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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**QUESTIONS**  
**No. 178**  
**Tuesday, 18 February 2020**

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**2808. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Australian National Guidelines for Whale and Dolphin watching 2017, and the proposal to recruit replacement dolphins into the Monkey Mia feeding program, and I ask:

- (a) has a risk assessment been undertaken by the State in accordance with the guidelines:
  - (i) if yes, will the Minister please table the report;
  - (ii) if no to (i), why not;
  - (iii) If no to (a), when will a risk assessment be undertaken; and
  - (iv) what consultation has been done and with whom on the proposal to recruit replacement dolphins?

**2809. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

(1) I refer to the Greyhound Racing Industry in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) how many greyhounds were whelped in the following financial years:
  - (i) 2015-16;
  - (ii) 2016-17;
  - (iii) 2017-18; and
  - (iv) 2018-19;
- (b) of the greyhounds whelped in each of the following financial years, how many of them went on to race:
  - (i) 2013-14;
  - (ii) 2014-15;
  - (iii) 2015-16; and
  - (iv) 2016-17; and
- (c) why are these numbers not reported in the Racing Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) Annual Report, as they are in most other greyhound racing jurisdictions?

(2) I refer to the Track Injury Surgery Rebate Scheme, and I ask:

- (a) how many greyhounds have entered the program in each of the following financial years:
  - (i) 2017-18;
  - (ii) 2018-19; and
  - (iii) 2019-20 year to date;
- (b) how many of the greyhounds that entered this program were re-homed in each of the following financial years:
  - (i) 2017-18;
  - (ii) 2018-19; and

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- (iii) 2019-20 year to date; and
- (c) how many of the greyhounds that entered this program were killed in each of the following financial years:
  - (i) 2017-18;
  - (ii) 2018-19; and
  - (iii) 2019-20 year to date?
- (3) I refer to the amendments made in August 2019, to the Track Injury Surgery Rebate Scheme and the full recovery scheme, where the ownership of the greyhound was surrendered to Greyhounds as Pets (GAP) at the track, and I ask:
  - (a) how do dogs become eligible for this option;
  - (b) how are dogs selected for this option;
  - (c) what happens to dogs after they leave the track;
  - (d) if surgery is performed on the greyhound, what rehabilitation is conducted and where does that rehabilitation take place;
  - (e) how many greyhounds have been surrendered to GAP at the track since August 2019;
  - (f) how many have of those greyhounds been rehomed; and
  - (g) how many of those greyhounds have been euthanised?
- (4) I refer to occasions where the on-track veterinarian directs that an injured greyhound is to be further examined by a veterinarian within 24 hours, and I ask:
  - (a) how does the RWWA monitor compliance with these directions; and
  - (b) how does the RWWA ensure consistency in outcomes for greyhounds with similar injuries?
- (5) I refer to greyhounds assessed by RWWA GAP as to their suitability for re-homing, and I ask:
  - (a) how many greyhounds have been assessed by RWWA GAP as to their suitability for re-homing in 2019-20 year to date;
  - (b) how many greyhounds that have been deemed by RWWA GAP as unsuitable for re-homing and been euthanised in 2019-20 year to date;
  - (c) how many greyhound that have been deemed by RWWA GAP as suitable for re-homing have been euthanised in 2019-20 year to date;
  - (d) are there any requirements for a greyhound deemed unsuitable for rehoming to be assessed again at a later date:
    - (i) if no to (5)(b), why not; and
  - (e) what is the RWWA follow up process for greyhounds who have failed this initial assessment, to ensure that they are not being un-necessarily killed?
- (6) I refer to the June 2017 research by the University of Technology Sydney commissioned by Greyhound Racing NSW that found that greyhound racing injuries would be reduced by racing on straight tracks and limiting the number of dogs in each race to six, and I ask:
  - (a) why has the six greyhounds per race limit not yet been introduced to Western Australia; and

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- (b) does RWWA have any plans to introduce straight tracks at any of the greyhound racing venues in Western Australia:
  - (i) if no to (6)(b), why not?
- (7) I refer to the positive amphetamine sample from greyhound Miss Bondi on 23 April 2019, and that her trainer was stood down on 9 August 2019, and received a two-year ban on 24 January 2020, and I ask:
  - (a) why did it take so long for action to be taken against her trainer; and
  - (b) what is current status and future of Miss Bondi?

