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- 2854. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Water Resources
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- 2858. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
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- 2861. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2862. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2863. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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2867. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Housing and Works
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Questions listed for this sitting: -

2890. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health
- (1) What is the average waiting time for a child living in the South West to receive an assessment by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services following a referral?
 - (2) What is the average waiting time for a child living in the South West, who has self-harmed, to receive an assessment by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services following a referral?

- (3) What is the average waiting time for a child living in the South West, who has attempted suicide, to receive an assessment by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services following a referral?
- (4) What is the average waiting time for a child living in Perth to receive an appointment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services following a referral?
- (5) What is the average waiting time for a child living in Perth, who has self-harmed, to receive an appointment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services following a referral?
- (6) What is the average waiting time for a child living in Perth, who has attempted suicide, to receive an appointment with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services following a referral?
- (7) How many children are currently on the waiting list for an assessment by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services from:
 - (a) Bunbury;
 - (b) the South West; and
 - (c) Perth?
- (8) How many South West children have been referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in the past:
 - (a) 5 years;
 - (b) 2 years; and
 - (c) 12 months?

2891. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

- (1) What is the average waiting time for a child living in the South West to receive an autism assessment (the diagnostic assessment involving a speech therapist, psychologist and a paediatrician)?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for a child living in Bunbury to receive an autism assessment?
- (3) When did the last autism assessment team visit the South West, and how many children were tested?
- (4) How many children in the South West are currently awaiting an autism assessment?
- (5) How many children in Bunbury are currently awaiting an autism assessment?
- (6) What is the average waiting time for a child living in Perth to receive an autism assessment?

2892. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

- (1) Does the Minister plan to expand the infant hearing test program into regional hospitals in Western Australia?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes, when will that happen:
 - (a) State-wide; and
 - (b) in Bunbury?
- (3) If the answer to (1) is no, why is no such plan in place?
- (4) What is the average waiting time for elective otolaryngology–head and neck surgery at Bunbury Regional Hospital?

- (5) What is the average waiting time for children requiring elective otolaryngology–head and neck surgery at Bunbury Regional Hospital?
- (6) What is the average wait for all elective surgeries at Bunbury Regional Hospital?

2893. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many registered sex offenders reside in the South West?
- (2) How many registered sex offenders reside in Bunbury?
- (3) How many registered sex offenders reside in:
 - (a) Mandurah;
 - (b) Geraldton;
 - (c) Perth;
 - (d) Manjimup;
 - (e) Busselton; and
 - (f) Collie?
- (4) How many FTE police officers are employed to monitor the sex offender register for Bunbury?
- (5) How many FTE police officers are employed to monitor the sex offender register for the wider South West?
- (6) How many FTE police officers are employed to monitor the sex offender register for Perth?

2894. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In relation to the roads in the locality of Roleystone, can the Minister advise:

- (a) in the 2004–2005 financial year, what funding was allocated to upgrade or repair the roads in this area;
- (b) in the 2005–2006 financial year, what funding was allocated to upgrade or repair the roads in this area;
- (c) in the 2006–2007 financial year, what funding was allocated to upgrade or repair the roads in this area;
- (d) in the 2007–2008 financial year, what funding has been allocated to upgrade or repair the roads in this area; and
- (e) if the development proposed for Lot 62, Croyden Road is approved, will the State Government contribute funds to upgrade the roads leading to it?

2895. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

With regard to the Integrated Water Supply Scheme (IWSS):

- (a) what was the total volume of water supplied by various sources in:
 - (i) 2005; and
 - (ii) 2006;
- (b) what were the sources of water supply in:
 - (i) 2005; and
 - (ii) 2006; and

- (c) what was the volume and share (in percentage terms) for each of those sources of water in:
 - (i) 2005; and
 - (ii) 2006?

2896. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

What was the total water use in Western Australia in:

- (a) 2005; and
- (b) 2006?

2897. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Health

With reference to the proposal by Western Power to develop a new terminal substation in the Kalamunda, Gosnells and/or Mundaring areas, I ask:

- (a) why is such a facility needed;
- (b) what sites are being considered;
- (c) how has consultation with local residents been undertaken and in particular:
 - (i) were individually addressed letters sent to affected residents, or was a generic letter sent; and
 - (ii) in what newspapers has information about the proposal or related consultation been published;
- (d) if power lines pass through private property, is compensation provided;
- (e) what are the criteria used in determining the siting of such a terminal substation;
- (f) what other alternatives are there to the construction of a terminal substation in the areas referred to above, and are these also being considered;
- (g) will Environmental Protection Authority approval be needed; and
- (h) if vegetation removal is necessary, what action will be taken to compensate for this?

2898. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

With reference to the proposal by Western Power to develop a new terminal substation in the Kalamunda, Gosnells and/or Mundaring areas, I ask:

- (a) if the facility is located in a water catchment area, is the Minister satisfied that adequate protections will be established to maintain drinking water standards; and:
 - (i) if so, how will this be achieved?

2899. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the proposal by Western Power to develop a new terminal substation in the Kalamunda, Gosnells and/or Mundaring areas and to upgrade the existing Guildford to Boddington transmission line from 132KV to 330KV, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister satisfied that there will be adequate protection to prevent the spread of jarrah dieback disease along the route; and
- (b) if so, how will this be achieved?

