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### QUESTIONS

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3749. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum  
3751. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport  
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3755. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Disability Services  
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3757. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food  
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- 3759. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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- 3772. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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- 3774. Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 3775. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Energy

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- 3776. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
- 3777. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Disability Services
- 3778. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 3779. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 3780. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
- 3781. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
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- 3783. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment
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- 3794. Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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- 3795. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
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- 3805. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 3806. Hon Ed Dermer to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health
- 3807. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Child Protection
- 3808. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 3809. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

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- 3810. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 3811. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 3812. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health
- 3813. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 3814. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- 3815. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Energy

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3816. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question on notice No. 2997, from myself to the Minister representing the Minister for Water answered on 23 February 2011, and ask -

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 per year?

3817. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to security arrangements relating to the proposed Woodside Browse LNG Hub at James Price Point, and ask -

- (1) Has any member of the Western Australian Public Service been released on leave without pay or a similar arrangement, in order to engage in employment with Woodside or a contractor thereof, at any time from 2009 to the present?
- (2) If yes to (1), -
  - (a) on what date did this occur;
  - (b) is this arrangement ongoing;
  - (c) what Agency is this person employed with;
  - (d) what were the duties of this person in the Western Australian Public Service prior to their current circumstances;
  - (e) who approved the placing of this person on leave without pay status; and
  - (f) was leave without pay status for this person approved with the knowledge that this person would be employed by Woodside in a security role?
- (3) Does the Minister support the practice of Western Australian Public Service employees taking leave without pay, in order to gain employment with a company that enjoys considerable support from the Western Australian Government, with regards to its proposed Browse LNG hub?

3818. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Midland Health Campus, and ask -

Will the Minister please specify how many beds in each of the following areas will be available at the new Midland Health Campus when it opens, -

- (a) medical/surgical;
- (b) obstetrics and neonates;
- (c) paediatrics;



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- (d) same day;
- (e) rehabilitation;
- (f) mental health;
- (g) other;
- (h) total beds on site; and
- (i) contracted beds?

3819. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the answer to my question 221 regarding Buckingham Bridge on Brookton Highway, and ask -

- (1) When were protective works completed?
- (2) Please specify the nature of the protective works?

3820. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

I refer to recent public discussion about drawing water from the Yarragadee Aquifer in the South-West of Western Australia in order to supplement Perth's drinking water supply, and ask the following -

- (1) Is the Government currently investigating using water from the south-west Yarragadee Aquifer to supplement Perth's drinking water supply?
- (2) If yes to (1), what amount of water, in gegalitres, is being considered and from which sub-area(s) of the aquifer?
- (3) What is the total unallocated water available, in gegalitres, from the south-west Yarragadee Aquifer, not counting water that is already allocated to existing licences and licence-exempt users or is reserved for future local use?
- (4) Please detail the maximum level of decline, in metres, that has occurred to water levels in the Yarragadee Aquifer over the past 10 years?
- (5) In relation to the answer to (4), what role have the following had in causing this decline, -
  - (a) reduced rainfall; and
  - (b) rates of abstraction?
- (6) In regards to figures showing available water and allocation limits published in the Department of Water's South-West Groundwater Areas Allocation Plan, that were current as of January 2009, have any additional water licences been issued for water from Yarragadee Aquifer?
- (7) If yes to (6), -
  - (a) for how much water; and
  - (b) in which sub-areas?

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- (8) Since January 2009, have any changes been made to allocation limits, estimated exempt water usage and/or reserved water supplies relating to the Yarragadee Aquifer?
- (9) If yes to (8), -
- (a) for how much water; and
- (b) in which sub-areas of the aquifer?

3821. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Mining Proposal works approval dated December 2010, for the new Gidgi Tailings Storage Facility owned by Barrick Gold, and Newmont Mining and managed by KCGM, and ask -

- (1) Can the Minister explain the rationale as to how the installation of a composite basal liner system will significantly reduce potential seepage from the facility?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister state what is the estimated natural water table depth in metres below ground level, prior to the construction of both the Gidgi one and Gidi two tailings storage facility?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister provide details of what a, 'basal liner system', that is proposed to be used for the construction of the Gidgi Tailings dam?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) Is it correct that Newmont has a global standard for tailings management which includes the requirement for the supernatant pond of any Greenfields TSF at its operations to be lined in order to improve seepage management and protect groundwater?
- (8) If no to (7), what is correct in relation to this matter?
- (9) If yes to (7), will the Minister table a copy of the Newmont policy or global standard?
- (10) Does the Department of Environment and Conservation consider that a new lined TSF provides for an improved environmental outcome in terms of seepage management?
- (11) If yes to (10), can the Minister explain the rationale for this?
- (12) If no to (10), why not?
- (13) Can the Minister state what the total estimated cost of construction is, for the new Gidgi tailings dam, with a basal liner system installed?
- (14) If no to (13), why not?
- (15) Can the Minister provide an estimate of the anticipated seepage in litres per day predicted or anticipated from the Gidgi two tailings storage facility?
- (16) If no to (15), why not?
- (17) Can the Minister state what is the permeability of the liner for the Gidgi two tailings storage facility?

