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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 92**

**Thursday, June 27 2002**

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- 668. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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718. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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- 789. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 792. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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- 798. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 799. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 800. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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- 801. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 802. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 804. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

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814. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to question on notice Nos 590 and 591 of Thursday, April 17 2002 and answers provided, correspondence sent to the Williamstown Residents Committee concerning this matter and a letter date February 20 2001 sent by the DEP to Mr John Shipp, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines -

- (1) Can the Minister explain how the Department can establish and state as a fact that there was no environmental impact or pollution at the specific time the monitoring was required by Condition W10 for the licence on the Fimiston Tailings Storage facilities given Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd did not undertake sampling after March 13 2001 well after the specific time period in which sampling was meant to be carried out in accordance with licence conditions?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Can the Minister explain how can the DEP audit licence conditions for compliance and ascertain whether pollution or environmental impact is occurring when the monitoring for certain required parameters was not undertaken at the required date?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Is it correct that part of the letter dated February 20 2001 states 'In relation to ground water chemistry, the report notes that EC levels may be used as an indicator of dispersion of seepage in the ground water. High levels of salinity are apparent close to the TSF's. Specifically, east of Fimiston I, west of Fimiston IIA and west of Fimiston IIC'?
- (6) If not, will the Minister table a copy of the letter dated February 20 2001?
- (7) If yes to (5), can the Minister explain how EC levels can be used as an indicator of dispersion of seepage in the ground water?
- (8) Why is the DEP interested in the EC levels?
- (9) Is it correct that part of the letter dated February 20 2001 in relation to the Gidgi Tailings storage facility states 'As mentioned in previous correspondence on this matter, the DEP is concerned about the elevated WADCN levels around the TSF, and the containment and recovery of this seepage is considered a priority'?
- (10) If yes to (8), why is the DEP concerned about elevated WADCN levels around the Gidgi Tailings Storage Facility and recovery of this seepage is considered to be a priority?

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815. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to drilling being undertaken by blast hole drill rigs and also exploration drilling within Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd open pit mining operations within the last 12 months -

- (1) Have any drillers intersected asbestos in the open pit when undertaking blast hole drilling or exploration drilling?
- (2) If yes -
  - (a) on what dates was it intersected;
  - (b) how many times has it been intersected; and
  - (c) can the Minister provide a plan showing the approximate position?

816. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to a letter reference 853/11/3/6Pt6 dated December 9 1998 signed by Claire Krummenacher for Secretary Western Australian Planning Commission addressed to the Chief Executive Officer City of Kalgoorlie Boulder titled 'Town Planning Scheme No. 1 Amendment No. 6' -

- (1) Is it correct that part of the letter states 'The proposal to rezone the land will consolidate a residential node separated from the services and facilities in the City by large scale mining operation'?
- (2) If yes, can the Minister explain how the 'proposal to rezone the land will consolidate a residential node separated from the services and facilities in the City by large scale mining operations'?
- (3) Has the Western Australian Planning Commission or the Department of Land Administration received any letters or information from the former Department of Minerals and Energy (DME) supporting long term mining interests in the Williamstown area?
- (4) If yes, what is the date of these letters and what information if any has been supplied by the DME to support long term mining interests?
- (5) Can the Minister explain how did the Western Australian Planning Commission establish as a fact that there is long term mining interests in the area and that these are in fact long term mining interests as opposed to short term mining interests?
- (6) If not, why not?

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817. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to question on notice No. 592 of Thursday, April 17 2002 and the answer provided and a newspaper article titled 'Pollution policy under fire which appeared in *The West Australian* on Saturday, June 15 2002 -

- (1) Given that the Minister has not given a yes or no answer for part (10) of the question will the Department prosecute Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) for breaching its licence conditions given that KCGM were clearly previously alerted to comply with licence conditions by way of letters dated February 20 2001 and January 9 2001 to demonstrate that the Department considers a breach of Section 58 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* or any other section to be extremely serious?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister table the DEP media statement concerning the Rose Valley Cheese Company?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Is it correct that KCGM Pty Ltd has breached its licence conditions at its Mt Percy, Gidgi and Fimiston sites on a least seven occasions?
- (6) If not, how many times has KCGM breached its licence conditions at all three sites?
- (7) Can the Minister explain how is the Department prosecution policy going to be reviewed?
- (8) How long will this take before it is finalised?
- (9) If no to (7), why not?

818. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to question on notice No. 601 of Thursday, April 18 2002 and the answers provided -

- (1) Has Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) Pty Ltd breached condition W3 which required a freeboard of greater than 300mm and condition G3 which required any license exceedance to be reported?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) If yes, will the DEP and the Minister prosecute KCGM?

819. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to a 'Closure Plan for the Mt Charlotte Mine' dated October 11 2001 prepared by Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) for Normandy Mining Limited and Homestake Gold of Australia Limited -

- (1) Has this document been lodged with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources?

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- (2) If yes, on what date was it received and then approved by the Department?
- (3) Is it correct that part of the Closure Plan for the Mt Charlotte on page 5 state 'Under Section 20(5) of the *Mining Act 1978* mining, exploration, prospecting, fossicking or any other interference may not occur on Crown Land, within 100 metres of a residence, crop, yard, substantial building, cemetery, pastoral lease or similar without the written consent of the occupier. KCGM will continue to consult with residents within 100 metres of the proposed closure or rehabilitation activities and undertake the rehabilitation in a manner that minimises any temporary noise, dust or other environmental impacts that may arise as part of these activities'?
- (4) If not, can the Minister quote what is specifically stated?
- (5) Can the Minister explain why KCGM has not consulted with the residents living in 7 Williamstown Road within 100 metres of many of the facilities at the Mt Charlotte mine in order to obtain their written consent given that KCGM employees/contractors have clearly been undertaking many activities covered under Section 20(5) well within 100 metres of their residential property since October 11 2001 up to June 27 2002?
- (6) If not, why not?

820. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

I refer to Item 5.4, page 1612 of the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes of October 15 2001 of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder -

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council provided written notification to the Golden Mile trotting Club to -
  - (a) cease the use and occupation of the TAB facility and stables at the Cruickshank Sports Arena; and
  - (b) remove all unauthorised structures,
 within 90 days of receipt of written notification, as per Council's resolution?
- (2) If yes, what was the date of the letter, and will the Minister table a copy of the letter?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Minister confirm the unauthorised structures have not yet been removed as per Council's resolution, and as of Saturday, June 15 2002 were still being used?
- (5) If yes, why have the unauthorised structures not been removed?
- (6) If yes to (4), will the Minister direct the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to enforce the written direction of the Council?



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821. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to noise monitoring report results published in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* Saturday, July 28 2001 for the period April 1 to June 30 2001 for Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) Super pit mining operations -

- (1) Is it correct that there was a total of 228 events where the noise was mining dominated?
- (2) If not, how many events in total were mining dominated?
- (3) Has KCGM breached any ministerial licence conditions or other licence conditions in relation to the noise monitoring results for the period from April 1 to June 30 2001?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) If yes, will the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) prosecute KCGM?
- (6) Can the Minister explain how does the DEP determine and establish in terms of evidence that KCGM has breached any ministerial licence conditions or other licence conditions in relation to noise emitted from their Super Pit mining operations?
- (7) If not, why not?
- (8) Will the Minister table all the noise monitoring reports published in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* newspaper for the past five years concerning KCGM Super Pity mining operations?
- (9) If not, why not?

822. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to a letter reference 853/11/3/6Pt6 dated December 9 1998 signed by Claire Krummenacher for Secretary Western Australian Planning Commission addressed to the Chief Executive Officer City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder titled 'Town Planning Scheme No. 1 Amendment No. 6' -

- (1) Can the Minister explain how the formalising of existing residential development may prejudice the continued and planned expansion of mining activities in the locality?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Can the Minister state what are the specific continued and planned expansion of mining activities in the locality and whom are these mining activities being carried out by?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Is it correct that part of the letter states 'The land is not suitable for a residential zoning given the long term mining interests in the locality and the potential conflict between mining activities and residential uses'?
- (6) If not, will the Minister table the letter?
- (7) If yes, what specific evidence and information does the Western Australian Planning Commission have which show long term mining interests in the locality?

