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QUESTIONS

No. 185

Tuesday, 8 November 2011

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4851. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

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4859. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer

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- 4962. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 4963. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Mental Health

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4964. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the previous advice of the Public Transport Authority that the estimated cost for public transport infrastructure to service the new Burswood Stadium is \$300 million, and ask -

- (1) What infrastructure is included in this estimation?
- (2) Does this estimation relate only to infrastructure in the immediate vicinity of the stadium or does it include changes to the rail network north of the Swan River?
- (3) If yes to (2), what changes are required?
- (4) When does the Government expect to make a final decision on what infrastructure is required and its estimated cost?

4965. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question without notice 749, and ask how can two different versions of a parking infringement notice both comply with the requirement of Schedule 2, Form 1 of the *Government Railways (Parking Stations) By-law 1997* and both be valid?

4966. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question without notice 759, and ask -

- (1) Do you stand by your answer to part (1)?
- (2) If no to (1), when did the Public Transport Authority become aware of concerns about the validity of its parking infringement tickets prior to September 2011?

4967. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question without notice 759, and ask -

- (1) Do you stand by your answer to part (3)?
- (2) If no to (1), how many parking infringement tickets issued by the Public Transport Authority have been challenged by someone citing a reference to Regulation 80 as one of the reasons for challenging the infringement notice?
- (3) Was the infringement notice cancelled following the challenge?

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4968. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Minister's advice that the Public Transport Authority (PTA) has instructed their officers to stop issuing parking infringements using the form that refers to By-law 80, and ask -

- (1) Why have officers been instructed to stop using these forms?
- (2) Does the PTA still consider they are valid infringement forms?
- (3) How many unused infringement notices referring to By-Law 80 did the PTA have when they instructed officers to stop using them?
- (4) What has happened to the unused infringement notices that refer to By-Law 80?

4969. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Energy

- (1) For each month of 2009-10 and 2010-11, and for each suburb and town, how many requests for Hardship Utilities Grants Scheme (HUGS) assistance were referred to the Department of Child Protection (DCP) by each of -
 - (a) Synergy;
 - (b) Horizon; and
 - (c) Alinta?
- (2) For each month of 2009-10 and 2010-11, and for each suburb and town, how many requests for HUGS assistance were not referred to DCP by each of -
 - (a) Synergy;
 - (b) Horizon; and
 - (c) Alinta?
- (3) What are the general reasons why requests for HUGS assistance were not referred to DCP?

4970. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

- (1) For each month of 2009-10 and 2010-11, and for each suburb and town, how many requests for Hardship Utilities Grants Scheme (HUGS) assistance were referred to the Department of Child Protection (DCP) by each of -
 - (a) WaterCorp; and
 - (b) any other water board or authority with figures for each other water board or authority?
- (2) For each month of 2009-10 and 2010-11, and for each suburb and town, how many requests for HUGS assistance were not referred to the DCP by each of -
 - (a) WaterCorp; and
 - (b) any other water board or authority with figures for each other water board or authority?
- (3) What are the general reasons why requests for HUGS assistance were not referred to DCP?

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4971. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning

- (1) Did the traffic modelling undertaken for the Perth Waterfront project include the impact of any light rail routes?
- (2) If yes to (1), which roads are expected to be impacted by light rail in the future and will the Minister table the modelling?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If no to (1), why does the Government not expect light rail to impact on the road network?
- (5) Where does the Government expect that the light rail terminus for north-south routes across the city will be in the future?

4972. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning

- (1) Has the East Perth Redevelopment Authority identified future north-south light rail routes across the Perth City Link project?
- (2) If yes to (1), what routes have been identified?
- (3) Has any agency in the Minister's portfolio identified future north-south light rail routes across other parts of the Perth city centre?
- (4) If yes to (3), what routes have been identified?
- (5) If no to (1) or (3), why not?

4973. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

In each of the last three financial years -

- (1) How much did the Public Transport Authority spend on cleaning up graffiti?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown in each year for -
 - (a) buses;
 - (b) trains;
 - (c) bus stations;
 - (d) train stations; and
 - (e) other infrastructure?

4974. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) What is the current maximum weight allowed for vehicles using the -
 - (a) Horseshoe Bridge on William Street; and
 - (b) Barrack Street Bridge in Perth?
- (2) What is the estimated gross weight of a fully loaded Transperth articulated bus?

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- (3) What is the estimated gross weight of a fully loaded Transperth standard rigid bus?
- (4) Are there any restrictions on the gross weight of a route bus when they are using these bridges?

4975. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Science and Innovation

I refer to the 2011 Western Australia Innovator of the Year Awards, and ask what the net cost was to Government to run the Awards in -

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2010;
- (c) 2009; and
- (d) 2008?

4976. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the research activities of the Western Australian Register of Developmental Abnormalities (WARDA), and I ask -

- (1) Has WARDA (or its precursor, the former Birth Defects Registry of Western Australia) done any research to assess associations between prenatal exposure to chemical spraying, or exposure of parents before they conceive to chemical spraying, and birth defects?
- (2) If yes to (1), where is this research publicly accessible?
- (3) If no to (1), will WARDA or the Department commission or conduct research relating to this issue this term?
- (4) If no to (3) -
 - (a) why not; and
 - (b) how many birth defects in Western Australia are caused by prenatal exposure to chemical spraying, or exposure of parents before they conceive to chemical spraying?
- (5) If yes to (3), will the Minister please provide full details?

4977. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

- (1) Will the Minister please table, or provide the electronic link for, all policies and guidelines currently applicable in Western Australian schools regarding pesticide use in schools and school grounds?
- (2) Does the Department of Education oversee the use of pesticides in schools?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

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- (4) If yes to (2) -
- (a) which pesticides are permitted by the Department to be used;
 - (b) in which schools has Fipromil been used within the last two years;
 - (c) what monitoring occurs to ensure that any breaches regarding pesticide use are identified and appropriate action taken;
 - (d) what monitoring occurs to ensure that any negative health impacts on staff, students or others are identified and appropriate action taken; and
 - (e) which, if any schools use steam or Waipuna treatment or other non-herbicide means of weed control?

4978. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Local Government

I refer to the impact of pesticides on vulnerable people (for example, children and people who have multiple chemical sensitivities) and to the pesticide-free program used by various local parks in the United States, and ask will the Minister provide encouragement and/or assistance to local government authorities to make some pesticide-free parks available?

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