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- (18) If no to (17), why not?
- (19) Does the design of the Gidgi two tailings dam actually incorporate plastic liner of some sort?
- (20) If no to (19), why not?

3822. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to a newspaper article entitled, 'Property Rights taken to Parliament', which appeared in the *Narrogin Observer* on 27 October 2010, photographs taken on 21 January 2010, depicting clearing of vegetation and construction of bores undertaken with exploration equipment available for viewing at [www.mp.wa.gov.au/rchapple/Kaltails](http://www.mp.wa.gov.au/rchapple/Kaltails), a document dated 3 December 2009 entitled, 'KCGM Mining Proposal and Works Approval Application', a media statement dated 1 May 2005 entitled, 'Unauthorised native vegetation clearing conviction', and another dated 30 November 2009 entitled 'Illegal land clearers fined \$10000 each', and I ask -

- (1) With reference to the newspaper article dated 27 October 2010 referred to above, can the Minister explain why Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) was prepared to spend significant resources and effort to prosecute a Munglinup farmer who cleared native vegetation on his property which resulted in him spending 90 days in jail, for breaching a court order preventing him from clearing land?
- (2) If no to (2), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister explain why the DEC is not prepared to spend significant resources in a similar consistent manner, as to how other persons referred to above in the media statements have been prosecuted, and at the very least prosecute a large corporation KCGM employees/contractors who have cleared native vegetation as part of exploration/construction activities, without obtaining a native vegetation clearing permit under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Will the DEC prosecute KCGM for clearing native vegetation without obtaining a native vegetation clearing permit?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) If yes to (5), when will prosecution proceedings be commenced?

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3823. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the mining operations of Barrick Gold, Newmont Mining operated by KCGM, and a newspaper article dated 7 July 2008 entitled, 'Residents anger at pit expansion', which appeared in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* newspaper, and the area of land covering an aboriginal reserve number 24574 and question on notice No. 4973 asked in the Legislative Council on 27 June 2007, question on notice No. 3254 asked on 2 December 2010, and ask -

- (1) Will the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) prosecute KCGM for discharging waste water which was likely to cause pollution of the soil for the spillage incident which occurred on the 14 July 2010 at the above referred to Aboriginal reserve?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister explain when the DEC is going to prosecute KCGM for incidents of hypersaline water spillages in the area of the land near the Aboriginal reserve which has been repeatedly ongoing for at least 15 to 20 years?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Will the DEC prosecute KCGM for discharging waste water causing material environmental harm to the soil and wider environment for the spillage incident on the 14 July 2010 at the above referred to Aboriginal reserve?
- (6) If no to (5) why not?
- (7) Can the Minister explain why does the DEC insist that KCGM improve bunding and containment contingencies by spending money on these improvements given that the Department appears repeatedly to assert that no pollution or environmental harm occurs when there is ongoing hypersaline water spillages contaminating the soil on this Aboriginal reserve?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?

3824. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer the proposed Lucknow, Phar lap, Milanese Open cuts, the Westralia Lode gold mineralization, the gold resources known as Sons of Gwalia, Charlotte Fault and Golden Dream located close to the Trans Australian Railway line in the vicinity of the Mt Charlotte/Cassidy mining operations owned by Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining managed by KCGM, and the Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan produced by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Minister recognise the critical importance of removing the railway line from its current location which will then facilitate the proposed mining of the proposed Lucknow, Phar lap, Milanese Open cuts and the Westralia Lode gold mineralization in the near vicinity of the Trans Australian Railway, providing for approximately another 10 to 20 years of open cut mining giving enormous confidence to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), can the Minister explain the rationale as to how he recognizes the importance?

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- (4) With reference to the Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan, does the Minister recognize the land which encompasses the railway land covering the northern line railway line from around Piccadilly street through to at least Killarney Street Kalgoorlie and possibly further, could be sold off as private land lots to offset some of the cost for the \$60 million dollar relocation of the railway bypass around Kalgoorlie- Boulder?
- (5) If no to (4), will the Minister request a detailed analysis from his department on this proposal?
- (6) Can the Minister indicate how many times Westnet Rail or its predecessors has considered the above proposal or similar in the last 20 years, and on each occasion the price of gold at the time of consideration?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Can the Minister indicate when the Government will allocate approximately \$60 million to fund the relocation of the 'railway bypass around Kalgoorlie-Boulder'?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?