**2810. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the Minister's answer to question on notice 2713, and I ask:

- (a) what was the total income received by the Department of Transport for all other groups of advertising, other than for the food and drink advertising group in:
  - (i) 2017–18; and
  - (ii) 2018–19; and
- (b) what were these other groups of advertising?

**2811. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Walpole Wilderness Management Plan, and I ask:

- (a) how many established and mapped Fire Exclusion Reference Areas (FERA) have been established;
- (b) what is the fuel age (time since last burn) of these FERA;
- (c) will the Minister please table maps showing FERA since 2008:
  - (i) if no, why not;
- (d) have any changes to the FERA occurred in the last five years:
  - (i) if yes to (d), what is the process for amending FERA; and
  - (ii) if yes to (d), what consultation occurred prior to the amendment;
- (e) have any burns occurred in areas that were previously a FERA; and
- (f) will the Minister please table a copy of the Denbarker burn plan?

**2812. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority's plans for the demolition of Princess Margaret Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) has an asbestos assessment of the site been undertaken:
  - (i) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table that assessment, if no, why not;
- (b) will the demolition of the site begin by December 2020; and
- (c) when does the Minister expect that demolition of this site will be completed?

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**2813. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the answers to my question on notice 2700, regarding children who were strip searched by police in 2018-19, and I ask:

- (a) how many of these children were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- (b) for what reasons were each of the 1,450 children strip searched;
- (c) how many items were found during these searches;
- (d) what items, and how many of each type of item, were found;
- (e) at the time they were searched, how many of these children were:
  - (i) suspected of a criminal offence; and
  - (ii) charged with a criminal offence;
- (f) please advise which criminal offences the children were:
  - (i) suspected of; and
  - (ii) charged with;
- (g) how many of the searches occurred in the presence of a parent or guardian; and
- (h) please table any policies, procedures or protocols, about strip searching children?

**2814. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the Auditor General's audit of the Disruptive Behaviour Management Policy, and to recommendation 1(e), that the Department 'review the mental health referral process to ensure staff are able to direct tenants to appropriate service providers', and I ask:

- (a) has this review been undertaken;
- (b) if yes to (a), please advise any changes that have taken place as a result of the review; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

**2815. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the Auditor General's audit of the Disruptive Behaviour Management Policy, and to recommendation 2(a), that the Department 'update relevant strategies, policies and procedures, with particular attention on earlier intervention and better support for tenants with complex needs', and I ask:

- (a) has this recommendation been implemented;
- (b) if yes to (a), please table any strategies, policies and procedures that have been updated; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

**2816. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to recent media reporting regarding liquor restrictions, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table a copy of the submission made by the Commissioner for Police, to the Director of Liquor and Gaming, regarding the imposition of liquor restrictions in the Kimberley; and
- (b) if no to (a), why not?



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**2817. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

- (1) Does the Minister support uniform region-wide alcohol restrictions across the:
  - (a) Pilbara; and
  - (b) Kimberley?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

**2818. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to documents released under Freedom of Information application 60-19070, and I ask that each document is tabled in full and unredacted?

**2819. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to a recent report that Western Australians have the highest obesity rate in Australia, and I ask in respect of public patients:

- (a) what is the average waiting time for a patient referred to a Bariatric Surgeon for an initial consultation;
- (b) what is the average waiting time for a patient to receive bariatric surgery from the time of initial consultation;
- (c) how many people are currently awaiting bariatric surgery and for each what has been the duration of time from initial referral;
- (d) for each financial year from 2016-17 to present, how many patients have accessed bariatric surgery; and
- (e) what has been the total expenditure for each financial year from 2016-17 to present, on bariatric surgery procedures?

