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- 1191. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 1196. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 1202. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 1208. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 1213. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
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- 1225. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1236. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 1242. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1259. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1270. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 1276. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1293. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1311. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 1317. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
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- 1330. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1333. Mr M. McGowan to the Environment
- 1336. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 1344. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
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- 1355. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 1364. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 1370. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 1396. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1397. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1398. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

Tuesday, 18 August 2009

- 1407. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1410. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Tourism

Wednesday, 19 August 2009

- 1413. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1414. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
- 1415. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 1416. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 1418. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 1419. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 1420. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services

- 1421. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 1423. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 1425. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
- 1426. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 1429. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1430. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 1431. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 1432. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1433. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1436. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1437. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education
- 1439. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

Thursday, 20 August 2009

- 1442. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
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- 1448. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

Tuesday, 8 September 2009

- 1449. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
- 1450. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 1451. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health
- 1452. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Education
- 1453. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection
- 1454. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development
- 1455. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1456. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
- 1457. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
- 1458. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Tourism
- 1459. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier; Minister for State Development
- 1460. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
- 1461. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs

- 1462. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- 1463. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Education; Tourism
- 1464. Mr M. McGowan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport; Disability Services
- 1465. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 1466. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
- 1467. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming; Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
- 1468. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts
- 1469. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy; Training
- 1470. Mr M. McGowan to the Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services
- 1471. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests
- 1472. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Water; Mental Health
- 1473. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- 1474. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education
- 1475. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment; Youth
- 1476. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1477. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Health
- 1478. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1479. Mr A.P. O'Gorman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
- 1480. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Commerce
- 1481. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health
- 1482. Mr M.J. Cowper to the Minister for Planning
- 1484. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 1485. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1486. Mr M. McGowan to the Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works
- 1487. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Planning
- 1488. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 1489. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1490. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Environment
- 1491. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1492. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for State Development
- 1493. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 1494. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

1495. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Housing and Works
1496. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing and Works

Wednesday, 9 September 2009

1498. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works
1499. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Police
1500. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister representing the Minister for Training
1501. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
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1511. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Corrective Services

Thursday, 10 September 2009

1512. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport
1513. Mr A.J. Carpenter to the Minister for Police
1514. Mr J.C. Kobelke to the Minister for Police
1515. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

1516. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
1517. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Lands
1518. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development
1519. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services
1520. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police
1521. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services

Questions listed for this sitting: -

1522. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health
(1) Which public hospitals in Western Australia have room set aside as space for reflection, meditation and/or prayer?

(2) Which public hospitals do not have such dedicated spaces?

1523. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Attorney General

(1) Can the Attorney General please advise the House:

- (a) what are the Western Australian statutory provisions currently in place that prevent some prisoners, either while they are in prison or for a set period following their release, from being able to obtain a motor vehicle drivers license; and
- (b) what is the public policy underpinning this provision?

(2) Over the last 12 months, how many prisoners have in fact been able to obtain drivers' licenses while still in Western Australian prisons as part of the prison education program?

(3) Does the Attorney General accept that prisoner rehabilitation and reduced rates of recidivism can be assisted by ensuring that prisoners are as 'job ready' as possible upon their release from prison?

(4) What steps are being taken by the Attorney General to enhance the opportunity for prisoners to be as job ready as possible for their release from prison?

(5) Will the Attorney General undertake to move to amend existing statutes so that there is no legislative bar in place that delays the acquisition of a motor vehicle drivers' license for a prisoner:

- (a) while in prison; and/or
- (b) immediately upon their release?

(6) If the answer to (5) is no, why not?

