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- 7889. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Commerce
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- 7903. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Premier

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- 7904. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government
- 7905. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Education
- 7906. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Attorney General
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- 7909. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Health
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- 7911. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts
- 7912. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 7913. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 7914. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Planning
- 7915. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 7916. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development
- 7917. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development

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7973. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister for Environment
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Questions listed for this sitting: –

7995. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

- (1) Is the provision of locality allowances paid to teachers living in regional areas designed to compensate for, and off-set, the expenses associated with the higher cost of living in these areas?
- (2) Is the remuneration package paid to teachers in the Country Teaching Program an incentive plan aimed at attracting and retaining teachers to work in difficult-to-staff schools and should not be confused with a remuneration provision to off-set the cost of living in regional areas?
- (3) What provision is made for the payment to teachers of a locality allowance in each town and community across the Pilbara region?
- (4) How does this locality allowance compare to the amount paid by the State Government by way of district allowance to most other government employees across the Pilbara?
- (5) Does the Government acknowledge that there is a legitimate grievance amongst Pilbara teachers because of the smaller locality allowance that is paid to them in comparison to most of their fellow government employees across the region?

7996. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance

- (1) Is the provision of locality allowances paid to teachers living in regional areas designed to compensate for, and off-set, the expenses associated with the higher cost of living in these areas?
- (2) Is the remuneration package paid to teachers in the Country Teaching Program an incentive plan aimed at attracting and retaining teachers to work in difficult-to-staff schools and should not be confused with a remuneration provision to off-set the cost of living in regional areas?
- (3) How does this locality allowance compare to the amount paid by the State Government by way of district allowance to most other government employees across the Pilbara?
- (4) What other government employees in the Pilbara region will not get the increased district allowance?
- (5) What locality or district allowances are paid to gardeners working in government schools?
- (6) What locality or district allowances are paid to nurses employed by the Health Department in the Pilbara?
- (7) Does the Government acknowledge that there is a legitimate grievance amongst Pilbara teachers because of the smaller locality allowance that is paid to them in comparison to most of their fellow government employees across the region?

7997. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Education

The Department of Education's School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) website states that Edith Cowan University has been commissioned to prepare an evaluation proposal for the monitoring and evaluation of SDERA between 2008 and 2011, due to be released in 2011. In relation to this, I ask whether the evaluation for the drug awareness activities has been completed; and

- (a) if so, when was this evaluation completed;
- (b) if so, why has the evaluation not yet been released;
- (c) if so, when will it be released;
- (d) if not, why has no evaluation been completed;
- (e) if not, when is it intended that it be completed; and
- (f) if not, when will this evaluation be released?

7998. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

Further to Question on Notice No. 7669 (Tabled Paper No. 4756) and the reference to a variance of \$2,325 in cost of the Christmas function for the network business area, attributed to a subsequent repayment by the General Manager Networks, I ask:

- (a) on what date did that repayment occur;
- (b) why was the repayment made and on whose initiative; and
- (c) did that repayment relate to any particular event or function and, if so, which one?

7999. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Forestry

Relating to the supply of sleepers to Westnet rail, I ask:

- (a) which mills are, or were in the last five years, contracted to supply sleepers to Westnet Rail; and
- (b) did all of these mills have contracts with the Forest Products Commission for the supply of appropriate third grade Jarrah saw logs suitable for sleeper production?

8000. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

Regarding the application for a license for operation by the proposed Dan Murphy's Liquor Store at the Mirrabooka Shopping Centre, I ask:

- (a) has a license for operation been granted; and
 - (i) if so, when was it granted; and
 - (ii) if not, how far has the Department's consideration of the application progressed;
- (b) in the process of considering the application, has the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor consulted with organisations working with the local community regarding the social impact of the proposed store; and
 - (i) if so, which organisations; and
 - (ii) if not, why not?

8001. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing

For the suburbs of Alexander Heights, Balga, Ballajura, Dianella, Koondoola, Mirrabooka, Nollamara and Westminster:

- (a) as at May 2011, how many:
 - (i) one bedroom properties were managed by the Department of Housing;
 - (ii) two bedroom properties were managed by the Department of Housing;
 - (iii) three bedroom properties were managed by the Department of Housing;
 - (iv) four bedroom properties were managed by the Department of Housing;
 - (v) five bedroom properties were managed by the Department of Housing;
 - (vi) one bedroom Department of Housing properties were managed by Community Housing providers;
 - (vii) two bedroom Department of Housing properties were managed by Community Housing providers;
 - (viii) three bedroom Department of Housing properties were managed by Community Housing providers;
 - (ix) four bedroom Department of Housing properties were managed by Community Housing providers; and

- (x) five bedroom Department of Housing properties were managed by Community Housing providers;
- (b) as at May 2012, how many:
 - (i) one bedroom properties are managed by the Department of Housing;
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 - (iii) three bedroom properties are managed by the Department of Housing;
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 - (v) five bedroom properties are managed by the Department of Housing;
 - (vi) one bedroom Department of Housing properties are managed by Community Housing providers;
 - (vii) two bedroom Department of Housing properties are managed by Community Housing providers;
 - (viii) three bedroom Department of Housing properties are managed by Community Housing providers;
 - (ix) four bedroom Department of Housing properties are managed by Community Housing providers; and
 - (x) five bedroom Department of Housing properties are managed by Community Housing providers?