3825. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer the proposed Lucknow, Pharlap, Milanese Open cuts, the Westralia Lode gold mineralization, the gold resources known as Sons of Gwalia, Charlotte Fault and Golden Dream located close to the Trans Australian Railway line in the vicinity of the Mt Charlotte/Cassidy mining operations owned by Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining managed by KCGM, and the Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan produced by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC), and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister and the GEDC advocate to the Minister for Transport the critical importance of removing the railway line from its current location which will then facilitate the proposed mining of the proposed Lucknow, Pharlap, Milanese Open cuts and the Westralia Lode gold mineralization in the near vicinity of the Trans Australian Railway, providing for approximately another 10-20 years of open cut mining giving enormous confidence to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), -
  - (a) how; and
  - (b) when will this be undertaken?
- (4) With reference to the Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan does the Minister recognize the land which encompasses the railway land covering the northern railway line from around Piccadilly Street through to at least Killarney Street, Kalgoorlie and possibly further, could be sold off as private land lots to offset some of the cost for the \$60 million dollar relocation of the railway bypass around Kalgoorlie- Boulder?

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3826. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer the proposed Lucknow, Phalar, Milanese Open cuts, the Westralia Lode gold mineralization, the gold resources known as Sons of Gwalia, Charlotte Fault and Golden Dream located close to the Trans Australian Railway line in the vicinity of the Mt Charlotte/Cassidy mining operations owned by Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining managed by KCGM and the Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan produced by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC), and I ask -

- (1) With reference to the above referred to Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan does the Minister support all the projects known as the 'Portlink Project'?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), why?
- (4) With reference to the above referred to Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan, can the Minister explain how the project cost of \$60 million dollars was calculated for the 'railway bypass around Kalgoorlie-Boulder'?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Can the Minister indicate when will the Government allocate approximately 60 million dollars to fund the relocation of the railway bypass around Kalgoorlie-Boulder?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Does the GEDC and the Minister recognize the critical importance of removing the railway line from its current location which will then facilitate the proposed mining of the proposed Lucknow, Phalar, Milanese Open cuts and the Westralia Lode gold mineralization in the near vicinity of the Trans Australian Railway, providing for approximately another 10-20 years of open cut mining, giving enormous confidence to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community?
- (9) If yes to (8), what has the GEDC done to progress this matter?
- (10) If no to (8), why not?
- (11) Has the GEDC approached Newmont Mining with a view to progressing the railway bypass around Kalgoorlie-Boulder seeking its views and development plans for all of the above referred to proposed open cuts and gold resources?
- (12) If no to (11), why not?
- (13) If yes to (11), -
  - (a) when; and
  - (b) on what dates was this undertaken?
- (14) Has the GEDC approached Barrick Gold with a view to progressing the 'railway bypass around Kalgoorlie-Boulder' seeking its views and development plans for all of the above referred to proposed open cuts and gold resources?
- (15) If no to (11), why not?

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- (16) If yes to (12), -  
 (a) when; and  
 (b) on what dates was this undertaken?

3827. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the gold resources still around the Mt Percy open pits, the proposed Lucknow, Phar lap, Milanese Open cuts, the Westralia Lode gold mineralization, the gold resources known as Sons of Gwalia, Charlotte Fault and Golden Dream located close to the Trans Australian Railway line in the vicinity of the Mt Charlotte/Cassidy mining operations owned by Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining managed by KCGM, the Goldfields Esperance Region 2010-2020 Strategic Plan produced by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission(GEDC) and question on notice No. 3251 asked on 2 December 2010, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Minister recognise the critical importance of removing the railway line from its current location, which will then facilitate the proposed mining of the proposed Lucknow, Phar lap, Milanese Open cuts and the Westralia Lode gold mineralization in the near vicinity of the Trans Australian Railway, providing for approximately another 10-20 years of open cut mining, giving enormous confidence to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), can the Minister explain the rationale as to how he recognizes the importance?
- (4) Does the Minister support the GEDC strategic plan referred to above which involves a rail bypass around Kalgoorlie Boulder for an approximate cost of \$60 million?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Has the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) written to the GEDC and the Minister for Transport responsible for Westnet Rail, explaining that in principle they support the removal and relocation of the Trans Australian Railway Line, to facilitate open cut mining taking place which will significantly extend the life of the KCGM open pit operations in Kalgoorlie Boulder?
- (7) If no to (6), will the DMP write to both Agencies informing them of their position?
- (8) If yes to (6), on what dates did this occur?
- (9) With reference to the answer for question on notice number 3251 asked on 2 December 2010 part (6), will the Minister specifically list and name who he regards as being the 'interests of all stakeholders'?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