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823. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to Prospecting Licence P25/525, Mining Lease M25/19 and Mining Lease M25/32 -

- (1) Is it correct that an area of approximately 13 hectares was cleared of vegetation using earthmoving equipment on Mining Lease M25/19 in the years of 1987-1988 without the leaseholder submitting a notice of intent and obtaining the written approval of the Department?
- (2) If not, what was the specific area cleared of vegetation without Departmental approval?
- (3) Can the Minister state the specific text of Condition 3 on Mining Lease M25/19?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) What was the name of the leaseholder of the above three tenements in 1987-1988 when all the unauthorised mining activities took place?
- (6) Did the Leaseholder breach condition number 3 on Mining Lease 25/19?
- (7) If yes, why wasn't the leaseholder prosecuted and fined or forfeiture proceedings implemented by the Department?
- (8) If not, why not?
- (9) Is it correct that 2850 metres of costeaning had been completed without Departmental approval on all of the above three tenements and others?
- (10) If not, how much costeaning in metres had been completed without Departmental approval?
- (11) Did the Leaseholder breach condition number 3 on Prospecting Licence P25/525?
- (12) If not, why not?
- (13) If yes, why wasn't the leaseholder prosecuted and fined or forfeiture proceedings implemented by the Department?

824. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to a proposal for the Loopline Tourist Railway from Boulder to Kalgoorlie including introducing a railway reserve -

- (1) Has the Department of Environmental Protection advised the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder or any other persons that some investigation are needed in regard to noise, vibration and vegetation for the above proposal?
- (2) If yes, will the Minister table any written correspondence sent by the Department to any person concerning this proposal?

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825. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

- (1) Has or is the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources considering mineral implications on areas east of Kalgoorlie including Williamstown in relation to the Department of Land Administration seeking information to alter the townsite boundaries?
- (2) If yes, will the Minister table any written correspondence sent by the Department to the Department of Land Administration and the tenement holders?

826. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to a letter which I understand is dated July 17 1995 signed by the Director General, Department of Minerals and Energy address to Mr R Crew, Chief Executive Officer, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) titled 'Re - Mt Charlotte - Fimiston Overland Conveyor and Haulage Road' situated in Williamstown -

- (1) Was this letter sent to KCGM?
- (2) If yes, on what date was it sent?
- (3) Is it correct that part of the letter states 'I refer to my letter of June 21 1995. Since that date I have received a submission from your company solicitors Sly and Weigall and legal advice on that submission from the Crown Solicitors Office. The advice received by the Department is to the effect that construction of the conveyor on Crown Land within 100 metres of house in occupation amounts to interference under section 20(5)(c) of the *Mining Act* and as such the written consent of the occupier is required. Without consent interference as referred to under Section 20(5) constitutes an offence under Section 154 of the *Mining Act*'?
- (4) If not, will the Minister table a copy of the letter?
- (5) Can the Minister give the specific date and table a copy of the letter from the Department in which written Departmental approval was given to commence work for the Notice of Intent lodged with the Department concerning the Mt Charlotte-Fimiston Overland Conveyor?
- (6) If not, why not?
- (7) Did the Department make a thorough proper assessment of the Notice of Intent for the Mt Charlotte-Fimiston Overland Conveyor in terms of environmental impacts and safety concerns and then impose any additional conditions as part of the approval on the mining tenements concerned or as part of written Departmental approval?
- (8) If yes, can the Minister state what conditions were imposed on the tenements or as part of written Departmental approval?

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827. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management

I refer to newspaper article titled 'Sick Humour email bring DEP reprimand' which appeared in *The West Australian* newspaper on Thursday, May 8 2002 and letters of complaint sent to the Commissioner for Public Sector Standards -

- (1) Has the Commission for Public Sector Standards received letters of complaint and evidence alleging a breach of the Public Sector Code of Ethics or code of conduct concerning Mr Phillip Hine of the Department of Environment Protection?
- (2) If yes, will the Commission of Public Sector Standards investigate these letters of complaint in terms of monitoring compliance with the Public Sector Code of Ethics?
- (3) Has Mr Phillip Hine breached the Public Sector Code of Ethics in relation to the comments made in the email sent to a colleague containing insensitive references about cancer causing dioxins?
- (4) If not, why not?

828. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the previous Minister for Transport did not support a proposal for a new road by-passing Picton, known as the Picton Deviation?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the proposed Picton Deviation was the subject of extensive consideration and community consultation several years ago?
- (3) Why is the Main Roads Department currently re-examining the proposal?
- (4) Does the State Government support Main Roads current actions?
- (5) If not, will the Minister direct Main Roads to cease further work in regard to the Picton Deviation proposal?

829. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) Has the Department stopped allowing medical exemptions for the wearing of bicycle helmets?
- (2) Why has the Department adopted this policy?
- (3) How many bicycle riders have been affected by this change of policy?
- (4) How will this policy help the Government encourage more people to use alternative transport to the car?

