



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2023**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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**QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS**

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 13 June 2023**

1473. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO108(2) response due 17 August 2023*)

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 8 August 2023**

1494. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

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1497. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer

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1499. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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1501. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services

1502. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

1503. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 9 August 2023**

1504. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government

1505. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

1506. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs

1507. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Road Safety

1508. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

1509. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

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1510. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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**1511. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the 2023-24 Estimates answer to Question Prior 35, where the answer states that the Housing Authority “withdraws” housing applications for adverse history, including reasons such as “a history of disruptive behavior; significant adverse tenancy history; where there are significant community safety concerns; significant unpaid debts and no payment plan in place”, I ask:

- (a) for each year from 2017-18 to present, how many applicants were “withdrawn” by the Housing Authority for adverse history;
- (b) how many of those applications voluntarily identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island applicants; and
- (c) is the Minister misleading Parliament by not providing the number of applications for public housing assistance that have been denied or withdrawn on the basis of adverse history, data which the Housing Authority does collect?

**1512. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the Stakehill Wetland in the City of Rockingham and the Baldivis Landcare Group, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please advise of the progress to update the 20-year-old management plan for the Stakehill Wetland site;
- (b) will the Baldivis Landcare group be consulted regarding the future of this wetland;
- (c) will the Minister please advise of the circumstances that have led to the Baldivis Landcare Group being evicted from their premises and having their equipment locked away from them; and
- (d) will the Minister please advise what negotiations with the Baldivis Landcare Group have been, or will be entered into, regarding lease and equipment?

**1513. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Burn Severity Maps discussed in the Minister for Environment’s response to petition 029, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide the burn severity criteria that will be used to define each category of burn severity in each type of forest;
- (b) how many burn severity maps were produced for each of the five previous years;
- (c) will the Minister please table the maps in (b);
- (d) if no to (b), why not;

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- (e) how many burn severity maps will be produced for the 2023 fire season;
- (f) will the Minister please table all burn severity maps in (d) that have been completed;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) will the Minister commit to making all burn severity maps publicly available as soon as they are completed; and
- (i) if no to (h), why not?

**1514. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the safety enhancements being made along the length of Toodyay Road and I ask:

- (a) has the business case to support Federal funding of this project been updated with the information that the road will maintain a 100km/h speed limit, rather than the expected 110 km/h:
  - (i) if yes to (a), what changes has the speed limit made on the anticipated economic benefits; and
  - (ii) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) sealed shoulders and rumble strips have been identified by the Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) as a low cost option to improve Killed and Serious Injured Index (KSI). What consideration was given to the installation of sealed shoulders and rumble strips as a safety measure in the agricultural parts of Toodyay Road:
  - (i) was any comparison of the comparative costs and benefits of rumble strips and sealed shoulders versus clearing in the agricultural areas undertaken;
  - (ii) if so, could those figures please be provided;
  - (iii) how is the bush to be cleared valued in this cost-benefit analysis; and
  - (iv) if not, why not;
- (c) given that inflation is pushing up the cost of this project, are there any elements of the project that could be reconsidered due to cost;
- (d) If yes, please state what; and
- (e) what is the reasoning behind clearing 2km on either side of the Fernie Road junction instead of widening the junction sufficiently to install a turning lane for turning right into Fernie Road:
  - (i) would the Minister consider a turning lane instead of further clearing (as happened at the Sandplain and Salt Valley Road junction); and
  - (ii) if not, why not?

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**1515. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Perup Reserve "Conservation Reserve" listing in the *Forest Management Plan 2024-2033* with the specific tenure and class of reserve to be determined, and that the process had not yet started on publication of the draft plan, I ask:

- (a) has the process to determine the tenure and class of the Perup Reserve begun;
- (b) if yes to (a), when is it likely that this process will be complete;
- (c) if no to (a), why not;
- (d) what public consultation will take place in determining the class of reserve to apply to Perup; and
- (e) while this process is underway, what protections are in place to protect critically endangered number habitat under the existing piece-meal reservations over the Perup Reserve?

**SAM HASTINGS**

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