



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2021

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

QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

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- 146. Hon Neil Thomson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 147. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 148. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 149. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police

Notice Given **Tuesday, 15 June 2021**

- 150. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
- 151. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 152. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety
- 153. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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- 154. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
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- 164. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 165. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection
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- 167. Hon James Hayward to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water
- 168. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police

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- 169. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 170. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training
- 171. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police
- 172. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 173. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade
- 174. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development
- 175. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning
- 176. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 177. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Services
- 178. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training
- 179. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training

Notice Given Tuesday, 22 June 2021

- 180. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 181. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training
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- 185. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy
- 186. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

Notice Given **Wednesday, 23 June 2021**

- 187. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
- 188. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing
- 189. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning
- 190. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 191. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
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- 199. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 200. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing

Notice Given **Thursday, 24 June 2021**

- 201. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training
- 202. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 203. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy

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204. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and I ask:

- (a) how many applications have been sought under part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, for licenses and amendments to licenses to export iron ore from common user port in Western Australia since March 2017;
- (b) will the Minister please list the applications and the tonnages involved;
- (c) how many works approvals have been sought under part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, for works approvals for the export of iron ore from common user ports in Western Australia since March 2017; and
- (d) will the Minister please list those applications and the tonnages involved?

205. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to petroleum wells in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) under the *Environment Protection Act 1986* and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) policy and procedures, are all 'Controlled waste facilities' also 'Prescribed premises' and vice versa:
 - (i) if no to (a), in what ways are they legally different;
- (b) how many petroleum wells in the Kimberley are permitted or licensed by DWER as:
 - (i) prescribed premises; and
 - (ii) controlled waste facilities;
- (c) for each well in (b)(i) and (b)(ii):
 - (i) what are their names and locations;
 - (ii) are the wells currently permitted or licensed to receive waste;
 - (iii) for each well permitted or licensed to dispose waste:
 - (A) what is the make-up of any controlled wastes that are permitted to be disposed of at each well; and
 - (B) at what volumes;
 - (iv) are any radioactive wastes permitted to be disposed of in any of these wells:
 - (A) if yes to (c)(iv), please specify which wells;
 - (v) will the Minister table the reports which detail the composition of the waste disposed in each well:

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- (A) if no to (c)(v), why not;
- (vi) what is the duration of each current permit or license;
- (vii) who holds the permit or license for each petroleum well permitted or licensed to receive waste; and
- (viii) will the Minister table all the permits or licenses in (b)(i) and (b)(ii):
 - (A) if no to (c)(viii), why not;
- (d) once any given permit or license under (b)(i) and (b)(ii) has expired, or been surrendered or terminated, who is legally and financially liable for any pollution or contamination issues at that well or facility;
- (e) when did officers from DWERs compliance and enforcement section last carry out a site inspection for each of the wells in (b)(i) and (b)(ii);
- (f) for each inspection, were any compliance issues or failures identified:
 - (i) if yes to (f), at which wells and what were the compliance issues or failures;
- (g) has DWER confirmed that any compliance issues or failures identified have been rectified:
 - (i) if no to (g), why not;
- (h) has DWER taken any compliance action against any company in relation to waste disposal at any of the wells in (b)(i) and (b)(ii):
 - (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (i) will the Minister table any DWER inspection reports for wells identified in (b)(i) and (b)(ii):
 - (i) if no to (i), why not;
- (j) has DWER been made aware of any well integrity issues or failures at any of the wells in (b)(i) and (b)(ii); and
- (k) has DWER sought or conducted any well integrity tests at any of the wells in (b)(i) and (b)(ii):
 - (i) if no to (k), why not?

206. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the revised license issued by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to Buru Energy Ltd on 28 January 2020 for the disposal of 'produced formation water' (PFW) at the company's West Terrace 1 and West Terrace 2 petroleum wells, and I ask:

- (a) have all the specified license conditions been complied with:
 - (i) if no to (a), which ones have not been complied with and why;
- (b) has any compliance action been taken in relation to any failure to comply with license conditions as discussed in (a)(i):

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- (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) what volume of PFW has Buru Energy Ltd disposed of under this revised license since it was granted by DWER in January 2020;
- (d) which regulatory agency, DWER or Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS), is legally responsible for the regulation of this PFW disposal down Buru Energy Ltd's petroleum wells;
- (e) does the *Environment Protection Act 1986* provide DWER with the legal authority to regulate the disposal of PFW, or other forms of contaminated waste generated in the course of petroleum activity, down petroleum wells in the Kimberley; and
- (f) will the Minister table the Blina Oilfield Care and Maintenance Environment Plan, Greater Blina Oilfield Field Management Plan and the West Terrace 1 and West Terrace 2 Well Management Plans:
 - (i) if no to (f), why not?

207. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Alcoa's recent application (EPA assessment 2253), which identifies two documents outlining agreed working arrangements between Alcoa and State Government Departments and Trading Enterprises, and I ask:

- (a) does the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) have copies of the working arrangements between the DWER, Alcoa and the Water Corporation that was cited in the referral;
- (b) does the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) have copies of the working arrangements between the DBCA and Alcoa that was cited in the referral;
- (c) if no to (a) and/or (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (a) and/or (b), will the Minister please table the document(s); and
- (e) if no to (d), why not?

208. Hon Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to Alcoa's recent application (EPA assessment 2253), which identifies documents outlining agreed working arrangements between Alcoa and State Government Departments and Trading Enterprises, and I ask:

- (a) does the Water Corporation have copies of the working arrangements between the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Alcoa and the Water Corporation that was cited in the referral;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table the document(s); and

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(d) if no to (c), why not?

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