mines is this product or similar products available to employees?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

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- (4) If no to (1), will the Minister be taking action to ensure the availability of portable toilet bags to individuals employed in underground mines?
- (5) If yes to (4), in what manner?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

3018. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Public Environmental Review of the Weld Range Iron Ore Project proposed by the Sinosteel Midwest Corporation and the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP), and ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns regarding the potential impacts of the Weld Range project on the operations of the ASKAP?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), what are these concerns?
- (4) What action will the Minister take to ensure that the Government is not disadvantaging the State of Western Australia in terms of hosting the ASKAP project?

3019. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Commerce

I refer to my question No. 411, regarding noisy workplaces, and further ask -

- (1) If a workplace does not undertake the necessary steps to test workplace noise levels and arrange to conform with *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Regulations 1982*, -
 - (a) what other methods does WorkSafe use to identify dangerously noisy workplaces;
 - (b) how does WorkSafe ensure that workplace noise levels are tested; and
 - (c) what actions does WorkSafe take when alerted to a noisy workplace that has not declared itself a prescribed noisy workplace?
- (2) Has WorkCover come across any instances where workplaces with high noise levels have refused to test their noise levels?
- (3) Has WorkCover come across any instances where workplaces that have been identified as 'prescribed noisy workplaces', have failed to fulfill their obligations under the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Regulations 1982*?
- (4) In each instance identified in (2) and (3), what actions did WorkCover take?
- (5) How does WorkCover bring employer obligations under the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Regulations 1982* to the attention of workplaces?

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3020. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the \$13 million of Royalties for Regions funding that has been allocated for funding community short-stay accommodation, and I ask -

- (1) Other than the sites in Boulder and Broome, what other sites are being considered?
- (2) What sites are being considered in the Metropolitan Regions?
- (3) How many centres will be built in total?
- (4) What is or was being done, in the consultation process being undertaken by Professor Geoff Syme and his team at Edith Cowan University's Centre for Planning?
- (5) Was a needs analysis conducted?
- (6) Were local communities consulted?
- (7) Will the report be made public?
- (8) If yes to (7), when?

3021. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing

- (1) By regional Homeswest area, how many complaints regarding anti-social, disruptive behaviour were received by month for the last 12 months?
- (2) What dollar value per regional area is spent on investigating, following-up and taking action on anti-social and disruptive behaviours?
- (3) By regional Homeswest area, what percentage of Homeswest properties are the subject of these complaints?
- (4) What percentage of complaints are substantiated?
- (5) What evidence is required for Homeswest to substantiate a complaint?
- (6) What percentage of these complaints are resolved by Homeswest to the satisfaction of local communities and other tenants?
- (7) Which Homeswest policy delineates duty of care for children, families, and individuals living on these estates?
- (8) Where children are involved in drug violence and/or anti-social behaviour issues, what policy standards ensure child protection?

3022. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Transport

In reference to answers to QWN No. 690 from 16 September 2010, I ask -

- (1) What technical difficulties have been reported, and in what jurisdictions?
- (2) Why are these difficulties stopping Western Australia from identifying how the system could be tested and implemented successfully in this State?

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- (3) Does the Minister's department have the technical and legal capacity to test, evaluate, and implement the engine brake noise standards?
- (4) Does the Minister agree that brake noise is a significant community concern in relation to traffic impacts in Western Australia?
- (5) Does the Minister agree with the decision of Western Australia to be a signatory to the 2007 Australian Transport Council commitment?
- (6) If the nation's two biggest states, Victoria and NSW, can implement a logical, staged approach to implementing engine brake noise limits, including identifying and resolving technical challenges, why can't Western Australia take a similar staged approach, and thus begin addressing the problem of brake noise immediately?
- (7) What other actions will the Minister take to reduce the impacts of engine brake noise on Western Australian communities while we wait until other states have fully implemented the new standards and compliance systems?