3828. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

I refer to Sutherland Road East in Kalgoorlie Boulder, and newspaper articles entitled 'Govt may rule on road', dated 27 November 2010, another article entitled 'time to stop talking',

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dated 2 December 2010, which both appeared in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* newspaper, and question on notice No. 3249 asked on 2 December 2010, and ask -

- (1) Given that the Minister has acknowledged that the above referred to road has been a safety concern for many years, will the Minister direct and ensure that the ungazetted and undedicated section of Sutherland Road east is closed immediately to facilitate further drilling and open pit mining of the area which contains significant gold mineralization/resources referred to above in the newspaper article dated 2 December 2010?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when will this occur?
- (4) In the event that the Minister decides that the above referred to road is to remain open, will the Minister direct or ensure that legally binding conditions are imposed which clearly eliminate any dust problems and safety concerns by ensuring that it is bitumised?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), when will this occur?
- (7) Does the Minister support immediately closing Sutherland Road East given that it has been a safety concern along with dust issues for residents and users of the road for many years?
- (8) If no to (7) why not?
- (9) Will the Minister quote the advice received from the Department of Mines and Petroleum referred to in the answer for part (1) of question on notice No. 3249, of 2 December 2010?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

3829. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, and a large number of television sets which have not been functional for quite some time, and I ask -

- (1) Within the period of the last two years, can the Minister provide the precise number of television sets on each respective ward which has been non functional and operational at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) What is the purpose of having television sets at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, which have been non functional for up to two years, and which patients cannot utilise?
- (4) With respect to the new parts of the hospital under construction, can the Minister give an assurance that all television sets will be functional for use by patients when it is opened?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Can the Minister indicate how many checks throughout the year are made of all televisions sets on the wards to see if they are working correctly?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?



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- (8) Will the Minister take action to ensure that all existing television sets are operational and capable of being utilised by patients at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?

3830. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development  
Regarding the assistance and advice provided to the proponents of the Vasse Coal Project through the Department of State Development, and in response to my question No. 2893 of 19 October 2010, the Minister gave a summary of the advice and information provided to the Vasse Coal Project proponents, while I asked for the actual information to be tabled, and I ask -

- (1) Will the Minister please table the advice provided to the Vasse Coal proponents under the lead agency framework, 'regarding the potential impacts of the proposal on matters such as infrastructure, the environment and regional communities as well as the social considerations that arise from the proposal'?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister please table copies of all correspondence (by email, letter or fax), memos and related file notes about meetings and other conversations in person or by phone and other telecommunications relevant to the Vasse Coal Project?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) How many staff were involved in providing assistance to the proponents of the Vasse Coal project?
- (6) What identifiable additional costs were incurred in the provision of the assistance and support, for example travel and consultants?

3831. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the answer given to (1) of question on notice No. 3513, asked on 22 February 2011, and I ask -

- (1) What are the current planning and operational requirements?
- (2) Will the one in 500 year flood study investigate access to the site during such an event?
- (3) Who will be undertaking the one in 500 year flood study?
- (4) Has the one in 500 year flood study commenced?
- (5) If yes to (4), when will it be completed?
- (6) Will the results of the one in 500 year flood study be made public?
- (7) What are the minimum flood criteria that the Government will accept for the new Busselton Hospital, and access to the New Busselton Hospital site?
- (8) Has the selection of the site for the location of the new Busselton Hospital resulted in a 'reduced risk from the impact of disasters', which is an agreed outcome of the National

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- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) If yes to (8), how has the risk from the impact of natural disasters been reduced?
- (11) Have natural disaster and mitigation strategies in respect of likely and recurring disasters been developed and implemented for the site, as a condition of Federal Government assistance for the restoration or replacement of an essential public asset, under section 4.4.1 of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements 2007?
- (12) If no to (11), why not?
- (13) If yes to (11), what are the natural disaster and mitigation strategies that have been developed and implemented for the site?
- (14) Has design commenced on the new Busselton Hospital?
- (15) If yes to (14), have the facility performance, construction, operation and maintenance risks been defined in the Facilities Risk Management Plan at the commencement of design, as required by the WA Health Facility Guidelines for Engineering Services 2006?
- (16) If yes to (15), will the Facilities Risk Management Plan for the Busselton Hospital as completed to the commencement of design project stage, be made public?
- (17) If yes to (16), when will the Facilities Risk Management Plan be made public?

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