1524. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Auditor General's report on the levels of school attendance and in particular his reference to high non-attendance levels at schools in the Pilbara region:

- (a) is it true that there is only one school attendance officer employed to service the entire Pilbara region;
- (b) will the Minister confirm that there is no attendance officer in Port Hedland to service the East Pilbara region, and that that position has remained vacant for the entire time she has been Minister for Education;
- (c) will the Minister tell the House what she is doing to ensure that the Pilbara region has attendance officers in place who can assist in reducing the level of truancy in that area, as highlighted in the Auditor General's report;
- (d) when will the Minister secure the employment of a new attendance officer based in Port Hedland to service the East Pilbara region; and
- (e) what additional strategies is the Minister deploying in the Pilbara to secure increased levels of school attendance?

1525. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Commerce

(1) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) WorkSafe Inspectors were available in the Pilbara area as at 7 September 2009 to respond to reports of unsafe workplaces in the region?

(2) How many of those are based in Port Hedland?

(3) Why are FTE WorkSafe Inspectors not based in Port Hedland in order to be able to quickly respond to the unsafe work practices of some companies operating in the region?

- (4) With BHP Billiton's seven billion dollar RGP5 underway, extensive residential and commercial developments and constructions progressing, will the Minister consider increasing the number of FTE WorkSafe inspectors to Port Hedland?
- (5) Is there a policy set timeframe for an inspector to visit a worksite once a concern about an unsafe practice has been reported to WorkSafe; and
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if yes, what is the response time?
- (6) How many reports of unsafe workplace incidents/environments have been reported to Worksafe in the Port Hedland area from 30 June 2009 to 9 September 2009; and
 - (a) how many of those have been visited by a WorkSafe inspector;
 - (b) how many are still yet to be inspected; and
 - (c) what are the length of wait times experienced in each case?
- (7) How many work improvement notices were issued by WorkSafe in the Port Hedland area in the last 12 months?

1526. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Did a representative from the Department of Housing attend a recent community meeting held in Newman to discuss concerns at Parnpajinya; and
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if so, what was the outcome of that meeting?
- (2) Will the Minister concede 13 houses for a community population over 80 people is inadequate?
- (3) Will the Minister, as a matter of urgency, allocate funds to upgrade and increase the number of houses for the Parnpajinya Community; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

1527. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

- (1) Did a representative from the Department of Indigenous Affairs attend a recent community meeting held in Newman to discuss concerns at Parnpajinya; and
 - (a) if not, why not; and
 - (b) if so, what was the outcome of that meeting?
- (2) With overwhelming community support for a Newman Takeaway Alcohol Management Plan, will the Minister support its immediate implementation; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister make funds immediately available for this community to employ a Community Coordinator; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

1528. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Education

- (1) Have there been any discussions or communication between the Department of Education Services, the Department of Education or any other government department and any public university about changing the enabling legislation for public universities?
- (2) If so, what was the nature and content of those discussions?

1529. Mr A.P. O'Gorman to the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) Is it possible for tenants of Homeswest properties to be moved on when they are continually exhibiting undesirable behaviour?
- (2) How many times does a Homeswest tenant need to damage a property, and have Homeswest repair a property, before a tenant is evicted?
- (3) What is the process to evict someone from a Homeswest property?
- (4) How bad does a tenant have to be to be evicted, and is there a criteria that needs to be met?

1530. Mr A.P. O'Gorman to the Minister for Health

- (1) When will Dental Assistants be recognised as professional people?
- (2) What progress has been made for Dental Assistants to increase from Level 1 to Level 2?
- (3) When will all dental therapy clinics receive updated office equipment such as computers, answering machines, emails, fax etc?
- (4) When will the antiquated cardex system be replaced?
- (5) What will replace the antiquated cardex system?
- (6) Will a computer program be developed as a patient management system?

1531. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Local Government

I refer to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Report No. 34: City of Joondalup Cats Local Law 2008, and in particular the Committee's recommendation that consideration be given to introducing a Cat Bill into Parliament, and I ask:

- (a) can assurances be given that this proposal will not take precedence over amendments to the *Dog Act 1976* which are now overdue; and
- (b) what is the timeframe for introducing amendments to the *Dog Act 1976*?

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