3023. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) What percentage of concerns and complaints regarding children at risk received by the Department take place at Homeswest properties?
- (2) How much does the Department spend on investigating these complaints?
- (3) How much does the Department spend on interventions for such complaints?
- (4) What percentage of concerns and complaints received regarding problematic drug use are from Homeswest properties?
- (5) How much does the Department spend on investigating these complaints?
- (6) How much does the Department spend on interventions for such complaints?
- (7) How much money does the Department allocate to intervention programs for parents and children encompassing drug abuse and parenting skills, on Homeswest estates?

3024. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the recently released draft South Coast Regional Marine Strategic Plan, and ask -

- (1) In the Environment and Biodiversity Section on page five, the plan states that it will encourage regional research into potential climate change scenarios for the south coast including developing regional-scale digital elevation models. Was any research on climate change impacts conducted prior to preparing the plan?
- (2) Will the SPP 2.6 Coastal Setback Policy be applied in the plan?

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3025. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

In reference to the Budget Statements, Budget Paper No. 2 volume two, I ask -

- (1) Page 397, Significant Issues Impacting the Agency states that, the Western Australian tourism industry generates over 82 000 jobs and injects \$7.3 billion into the Western Australian economy, -
 - (a) how many of these jobs are in regional tourism;
 - (b) how much of the \$7.3 billion was generated from regional tourism;
 - (c) how many of these jobs are in indigenous tourism; and
 - (d) how much money was generated from indigenous tourism?
- (2) How much Government funding has been allocated over the next four years to the development of the James Price Point Gas Hub compared to funding for the development of tourism in the Kimberley?
- (3) What level of funding assistance is to be provided to Indigenous tourism businesses in the Kimberley over the next four years, bearing in mind that there are already over 500 Indigenous people employed in tourism in the region and over 20 Indigenous tourism businesses?
- (4) Page 403, Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies, lists the Gormley Installation-Lake Ballard, Indigenous Employment, and Regional Tourism Organisations and an estimated actual for each project in 2008-2009. Why are there no forward estimates for these projects?

3026. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if BHP Billiton Nickel West was involved in the initial planning, feasibility and design stages of the first Mundijong Road extension alignment?
- (2) If yes to (1), did BHP Billiton Nickel West voice any concerns that the original alignment was so close to its tailings ponds?
- (3) Were planning authorities aware that the first Mundijong Road alignment was so close to the tailings ponds?
- (4) If yes to (3), what was the official description of the tailings pond in the initial planning, feasibility and design stages of the Mundijong Road extension?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

3027. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

With reference to the Corruption and Crime Commission media statement, dated 3 October 2008 titled, 'Serious misconduct opinion against former public servant,' I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister explain specifically what has been done within the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) in the Perth head office and all regional offices since the date of the media release, referred to in terms of prevention and clear deterrence to ensure that no public servant

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within the DMP is able to unlawfully disclose documents or information, which exists on departmental files to any person?

- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) As a result of the media release, were all employees of DMP reminded by correspondence or by email of their obligations as public servants not to release, disclose documents to any persons without lawful access?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), on what specific dates did this occur, and how in terms of policy and practice was this achieved?
- (6) Can the Minister quote the sections of the *Mining Act 1978*, *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*, or any other Acts which may be applicable including any penalty which may imposed for any officer/employee unlawfully releasing/disclosing documents on Departmental files?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Can the Minister quote the specific sections of any DMP policies and procedures which focus on the prevention and deterrence of DMP officers/employees releasing/disclosing documents information in an unlawful manner?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Will the Minister table all of the DMP policies and procedures referred to in question (8) above?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?
- (12) Can the Minister explain how the public of Western Australia can have confidence that within the DMP, documents and/or information held on Departmental files are not being unlawfully accessed by any persons?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?

3028. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Transport

- (1) In what ways is the Government supporting the objective of increasing rail freight?
- (2) What strategies are in place or under development to increase the amount of freight being transported by rail?
- (3) Has the Government set a goal of how much road freight is to be converted to rail freight?
- (4) What percentage of freight is currently carried by rail to and from, -
 - (a) Fremantle port; and
 - (b) Kwinana port?

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- (5) What is the percentage of freight is proposed to be carried by rail to and from the new Fremantle port anticipated to be constructed in Cockburn Sound?

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