



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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569. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the Minister's answer on 15 February 2022 to question on notice 458 regarding the Astute class nuclear submarine that visited HMAS Stirling Naval Base on Garden Island in October 2021. I ask the Minister:

- (a) which agencies were involved in the 'visiting nuclear warships' training exercise conducted on 21 February 2019;
- (b) in the event of a nuclear accident or a similar emergency affecting Western Australia:
 - (i) what health measures are currently in place;
 - (ii) how many iodine tablets are currently stored appropriately in Western Australia;
 - (iii) who is responsible for managing the inventory of iodine tablets;
 - (iv) who is responsible for administering iodine tablets to the public;
 - (v) how would the iodine tablets be administered;
 - (vi) which agencies are responsible for responding to and managing possible health outcomes;
 - (vii) have the staff of those agencies received training in responding to and managing possible health outcomes;
 - (viii) have the staff of those agencies received relevant scenario-based training in emergency evacuations;
 - (ix) what evacuation procedures are currently in place; and
 - (x) how would an evacuation be carried out;
- (c) in relation to the training conducted on 21 February 2019:
 - (i) how much did the training cost; and
 - (ii) who paid for the training;
- (d) what was the total cost of hosting the Astute class submarine at HMAS Stirling;
- (e) who paid for the Astute class submarine to be hosted at HMAS Stirling;
- (f) did the Government of the United Kingdom pay any fees or charges for visiting the HMAS Stirling base;
- (g) if yes to (f):
 - (i) what amounts were paid;

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- (ii) what were the amounts for; and
- (iii) who were the amounts paid to;
- (h) in regard to 3.3.3 of State Hazard Plan HAZMAT, Annex A – Radiation Escape from a Nuclear Powered Warship (NPW) and the Minister's answer to question on notice 458 stating that nuclear submarine or warships would be towed and anchored three nautical miles away from the baseline:
 - (i) what is meant by the term 'baseline';
 - (ii) where is the 'baseline';
 - (iii) what agency would carry out the operation to tow the submarine or warship;
 - (iv) what would the estimated costs of such an operation be;
 - (v) who would pay for the costs of such an operation;
 - (vi) what would happen once the submarine or warship is towed and anchored;
 - (vii) could a nuclear submarine or warship that is emitting radiation and in meltdown or another unstable state be potentially left permanently anchored off the shore of Western Australia;
 - (viii) if yes to (vii):
 - (A) what is the rationale; and
 - (B) what would the potential long term impact and risk and cost be to the environment, public health and industry that operate in the coastal area of Western Australia;
 - (ix) what is the threshold or trigger point at which the Government would remove the nuclear fuel and radioactive fallout; and
 - (x) would the Government commit to completely removing the nuclear fuel and radioactive fallout;
- (i) has there been any assessment or scenario planning in relation to the long term environmental, health and economic costs of a nuclear disaster by a visiting nuclear-powered warship or submarine;
- (j) if yes to (i), will the Minister table the assessment and scenario planning;
- (k) if no to (j), will the Minister describe what scenarios have been considered, if any, and what the remedies would be;
- (l) in relation to the radiation monitoring conducted during the Astute class submarine visit:
 - (i) who conducted the monitoring;
 - (ii) who paid for the monitoring;
 - (iii) what types of radiation were monitored;

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- (iv) was there a threshold for levels of radiation which if met or exceeded, would trigger an action or response; and
- (v) if yes to (iv), what actions or responses would be triggered; and
- (m) in relation to the meeting of the Nuclear-Powered Warship Visiting Ships Coordinating Committee held before the Astute class submarine visit:
 - (i) what evidence were committee members asked to provide to demonstrate their preparedness ahead of the visit; and
 - (ii) who attended that meeting?

570. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services:

For the period 1 March 2020, until the present time, will the Minister please provide:

- (a) the number of occasions the Minister responsible for Emergency Services received written advice recommending the declaration of a 'state of emergency' enabled under Section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*; and
- (b) copies of that written advice?

571. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services:

Since the passage of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, until 15 March 2020, can the Minister please advise in tabular form:

- (a) the number of occasions a State of Emergency has been declared in Western Australia:
 - (i) the reason for that declaration;
 - (ii) if that declaration applied across the entire State or was limited to a specific region or regions; and
 - (iii) the period of time that declaration was in effect?

572. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

Since the passage of the *Public Health Act 2016*, until 17 March 2020, can the Minister please advise in tabular form:

- (a) the number of occasions a Public Health State of Emergency has been declared in Western Australia:
 - (i) the reason for that declaration;
 - (ii) if that declaration applied across the entire State or was limited to a specific region or regions; and
 - (iii) the period of time that declaration was in effect?

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573. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to medical exemptions for the COVID mandated requirement to wear masks in various settings inside businesses that are open to the public, and I ask:

- (a) are businesses required to accept medical exemption certificates for make wearing and allow in patrons that hold them without masks;
- (b) if a person with a medical exemption certificate is refused entry, what rights of appeal or support are available to them; and
- (c) how should a person with a medical exemption certificate address the situation and the manager of the business?

574. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the section 18 application made by Perdaman Chemicals Pty Ltd to disturb sites in the development envelope of its proposed Urea plant, adjacent to the Murujuga National Heritage Listed Area and within the potential boundary of the UNESCO Tentative World Heritage List listed Murujuga Cultural Landscape site. According to advice received from the Director of Aboriginal Heritage Operations of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, this section 18 application was considered by the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) in April 2021 and approved by the Minister on 27 January 2021, and is thus relevant to the passing of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* and the findings of the Federal Jukkan Gorge Inquiry. I ask the Minister:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that the ACMC assessed the Perdaman section 18 application in April 2021;
- (b) will the Minister state what the ACMC's recommendation to the Minister was in relation to the Perdaman application;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), will the Minister table that advice;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) can the Minister confirm whether they provided ministerial approval for the Perdaman section 18 application on 27 January 2022;
- (g) will the Minister table a copy of the ministerial approval and conditions;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) in making their decision, did the Minister consider the impact of increased industrial emissions on the surrounding rock art and take into account the precautionary principle;
- (j) if no to (i), why not;
- (k) if yes to (i), in what way was this impact considered;

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- (l) is the Minister aware that more than 10 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites including a stone arrangement and petroglyph were identified subsequent to the APMC decision on April 2021;
- (m) if no to (l), why not;
- (n) if yes to (l), on what date did the Minister become aware of these additional sites which were not identified in the Perdaman section 18 application;
- (o) in arriving at their decision on the Perdaman section 18 application, did the Minister consider any of the additional heritage sites identified after the APMC considered the original Perdaman section 18 report;
- (p) if the APMC and the Minister did not consider these additional heritage sites, is the ministerial approval still valid, and, if so, on what basis;
- (q) if no to (p), will the Minister ask the APMC to review the advice provided further advice to the Minister;
- (r) ® if no to (q), why not;
- (s) is it the case that for section 18 approvals applied for prior to the passage of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021*, new information cannot be used to review and set aside section 18 Ministerial consents;
- (t) in the interests of procedural fairness, will the Minister table a copy of the Perdaman section 18 application presented to the APMC and/or provide a copy to Murujuga Aboriginal knowledge holders who have been publicly expressing concern that the Minister has approved this project in an area of enormous cultural significance to them; and
- (u) if no to (t), why not?

575. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the answer provided by the Minister for Public Sector Management to my parliamentary question 111 of 23 February 2022, and I ask in relation to the Director General of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, for a copy of "the clear letter of expectation for performance" from the Minister "outlining key priorities and deliverables" which was sent to the Director General?

576. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the answer provided by the Minister for Public Sector Management to my parliamentary question 111 of 23 February 2022, and I ask in relation to the Director General of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, for a copy of "the clear letter of expectation for performance" from the Minister "outlining key priorities and deliverables" which was sent to the Director General?

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577. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the running of Lake Wells Station north of Laverton and the exploration and mining of potash in the area, and I ask:

- (a) when was Lake Wells Station last inspected by the Pastoral Lands Board;
- (b) what was the result of the inspection;
- (c) will the Minister table a copy of the inspection report;
- (d) if no to (c), why not;
- (e) has the Government valued Lake Wells Station, and if so what was the valuation received; and
- (f) what is the identified carrying capacity of Lake Wells Station?

578. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the running of Lake Wells Station north of Laverton and the exploration and mining of potash in the area, and I ask:

- (a) what mining or exploration approvals have been submitted for the lands covered by Lake Wells Station;
- (b) what mining or exploration has been approved for the lands covered by Lake Wells Station;
- (c) have any camp sites been approved for mining applicants on Lake Wells Station, and, if so, who received the approvals and for what sites;
- (d) are any roads on Lake Wells Station being used by mining companies;
- (e) if yes to (d), which roads are being used, and by what authority or approval has this access been granted;
- (f) has any mining company been granted a water license on Lake Wells Station;
- (g) if yes to (f), what water extraction licenses have been approved;
- (h) do any mining companies have contracts with the owners of Lake Wells Station to enable them to access the station;
- (i) are any access agreements or contracts formalising access required; and
- (j) if no to (i), why not?

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Will the Minister please identify what works are underway or planned to improve road safety along the Great Eastern Highway, including the:

- (a) repair of surface damage, potholes and shoulder degradation;
- (b) adjustment of speed limits and installation of boom gates for rail level crossings; and
- (c) installation of merging/exiting lanes for intersecting roads?

580. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports:

Will the Minister please identify what works are underway or planned to improve road safety along the Great Eastern Highway, including the:

- (a) repair of surface damage, potholes and shoulder degradation;
- (b) adjustment of speed limits and installation of boom gates for rail level crossings; and
- (c) installation of merging/exiting lanes for intersecting roads?

581. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health:

- (1) How many FTE nursing staff are employed at each WA Country Health Service facility?
- (2) How many WA Country Health Service facilities have reduced their operating hours in the last six months?
- (3) Do any WA Country Health Service facilities operate Alcohol or Other Drug (AOD) wards?
- (4) Are any AOD wards planned for any WA Country Health Service facilities?

582. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to question without notice 945 asked on 11 November 2021 on litter cleanup on the South Western Highway between Manjimup and Denmark, and I ask:

- (a) who is the private contractor paid by Main Roads WA to clean up litter on this stretch as per your answer to question without notice 945;
- (b) what exactly are the services the contractor is contracted to supply;
- (c) what is the definition of "manage litter and rubbish" as described in your answer;
- (d) how are the efforts of the contractor assessed; and
- (e) what is the value of the contract?

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I refer to the With Me, With You veterans placement program, and I ask:

- (a) does the Western Australian Government provide training places with government departments under this program;
- (b) if yes to (a), does this include work from home options; and
- (c) is there any government action that precludes private businesses from using this placement program, including in a work from home option?

584. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs:

- (1) How many local government elections did the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) conduct in 2021, ordinary local government elections and for which local governments?
- (2) How much income, net and gross, did the WAEC receive from local government 2021 elections and how much from each local government?
- (3) How many complaints against electoral offences were made in relation to the 2021 local government elections conducted by the WAEC?
- (4) How many complaints against electoral offences were prosecuted in relation to the 2021 local government elections conducted by the WAEC?
- (5) How many Local Government Court of Disputed Returns complaints were made against elections conducted by WAEC during the 2021 ordinary election cycle?
- (6) How many Local Government Court of Disputed Returns complaints were finalised by a finding by the Court of Disputed Returns (again, for the 2021 ordinary election cycle)?
- (7) What were the reasons given by complainants for withdrawing their complaints in the Local Government Court of Disputed Returns before there was a decision given by the Court (again, for the 2021 ordinary election cycle)?
- (8) Did the Magistrates Court wrongly list the WAEC as a respondent in Court of Disputed Returns proceedings (in the 2021 ordinary election cycle)?
- (9) What is the nature of parties in Court of Disputed Returns inquiry proceedings (i.e. were they witnesses, respondents, complainants, defendants)?
- (10) Does the Court of Disputed Returns have any specific procedure guidelines for complainants?
- (11) If yes to (10), what are they?
- (12) If no to (10), why not?
- (13) Are there any plans to provide a Court of Disputed Returns (CDR) Practice and Procedure Benchbook and/or Guide prior to the next local government ordinary election, to assist magistrates and complainants in understanding CDR proceedings and what is required of complainants, given that many complainants are in-person litigants and, if not, why not?