8002. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Housing

- (1) What is the maintenance budget allocated for the Mirrabooka district for the financial year 2011–2012?
- (2) How much of the 2011–2012 maintenance budget for the Mirrabooka district has been spent to date?

8003. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Health

- (1) How much land is owned by the Department of Health on Mirrabooka Drive?
- (2) Where is the land?
- (3) What is the intended use of the land?

8004. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government

In relation to the Minister's comments in *Hansard* on 2 May 2012 regarding local government funding, I ask:

- (a) could the Minister name the 70 local Western Australian councils he claims have received financial assistance from himself to prepare their strategic and asset management plans;
- (b) please name the 63 local governments that have received assistance for their long-term financial planning and integrated report planning;
- (c) please list any local councils who requested assistance from the Minister or his Department and were denied funding, as well as the reasons for denying any funding; and
- (d) why were 68 councils not offered financial assistance for their plans?

8005. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to transfers from Joondalup Health Campus (JHC) to tertiary hospitals, and ask:

- (a) how many patients have been transferred from JHC to tertiary hospitals in 2012 to date;

- (b) what is the average transfer journey time (travelling by ambulance) from JHC to each of these hospitals:
 - (i) Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital
 - (ii) Royal Perth Hospital
 - (iii) King Edward Memorial Hospital
 - (iv) Princess Margaret Hospital
- (c) what is the longest amount of time a single patient transfer from JHC to a tertiary hospital has taken?
- (d) have any patients died during patient in-transit from JHC to a tertiary hospital since 2008 and, if so, how many?

8006. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Treasurer

Regarding tenders or contracts by Treasury, agencies or Government to ratings agencies, I ask:

- (a) what tenders or contracts are currently in place, with what terms and remuneration;
- (b) what amount was provided to ratings agencies in each financial year of the Barnett Government and what is budgeted for 2012–2013 and forward estimates;
- (c) what due diligence was undertaken by this Government into anti-corruption processes and safeguards of ratings agencies engaged; and
- (d) what are the current anti-corruption processes and safeguards of ratings agencies engaged?

8007. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Environment

Given that liquor burners have been banned across the world, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) what independent environmental monitoring is being conducted on the following liquor burners in Western Australia:
 - (i) Kwinana Refinery;
 - (ii) Wagerup Refinery; and
 - (iii) Worsley Alumina Refinery;
- (b) what makes these liquor burners more efficient and subsequently safe, compared to those banned in the United States, Asia and Europe;
- (c) what questions did the Minister ask the Ministers for Health, State Development and Mines and Petroleum prior to approving a time extension of the expansion at Wagerup Refinery;
- (d) in increasing the allowable level of noise emissions from the Wagerup refinery, how many noise affected properties will Alcoa need to purchase to satisfy the requirement of the license; and
- (e) what will happen if no additional properties are purchased by Alcoa?

8008. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to the free dental screening service pilot program for 0-4 year olds currently underway and undertaken by the Department of Health in Swan View, and ask:

- (a) is Swan View the only location where the pilot is being undertaken;
- (b) what is the cost of the pilot program;
- (c) how many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are employed in the pilot program;
- (d) how many children have been screened to date as part of the pilot;
- (e) what is the average cost per screening to the Department of Health;

- (f) how many children does the Department anticipate screening by the completion of the program;
- (g) what are the preliminary findings of the pilot;
- (h) is the pilot going to be formally evaluated upon completion and, if so, will the Minister provide a copy to the evaluation report;
- (i) has the Department previously undertaken any feasibility studies on providing a free dental screening service for 0-4 year olds; and
- (j) what (if any) free dental services are available for 0-4 year olds in the public health system, apart from the emergency dental services at Princess Margaret Hospital?

8009. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to Dental Care Assistants (DCAs) in the public dental system (including school clinics), and ask:

- (a) how many full-time equivalent (FTE) DCAs are currently employed in the State's public dental system;
- (b) how many total FTE DCA positions (both filled and unfilled positions) are there in regional and remote areas of the State's public dental system;
- (c) how many current vacancies are there for FTE DCAs in the State's public dental system in regional and remote areas;
- (d) how many DCA's currently receive Government Regional Officer Housing;
- (e) in which locations are DCA's presently receiving Government Regional Officer Housing;
- (f) why are some DCA's in regional and remote areas receiving housing while others are not;
- (g) how much, on average, does it cost the Department of Health, per annum, per employee for Government Regional Officer Housing (that is, how much is the average out-of-pocket cost to the Department once the employee has paid their subsidised rent);
- (h) how many DCAs in the State's public dental system currently have Certificate 4 qualifications or higher;
- (i) what is the average ratio of DCA to dental operator (DCA to dental therapist or dental officer) in the State's public dental health system;
- (j) which public dental service currently has the worst ratio of DCA to dental therapists and/or officers, and what is that ratio; and
- (k) how many additional DCAs would need to be recruited to provide a 1:1 ratio in the State's public dental health system?

