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QUESTIONS

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4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4519. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4520. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4521. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4574. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4756. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - June 6 2007*)

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4764. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - June 7 2007*)

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4981. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the community afternoon tea at Joondalup, to which the Premier invited a number of guests, and ask -

- (1) What are the criteria in determining who is to be invited to these community functions?
- (2) How many guests usually attend?
- (3) What is the approximate cost of these functions?
- (4) In which electorates and on what dates have these functions been held in the past six years?

4982. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to question No's. 410, 415, and 417 and ask, given that each of the items mentioned in these questions was described in the 2006-2007 State Budget as a 'major initiative', why was there no report on any of these activities in the 2007-2008 State Budget?

4983. Hon Barbara Scott to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works

- (1) How much was raised on infrastructure projects for public art through the percentage for art program in the years -
 - (a) January 2001 to December 2005; and
 - (b) January 2005 to December 2006?
- (2) How many artists have benefited from this policy?
- (3) Does the Government keep a record of funds raised in this way and the details of the individual projects that have been funded?
- (4) If yes to (3), can these records be tabled?

4984. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Child Protection

On 10 September 1991, I wrote to the then Minister for Community Services, Hon E Ripper MLA, in relation to the decision to remove two Aboriginal girls, Kerri-Anne Wilson and Olivia Wilson, from their foster parents, and I ask -

- (1) Does the Department have any records of what happened to these two girls since September 1991?
- (2) If the Department has any information, will the Minister provide me with the details?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

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- (4) If the Department has no information about these girls, will the Minister explain why the Department does not have any information?

4985. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to questions on notice numbers 4707, 4708 and 4709 of 3 April 2007, and I ask -

- (1) I refer to (1) of the Minister's answer to question No. 4707, claims the Minister does not support the use of the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) resources to retrieve files that prove pollution by Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) as being the worst in Australia, yet in (5) of the answer to the same question, the Minister claims that previous history of KCGM was used in determining the appropriate sanction. Can the Minister please explain how much previous history is considered enough to determine a suitable fine when he doesn't support his Department's search for all history?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) By not supporting his Department to fully research the pollution history of a company such as KCGM when determining a suitable fine, can the Minister please explain how this does not imply to the public that the company is being given special dispensation with regard to the offences committed?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) With reference to question No. 4708, can the Minister please explain from where he derives his confidence in the validity of the DEC's database and states in (7) of his answer, 'Database records indicate that no Pollution Abatement Notices were issued to KCGM in that period' when he is not willing to use the DEC's resources to confirm a briefing, dated 29 May 1989, exists on departmental files and apparently states in part 'The Pollution Abatement Notice was issued as an emergency response to the company's failure to comply with the Environmental Protection Policy, that relates to the protection of residents within the Kalgoorlie/ Boulder area'?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) In relation to question No. 4709 with reference to the answer given in (8), and given previous answers by the Minister about the unwillingness to spend resources on research, can the Minister please explain how the public of Western Australia can be confident that the DEC is providing to the State Solicitor's office, the true and accurate record of the history of the offender, with the 'two further briefs of evidence' they are providing?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Can the Minister advise which specific companies are the subject of these 'two further briefs' and whether the offender(s) will be prosecuted under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

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4986. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

Further to question without notice No. 472 of 20 June 2007, regarding the purchase of renewable energy for the Kwinana desalination plant, I ask -

- (1) Does the Minister agree that this renewable energy is not additional to renewable energy that would have been generated anyway under the Commonwealth Government's Mandatory Renewable Energy Scheme?
- (2) Is it true, as stated on page five of the Premier's Climate Change Action Statement that 'the renewable energy used for the desalination plant avoids the emissions of over 220 000 tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere per year, and makes the plant carbon neutral'?

4987. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works

I refer to question without notice No. 945 of 25 October 2006, and to the five star plus building standards that the Government proposes to implement on 1 September 2007, and ask -

- (1) What is the average cost of implementing five star plus per new house?
- (2) What is the likely pay-off period for five star plus per dwelling?
- (3) How much water and energy can be saved per dwelling per annum?
- (4) If there were a full roll-out of the five star plus program over the next ten years, how much water and energy could be saved?

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