

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 91**

**Wednesday, June 26 2002**

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Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.  
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***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, May 21 2002***

- 663. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 664. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 665. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 666. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Environment and Heritage
- 668. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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- 670. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 687. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 688. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 689. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 690. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism

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- 691. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business
- 702. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 715. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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***Notice Given                      Thursday, May 23 2002***

- 738. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 743. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 746. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 748. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business
- 749. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 750. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism

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- 755. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 756. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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***Notice Given                      Tuesday, June 18 2002***

- 760. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 762. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
- 763. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 767. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 768. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works
- 769. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 770. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 771. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer
- 772. Hon John Fischer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 773. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 774. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 775. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Energy
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- 778. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

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- 779. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 780. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
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- 789. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
- 790. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
- 791. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
- 792. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 793. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- 795. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
- 796. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- 797. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 798. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

***Notice Given                      Thursday, June 20 2002***

- 799. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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800. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, June 25 2002***

801. Hon Christine Sharp to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education
802. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
803. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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*Notice given**Wednesday, June 26 2002*

804. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer to this Government's decision to stop processing mineral title applications situated over pastoral land whilst awaiting the High Court decision in the State vs Ward case.

Can the Minister explain the basis for the decision since it does not reflect the current laws of the land and thus constitutes 'a pre-empting' of changes to the law, something the Auditor-General criticised in his most recent report, Report No. 1?

805. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

I refer the Minister to AMEC's reports in response to the Review of the Project Development Approvals System, and ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of AMEC's submissions expressing concern over proposals that all current and future title applications will need to enter into a heritage agreement?
- (2) Does the Minister agree that not all exploration and mining title applications involve land that would require heritage surveys and agreements?
- (3) Does the Minister agree with AMEC's claim that forcing such applications into a heritage agreement process is unnecessary?
- (4) Is AMEC right in suggesting that the effect of requiring heritage protection agreements for all title applications would closely parallel the 'right to negotiate' power of the *Native Title Act*, a power that has been misused in stalling projects in pursuit of compensation?
- (5) Has the Minister or his Department taken any action to encourage the creation of a central Aboriginal Heritage database that would greatly assist the processing of mining title applications?
- (6) If not, why not?

806. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Treasurer

I refer to the draft white paper 'Streamlining Western Australia's Tax System', and ask -

- (1) How many firms paying payroll tax are in the top tax bracket currently and how much?
- (2) How many firms paying the tax have a payroll value between \$1.1 million and \$5.03 million?
- (3) What is the estimated extra revenue that will be gained from the firms that will be paying higher payroll tax?
- (4) Why won't firms with a payroll of between \$5 million and \$5.625 million be paying higher payroll tax, as implied in the paper?

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807. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the proposed new Fire Emergency levy system, and ask -

- (1) What is the estimated revenue under the proposed property levy system from -
  - (a) metropolitan households;
  - (b) non-metropolitan households;
  - (c) metropolitan businesses; and
  - (d) non-metropolitan businesses?
- (2) Will the Government be extending the levy to motor vehicle licenses?

808. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the proposed new Fire Emergency levy system, and ask -

How many households are expected to pay levy amounts in the following brackets -

- (a) \$170 maximum;
- (b) \$100 to \$169;
- (c) \$60 to \$99;
- (d) \$31 to \$59; and
- (e) the minimum amount?

809. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the proposed new Fire Emergency levy system, and ask -

- (1) How much is currently raised from metropolitan households?
- (2) How much will be raised under new system from metropolitan households?
- (3) How much is currently raised from metropolitan businesses?
- (4) How much will be raised under new system from metropolitan businesses?
- (5) How much is currently raised from rural households in areas covered by volunteer Bush Fire Brigades?
- (6) How much will be raised from rural households in areas covered by volunteer Bush Fire Brigades?

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810. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Has a plan been developed for the clean up of the BOC gases site in Daglish?
- (2) What are the major groundwater contaminants below this site?
- (3) Which firm or agency has prepared the clean-up plan?
- (4) What is the clean-up expected to cost?
- (5) Who will pay for the clean-up?
- (6) What is the intended use of the site after it has been decontaminated?
- (7) Will any restrictions be placed on land use at this site in the future?
- (8) When will the Minister introduce contaminated sites legislation to deal with issues such as this?
- (9) Why has it taken so long to formulate this legislation?

811. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Why hasn't the *Waste Management Bill* been introduced into Parliament this session?
- (2) Is this matter still a high priority for the Government?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Does the Minister intend to separate the operations of Waste Management WA from the Department of Environment, Water and Catchment Protection in order to remove the obvious conflict of interest between the regulator and the operator of these facilities?
- (5) If not, why not?

812. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) Is the Minister aware that two major spillages of effluent from the Woodman Point Treatment Plant have occurred into Jervoise Bay this year?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Jervoise Bay is heavily used for recreation by sailing and powerboat clubs?
- (3) Has the Water Corporation been prosecuted or fined for these breaches of its licence conditions?

813. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development  
In relation to the Greenfields mineral exploration inquiry -

- (1) How much money has been spent on advertising for comments/submissions to the inquiry?

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- (2) In what media did advertisements appear?
- (3) What was the cost of each advertisement?
- (4) Did the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources write to any organisations asking for comments/submissions to the inquiry?
- (5) If yes, what were those organisations?
- (6) Did the Minister for State Development write to any organisations asking for comments/submissions to the inquiry?
- (7) If yes, what were those organisations?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council