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830. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management

- (1) Can the Premier provide the names of all individuals currently holding positions of Director-General and indicate for each individual -
  - (a) current base cash salary;
  - (b) total value of their salary package;
  - (c) position held as at February 9; and
  - (d) salary at that time?
- (2) Can the Premier explain the reason for the pay rise granted to David Hatt since moving into the Premier's portfolio?

831. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer the Minister to the decision to withdraw the \$4 million funding that was to be spent assisting farmers with digging of drainage ditches as a means of tackling salinity, and ask -

- (1) Why was the decision made since farmers have been demonstrating that this is an effective means of returning salt affected land to a productive state?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure that some of the future salinity funding is allocated to this effort?

832. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many police are on duty during the night in the metropolitan area?
- (2) How many police located in metropolitan area?
- (3) How many police in total?
- (4) How many metropolitan police have been given approval to undertake other employment, ie. approval to moonlight?
- (5) Are any police officers with other employment working for security firms providing security in the liquor/hospitality industry?

833. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the Minister's press release of the May 11 regarding funding for a new emergency helicopter service, and ask -

- (1) Does the statement that the Government will provide funding of 'up to \$3.5 million' mean that the Government will only provide a one-off contribution towards the cost of the service?

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- (2) Does the Government intend to support the service with recurrent funding support on an on-going basis?
- (3) If not, how is the service going to be funded?

834. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

How many people have been arrested on the Perth urban rail system between March 1 2002 and May 31 2002?

835. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of all projects funded through the Regional Investment Fund programs during 2001-02?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of all unsuccessful applications for regional funding assistance made during 2001-02?

836. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

I refer the Treasurer to his answer to Question on Notice No. 639, and ask -

- (1) Is the Treasurer aware that former Government Ministers were given Budget and forward estimates for their portfolio, including estimates for 2004-05 prior to the last election as part of the 2001-02 budget preparation process?
- (2) Since the information for 2004-05 was available to the Ministers prior to the last election, why does Treasury insist that there were no budget estimates for that year available at the time of the election?

837. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Regarding the issuing of licences to shoot wedge-tailed eagles in Western Australia, I ask the Minister -

- (1) Under what circumstances are licences issued to shoot wedge-tailed eagles?
- (2) What, if any, are the conditions of such licences?
- (3) How many licences have been issued in the past five years?
- (4) How many wedge-tailed eagles have been destroyed as a result of such licences?
- (5) Do you recognise the role that wedge-tailed eagles have in the natural ecosystems?
- (6) What is the impact of the destruction of wedge-tailed eagles under licence?
- (7) What independently verifiable, scientific grounds are there that such destruction is justified?
- (8) Will you prohibit the issuing of further licences to shoot wedge-tailed eagles?

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(9) If not, why not?

838. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs

Regarding the trial of the Biometric Identification System (BIS) in prisons in Western Australia, I ask the Minister -

- (1) Has the Department for Justice received independent research findings that attest to the effectiveness of the BIS in reducing drug trafficking and prison escapes?
- (2) If not, what source is the Department using to justify trialing this new system in Western Australia?
- (3) Is there evidence to suggest that there has been an increase in prisoners using false identification escaping from maximum-security prisons in Western Australia in recent years?
- (4) If not, what is the most common form of escape from maximum-security prisons?
- (5) How are prisoners without ID able to get through current security?
- (6) Is there evidence to date to suggest that any Prison Visitors have entered into maximum or medium security setting with false ID?
- (7) If yes, how many have done so and how were they known to be using false ID?
- (8) How will the effectiveness of the BIS be measured?
- (9) If the BIS does not perform as expected, will the Department continue its usage?
- (10) What security measures will be taken to eliminate staff as a potential source of drugs to prisoners?

839. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

With respect to the current policy of implementing Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) in Fisheries, which requires that fishing have no long-term or irreversible impacts on fished ecosystems -

- (1) What research or monitoring is currently being carried out on the impact of fishing on marine ecosystem components other than target and by-product species?
- (2) What budget items incorporate the increased obligations to the monitoring of ecological (Trophic) processes and Ecosystems-Based Management (EBM)
- (3) How does the agency propose to fund meeting the ecological objectives and performance measures arising out of fisheries environmental assessment and ESD reporting?
- (4) What plans are in place to review cost sharing between agencies with overlapping responsibility for marine EBM?
- (5) What plans are in place to review the capacity of current 'cost recovery' policies to resource EBM in Fisheries?

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