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- (1) On 14 December 2021, Minister Saffioti wrote to Mayor Lucas, City of Swan, stating that "whilst the latest cost estimate for the bridge is significantly above budget [\$40 million], the State is committed to ensuring that this long awaited bridge is built as part of the Great Eastern Highway Bypass project and to ensure there is sufficient funding for it." (ref: 72-36485). In the 22 December 2021 Echo newspaper article, *Future of Lloyd Street Bridge in Limbo*, Minister Saffioti is quoted: "If the council would like a complete redesign, I would be happy to hand back responsibility for this project to the City of Swan.....[allowing] the City to go back to scratch, secure additional funding and go through the approval process." I ask:
- (a) can the Minister please explain why there is sufficient State funding to build this bridge, even though it is already over budget, but only if the bridge is built to the current Main Roads concept design;
 - (b) can the Minister please explain why that same additional funding is not available to build an alternative bridge that is supported by the community, and why funding for a bridge could be rescinded because the community want an alternative design; and
 - (c) is the Minister aware this places pressure on the City of Swan to make decisions on the bridge based predominantly on financial constraints?
- (2) In September 2021, Main Roads released a public update that said, "The bridge represents a 'missing link' in the Lloyd Street connection, which has been constructed progressively over the past decade." And "The new bridge will be an important strategic link in the future road network and is expected to take pressure off other existing north-south routes including Roe Highway, Military Road and Bushmead Road." I ask:
- (a) can the Minister please explain why a north-south, industrial, heavy-traffic freight highway through the town centre of Midland is necessary, when an existing bridge is already in place 900 metres upstream on Roe Highway; and
 - (b) can the Minister please demonstrate what alternative investments that were considered that would reduce congestion and divert cars from town centres?
- (3) In September 2021, Main Roads released a public update that said, "Traffic modelling undertaken in 2013 indicated significant growth in future years." At the City of Swan Agenda Forum Meeting on 23 February 2022, the City confirmed it had asked the State for a traffic modelling report produced by Jacobs engineers twice since September 2021 but it still had not been provided to them. I ask:
- (a) is the Jacobs traffic modelling report available:
 - (i) if yes to (3)(a), could the Minister please table the report; and

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- (ii) if no to (3)(a), could the Minister please explain why the Jacobs traffic modelling report is not available and confirm when it will be made available; and
- (b) can the Minister please confirm if the Jacobs traffic report is the same as the 2013 modelling referenced by Main Roads, and if so, why it is sufficient to rely on traffic modelling that is almost 10 years out of date to justify building this bridge?
- (4) In September 2021, Main Roads released a public update that said, "Economic analysis indicated that the bridge over the Helena River is the best option to provide this additional north-south route." Can the Minister please table the economic analysis referred to by Main Roads for review?
- (5) I refer to the proposed Lloyd Street Bridge and I ask, can the Minister please explain why it is necessary to infill one of the last freshwater wetlands in the Perth metro area, and a registered Aboriginal heritage site, to build this specific bridge design at a time when Western Australia is facing a drying climate, reduced rainfall, reduced soil moisture and increasing freshwater pressures?

586. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

- (1) How is the Government addressing the mental health impact of FIFO on workers and their families?
- (2) How is the Government ensuring that local host communities are not negatively impacted by FIFO work arrangements?

587. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the development of the Forest Management Plan 2024-2033, and I ask the Minister:

- (a) who are the members of the Native Forestry Transition Group (NFTG) representing:
 - (i) Forest Industries Federation WA;
 - (ii) Regional Chambers of Commerce WA, as represented by Manjimup Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 - (iii) Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes;
 - (iv) Shire of Manjimup;
 - (v) Shire of Nannup;
 - (vi) Australian Workers Union;
 - (vii) Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia;
 - (viii) WA Local Government Association;
 - (ix) South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council;
 - (x) Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation;

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- (xi) Department of Training and Workforce Development;
- (xii) Forest Products Commission;
- (xiii) South Regional TAFE; and
- (xiv) South West Development Commission;
- (b) who are the stakeholders that will be consulted with;
- (c) who decided on the stakeholders to be consulted with; and
- (d) what stakeholders are currently being or will be consulted with and are not employed by any members of the NFTG or the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, broken down by the following:
 - (i) non-government organisations;
 - (ii) community members; and
 - (iii) scientists?

588. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) I refer to power outages impacting regional hospital services and I ask, for the period of 1 December 2021 to 1 March 2022 please identify any dates where:
 - (a) the Kalgoorlie Hospital was without power;
 - (b) back-up generators were utilised at the Kalgoorlie Hospital;
 - (c) the Dongara Public Hospital was without power; and
 - (d) back-up generators were utilised at the Dongara Public Hospital?
- (2) Did the Kalgoorlie Hospital lose power for any period on Sunday, 4 February 2022?
- (3) If yes to (2), which areas or hospital systems were without power, and for how long?
- (4) If yes to (2), why was the backup generator not utilised?
- (5) Will the Minister please detail any other power outages impacting WA Country Health Service operated hospitals from 1 December 2021 to 1 March 2022 including:
 - (a) the location of the hospital;
 - (b) the duration of the power outage; and
 - (c) whether backup generators were utilised?
- (6) Will the Minister please identify any WACHS operated hospitals which do not have access to backup generators?

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589. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Government's City of Perth enquiry which commenced in 2018, and the final report of which was tabled in Parliament in August 2020, and I ask:

- (a) have all actions and activities of the enquiry itself now been finalised;
- (b) if no to (a), what actions or activities are still ongoing;
- (c) what was the final cost of the enquiry;
- (d) have all of the 135 matters referred by the enquiry to 17 different Commonwealth, State and other authorities, as cited in the final report, been investigated by those authorities;
- (e) for how many of those 135 matters referenced in part (d) have those authorities finalised their investigations;
- (f) for how many of those 135 matters referenced in part (d) have charges been laid or remedial or further actions been taken;
- (g) for how many of those 135 matters referenced in part (d) has the Government received a report from the Commonwealth, State and other Authority; and
- (h) what has the Government done with any reports identified in part (g), and how many of those reports have been made public?

590. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Government's City of Perth enquiry which commenced in 2018, and the final report of which was tabled in Parliament in August 2020, and I ask:

- (a) what charges have been laid or actions have been taken against the 23 persons referenced in the final report as being referred to Commonwealth, State or other authorities;
- (b) for how many of those 23 persons are the referred investigations complete;
- (c) for how many of those persons are the referred investigations ongoing;
- (d) what is the cost of the investigations into those 23 persons from the tabling of the enquiry in August 2020 to date, and are those costs included in the \$7.8 million cost of the enquiry;
- (e) what reports has the Government received from authorities to which the referrals of the 23 persons were made; and
- (f) what has the Government done with any reports referenced in part (e) and what actions have been taken as a result?

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591. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the importation of exotic bird species into Western Australia from interstate and overseas, and I ask:

- (a) how many applications has the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) received to import exotic bird species currently prohibited in Western Australia in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;
- (b) what is the current average length of time taken for processing such applications;
- (c) how many of the applications referenced in part (a) were successful and for what species;
- (d) how many of the applications are ongoing or outstanding, and in each case what period of time has elapsed since the application was received;
- (e) how many of the applications referenced in part (a) were unsuccessful and for what species; and
- (f) what reasons were given for the failure of applications identified in part (e)?

592. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer:

For each of the departments, agencies, and government trading enterprises within the Minister's portfolios, please provide:

- (a) a list of the relevant government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) the current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) the annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) the length of membership of each board/committee member?

593. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
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594. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

595. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

596. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Deputy Premier; Minister for Tourism; Commerce; Science:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

597. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
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598. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

599. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

600. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
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601. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

602. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

603. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
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For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

605. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

606. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water; Forestry; Youth:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

607. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;

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- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

608. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

609. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

610. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action:

For each of the departments, agencies, and Government Trading Enterprises within the Minister's portfolios would you please provide:

- (a) A list of the relevant Government boards and committees as defined by the Premier's Circular 2021/18;
- (b) The current membership of each board and committee;
- (c) The annual remuneration of each board/committee member; and
- (d) The length of membership of each board/committee member?

611. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) How many children are currently in, out of home care?
- (2) How many sibling groups are in, out of home care?
- (3) How many individual children from (2) are in a placement that does not include all of their siblings who are also in, out of home care?

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- (4) How many children from (3) are Aboriginal?
- (5) How many children from (1) have been assessed at each Needs Assessment Tool (NAT) level?
- (6) How many children from (4) have been assessed at each NAT level?

612. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) How many child protection workers, by FTE, are currently employed by the Department?
- (2) How many departmental workers currently have caseloads over the recommended limit of 15 for any day?
- (3) How many caseworkers currently have caseloads over the exceptional maximum limit of 18?
- (4) How many of those departmental workers have ceased working for the Department since the introduction of the vaccination mandates?
- (5) How many of the caseworkers who had caseloads above 15 have lodged a worker's compensation claim since 30 June 2021?

613. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to media reports on foster carers being bullied, and I ask how many complaints from foster carer's did the Department receive in:

- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019;
- (c) 2020; and
- (d) 2021?

614. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Industrial Relations:

I refer to the unfair dismissal case brought by a former electorate officer of the member for Kwinana in Public Service Appeal Board matter 31/2020, and I ask:

- (a) on what dates has the Minister discussed the case with the Member for Kwinana;
- (b) On what dates has the Minister been briefed about this case by:
 - (i) a member of his staff;
 - (ii) a person from the Department; and
 - (iii) a person from the Commission or Board;
- (c) has the Minister ever received advice or a briefing or similar regarding the Board's reasons for decision delivered on 20 December 2021 dismissing the interlocutory application;

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- (d) will the Minister table all documents and communications he has given or received about this case; and
- (e) if no to (d), will the Minister undertake to give a notice to the Auditor General in accordance with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*?

615. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* on 9 February 2022 entitled "DCP crisis: Leaked emails show homeless pregnant woman was living in property being visited by sex predator", which details a case in late 2021 of a child protection worker contacting an Aboriginal advocacy group for help with finding housing for a heavily pregnant Aboriginal woman who was in overcrowded housing with exposure to her sex abuse perpetrator, and I ask:

- (a) how many newborns were taken into care in 2021; and
- (b) how many of those newborns were taken into care with housing being a contributing factor?

616. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the little penguin population of Penguin Island, which has dwindled by over 80 percent in 15 years to comprise of fewer than 300 little penguins, and the proposed \$3 million Penguin Island discovery centre announced by the Minister in February 2022. The impacts of tourism are a key factor in the decline in little penguin numbers on Penguin Island, with approximately 80 percent of the population exposed to tourism visits for at least seven hours a day. I ask the Minister:

- (a) what impact is the proposed discovery centre expected to have on Penguin Island tourist visit numbers;
- (b) if the new discovery centre is expected to result in increased tourist visits:
 - (i) has the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) modelled the impacts of increased tourism on the little penguin population;
 - (ii) if yes to (i), will the Minister table this modelling;
 - (iii) if no to (i), why not;
 - (iv) has the DBCA consulted with local penguin scientists as to how to best mitigate the impacts of increased tourist visits; and
 - (v) if no to (iv), why not;
- (c) has the DBCA modelled the impacts the construction of the proposed discovery centre will have on the little penguin population;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister table that modelling;
- (e) have the experiences of little penguin nesting areas in other jurisdictions been used to inform this proposal;
- (f) if yes to (e):

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- (i) where are those colonies located and why were they selected;
- (ii) what are the population sizes of those colonies; and
- (iii) what percentage of those colonies populations are exposed to tourism visits and for how many hours a day;

- (g) has the business analyst report prepared by TRC Tourism Pty Ltd for the Department of Parks and Wildlife in 2016 been used to guide decision making in selecting the location of this tourism centre;
- (h) if yes to (g), how does the proposal address the relevant environmental concerns identified by the report;
- (i) if no to (g), why not;
- (j) were alternative sites for a discovery centre considered by DBCA;
- (k) if yes to (j), what sites; and
- (l) what was the rationale for picking the proposed site for the discovery centre?

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