**2820. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the launch of the Urgent Care Clinics, and I ask:

- (a) how many appointments have been booked by the hotline to date;
- (b) how many appointments have been booked by the phone application to date;
- (c) of those appointments identified in (a) and (b) above, how many appointments were considered after hours being before 8am and after 5pm;
- (d) how many patient bookings identified in (a) and (b) above, were bulk-billed as per the Labor election commitment;
- (e) has the West Australian Primary Healthcare Alliance, provided data or briefing material to the Minister or the Department of Health to date, on the operation of the initiative; and
- (f) if yes to (e), please table all relevant advice received?

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**2821. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the land-clearing on a Water Corporation water reserve, off McGuigan Road, north of Broome; and to the answers received to question on notice 2604, having been asked in the Legislative Council, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019; and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware that the land-clearing for a conventional orchard is being partly funded by a Regional Economic Development (RED) grant of \$100,000AUD;
- (b) is the Minister aware that the land-clearing application, drafted by the Water Corporation, states that no pesticides will be used on the water reserve;
- (c) does the proponent's application for the RED grant include a proposal to use pesticides or herbicides on the water reserve:
  - (i) if yes to (b), why does the landclearing application, drafted by the Water Corporation, state no herbicides or pesticides are to be used; and
  - (ii) if yes to (b), why are the discrepancies between the RED grant application and the land-clearing application;
- (d) are the use of pesticides or herbicides permitted on the water reserve:
  - (i) if no to (c), under what regulation; and
  - (ii) if yes to (c), why;
- (e) if the proposal goes ahead, will the use of herbicides and/or pesticides be permitted at the site:
  - (i) if yes to (e), does the Minister consider it likely that they will be used at the site; and
  - (ii) if no to (e), how would the use of chemicals be prevented;
- (f) how does the department intend to monitor the site, to ensure chemicals are not used;
- (g) how would regrowth and weeds be managed at the site without the use of herbicidal chemicals; and
- (h) how would insects be controlled without the use of pesticides and other toxins?

**2822. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to my question in 2019-20 Budget Estimates, page 545 of Budget Paper 2, paragraph 13 under the heading of 'Significant Issues Impacting the Agency', and the advice at the time that TransWA was reviewing its services, and I ask can the Minister advise if there are any planned or expected contraction or expansion of regional public transport services in 2019-20?

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**2823. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the Minister's visit to the Agricultural Region on 30 January 2020, and I ask:

- (a) please provide an unredacted copy of the Minister's itinerary and travel arrangements;
- (b) please provide all briefing notes and advice provided to the Minister in relation to meetings, functions and other commitments undertaken by the Minister;
- (c) who accompanied the Minister during the visit and at each meeting, function or other commitments undertaken by the Minister; and
- (d) on what date, at what time and by what means were the following local members of Parliament notified of the Minister's visit:
  - (i) Hon Martin Aldridge MLC;
  - (ii) Hon Colin de Grussa MLC;
  - (iii) Hon Laurie Graham MLC;
  - (iv) Hon Rick Mazza MLC;
  - (v) Hon Jim Chown MLC;
  - (vi) Hon Darren West MLC; and
  - (vii) Mr Peter Rundle MLA?

**2824. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the Minister's visit to the Agricultural Region on 30 January 2020, and I ask:

- (a) please provide an unredacted copy of the Minister's itinerary and travel arrangements;
- (b) please provide all briefing notes and advice provided to the Minister in relation to meetings, functions and other commitments undertaken by the Minister;
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  - (iv) Hon Rick Mazza MLC;
  - (v) Hon Jim Chown MLC;
  - (vi) Hon Darren West MLC; and
  - (vii) Mr Shane Love MLA?

**NIGEL PRATT**

Clerk of the Legislative Council