8010. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to staff shortages in the public dental system (including school clinics), and ask:

- (a) how many full-time equivalent vacancies are there presently in the State's public dental system;
- (b) have any public dental services closed since September 2008 and, if so, which services have permanently closed and where are they located;
- (c) have any public dental services reduced their opening hours since September 2008; and
 - (i) if so, which services;
 - (ii) if so, where are they located; and

- (iii) if so, what are their revised operating hours; and
- (d) have any public dental services undergone temporary closures since September 2008 due to staff shortages; and
 - (i) if so, which services; and
 - (ii) if so, where are they located?

8011. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Forestry

- (1) Will the Minister table the specifications for the grading of jarrah saw logs as being first, second or third grade saw logs or bole logs?
- (2) Does the Minister plan to revise the specifications for grading of jarrah saw logs so that there is no confusion over the grading of logs supplied to mills?

8012. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

- (1) How many Preliminary Impact Assessments (PIAs) have been examined by the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit of the Department of Treasury:
 - (a) from 1 December 2009 to 30 June 2010;
 - (b) during the 2010–2011 financial year; and
 - (c) during the 2011–2012 financial year to date?
- (2) What percentage and number of PIA's were determined to require Regulatory Impact Statements:
 - (a) from 1 December 2009 to 30 June 2010;
 - (b) in the 2010–2011 financial year; and
 - (c) in the 2011–2012 financial year to date?
- (3) How many Consultation Regulatory Impact Statements were considered by Treasury:
 - (a) from 1 December 2009 to 30 June 2010;
 - (b) during the 2010–2011 financial year; and
 - (c) during the 2011–2012 financial year to date?
- (4) How many Decision Regulatory Impact Statements were considered by Treasury:
 - (a) from 1 December 2009 to 30 June 2010;
 - (b) during the 2010–2011 financial year; and
 - (c) during the 2011–2012 financial year to date?
- (5) How many Treasurer's exemptions from the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) process have been granted:
 - (a) from 1 December 2009 to 30 June 2010;
 - (b) in the 2010–2011 financial year; and
 - (c) in the 2011–2012 financial year to date?
- (6) Of the matters that have been identified as requiring Regulatory Impact Statements, what number and percentage have been approved for implementation since the commencement of the RIA process on 1 December 2009?
- (7) Have any matters identified as requiring Regulatory Impact Statements been rejected by Government to date and, if so, what number and percentage?
- (8) Has Treasury undertaken any tracking or evaluation of the average time it takes for agencies to complete the RIA process, from the time a PIA has been submitted to the approval of the proposed regulatory change?

- (9) What key performance indicators are used to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the process?
- (10) How many Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit Annual Reports have been published to date?
- (11) What were the terms of reference for the Regulatory Impact Assessment 2011 Review?
- (12) Has the review noted at (11) been reported to the Treasurer and, if so, when?
- (13) When will the review noted at (11) be made public?

8013. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

I refer to St John of God, the State Government's preferred respondent to operate the new Midland Health Campus. Comments made by a Catholic Health Spokesperson on 25 February 2012 suggest that there will be some procedures which St John of God will not be able to provide, and a North Metropolitan Area Health Spokesperson, in *The West Australian* on 14 April 2012, suggested that if a contract is reached with St John of God it was expected that services such as pregnancy termination, sterilisation and contraception would not be provided. In relation to this, I ask:

- (a) is the Minister concerned that St John of God may impose its beliefs on public patients, effectively restricting some of the clinical services available at the Midland Health Campus;
- (b) given that a St John of God doctor was recently sacked from St John of God, Subiaco, for performing a vasectomy on a patient, and also that vasectomies are currently available to public patients at Swan District Hospital, will this clinical service be provided at the new Midland Health Campus;
- (c) will St John of God's staff abide by the wishes of patients at Midland Health Campus who have advanced health care directives (Living Wills);
- (d) will St John of God refer pregnant patients with abnormal defects, or a high risk of genetic conditions in their unborn foetus, to genetic counselling services at King Edward Hospital; and
- (e) will pregnant patients, whose scans and or blood tests reveal a high risk of foetal abnormality, be referred to a place where they can secure a free termination under the public system?

8014. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier

I refer to the Premier's comments in the Legislative Assembly on 28 February 2008, in which he stated that the issue of the rock art on the Burrup Peninsula is probably the most significant heritage issue that Western Australia has ever faced. He further stated that, as it was a difficult issue, the Parliament did not deal with it, the Government did not deal with it and that it was left to Canberra to resolve. In relation to this, I ask what specific steps the Premier has taken to address what he terms the most significant heritage issue that Western Australia has ever faced?

8015. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

What has been the average cost of a 45kg Liquefied Petroleum Gas bottle in Western Australia in the following years:

- (a) 2007;
- (b) 2008;
- (c) 2009;
- (d) 2010;
- (e) 2011; and
- (f) 2012?

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