2900. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Health

With reference to the proposed upgrade and remodelling of the operating theatre at Kalamunda District Community Hospital, I ask:

- (a) are the expected commencement and completion dates still May 2008 and October 2008 respectively; and
- (i) if not, what are the new dates and what is the reason for delay?

2901. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

With reference to the private sector proposal to build a desalination plant in Esperance, I ask:

- (a) is sufficient water currently available for mining and other purposes in the Goldfields area; and
- (b) would the provision of additional water by a desalination plant to the Goldfields be viable; and
- (i) if not, why not?

2902. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Premier

In reference to Question on Notice No. 2636 and the answer given by the Premier on 25 September 2007, I ask:

- (a) have the recommendations of the Premier's Planning and Development Task Force – Rockingham yet been considered by the Government; and
 - (i) if not, when is this going to occur; and
 - (ii) if so, when will the Premier table the recommendations of the Premier's Task Force – Rockingham; and
- (b) what are the recommendations of the Premier's Task force in relation to the proposed marina at Mangles Bay; and
- (c) what are the recommendations of the Premier's Task force in relation to the Point Peron Tourism Precinct?

2903. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources

(1) Has work commenced on the weir near the mouth of the Capel River; and

(a) if not, why not?

(2) Is the work still scheduled to be completed by April 2008?

2904. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regards to the railway line between Greenbushes and Bunbury Inner Harbour, I ask:

- (a) when will work commence on the upgrade of the railway line between Greenbushes and Bunbury Inner Harbour;
- (b) when is the upgrade of the railway line between Greenbushes and the Bunbury Inner Harbour expected to be completed;
- (c) will the Internodal Unit planned for Greenbushes still be built according to the original plan; and
 - (i) if not, why not; and

- (d) when can we expect to see logs and woodchips being carted on the Greenbushes to Bunbury Inner Harbour Railway line?

2905. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to the Strategic Review of the Banded Iron Formation Ranges of the Midwest and Goldfields and the Mount Manning area, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister confirm that no A Class Reserve has been established over the Mount Manning Region, and that it retains its current status of conservation park as indicated on the Department of Industry and Resources website; and
 - (i) if no to (a) why not;
- (b) will the Minister confirm that further investigation/exploration is required to determine the prospectivity of the Die Hardy Ranges as specifically indicated on page 8 in the above referred to report; and
 - (i) if no to (b) why not;
- (c) does the Government recognise the need to balance environment and development in the Mount Manning area; and
 - (i) if yes to (c) how is this demonstrated ; and
 - (ii) if no to (c) why not;
- (d) can the Minister confirm that there are no legal impediments to the continuation of exploration and mining activities under existing granted rights/tenure in the Mount Manning Area; and
 - (i) if yes to (d) what are those impediments;
- (e) will the Minister ensure that further consultation with all stakeholders, particularly with any mining tenement holders in the Mount Manning region, will be undertaken ahead of the amendment of any existing status in the Mount Manning area; and
 - (i) if no to (e) why not; and
- (f) will the conversion of the area in the Mount Manning region to an A Class Reserve at any time in the future require the approval of both houses of the West Australian Parliament?

2906. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the Strategic Review of the Banded Iron Formation Ranges of the Midwest and Goldfields and the Mount Manning area, I ask:

- (a) will the Minister confirm that no A Class Reserve has been established over the Mount Manning Region, and that it retains its current status of conservation park as indicated on the Department of Industry and Resources website; and
 - (i) if no to (a) why not;
- (b) will the Minister confirm that further investigation/exploration is required to determine the prospectivity of the Die Hardy Ranges as specifically indicated on page 8 in the above referred to report; and
 - (i) if no to (b) why not;
- (c) does the Government recognise the need to balance environment and development in the Mount Manning area; and
 - (i) if yes to (c) how is this demonstrated ; and
 - (ii) if no to (c) why not;

- (d) can the Minister confirm that there are no legal impediments to the continuation of exploration and mining activities under existing granted rights/tenure in the Mount Manning Area; and
 - (i) if yes to (d) what are those impediments;
- (e) will the Minister ensure that further consultation with all stakeholders, particularly with any mining tenement holders in the Mount Manning region, will be undertaken ahead of the amendment of any existing status in the Mount Manning area; and
 - (i) if no to (e) why not; and
- (f) will the conversion of the area in the Mount Manning region to an A Class Reserve at any time in the future require the approval of both houses of the Western Australian Parliament?

2907. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the Fimiston Stage 3 Public Environmental Review (PER) proposal assessment Number 1581 and the Minister's remittal of the two October 2007 bulletins back to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), I ask:

- (a) is it correct that previously all persons who had made submissions to the (EPA) on any proposals were given the courtesy and consideration of receiving a copy of the report and recommendations (bulletins) produced; and
 - (i) if no to (a) what specifically is correct; and
 - (ii) if yes to (a) on what date did this change and why;
- (b) will the Minister ensure that all persons who took the time and effort to make submissions to the EPA on the above PER document are given the courtesy of being sent a copy of the new report and recommendations (bulletins) on this project; and
 - (i) if no to (b) why not; and
- (c) in remitting the old bulletins back to the EPA for this proposal, will the Minister direct/ensure that the EPA takes particular attention to ensure that the proponent is made to address all points and issues that were raised previously in all submissions which may have been ignored/overlooked in its new response to public submissions and that the EPA makes comment on these points in the new bulletins released; and
 - (i) If no to (c) why not?

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
