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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 1029. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Treasurer

In each of the financial years 2010–2011, 2011–2012, 2012–2013 can the Minister provide:

- (1) What assumptions has the government built into the forward estimates for price increases in:
  - (a) water;
  - (b) public transport fares;
  - (c) motor vehicle licence fees;
  - (d) sewerage;
  - (e) compulsory third party insurance;
  - (f) driver's licence fees;
  - (g) stamp duty on compulsory third party insurance;
  - (h) stamp duty on general insurance; and
  - (i) emergency services levy?
- (2) What revenue increase has been assumed as a result of these price increase assumptions?

- 1030. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Regional Development

- (1) Does the Minister appreciate that the Tom Price community are keen for his urgent attention and focus on delivering upon his pre-election commitments to improve the health and hospital facilities of the Tom Price community?
- (2) Can the Minister specify in what financial year the \$1 million will be allocated for expenditure that he has promised Tom Price locals for upgrading the Tom Price Hospital?
- (3) Will the Minister detail how those funds will be spent at the Tom Price Hospital and outline exactly what this \$1 million allocation will deliver in terms of hospital upgrades?
- (4) From what specific fund within the Royalties for the Regions program will this \$1 million be taken?
- (5) What funds will be allocated by the Minister for the upgrades needed at the Paraburdoo and Newman hospitals and when will these funds be allocated?

1031. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education

Regarding the construction of the new Yakamia Primary School, I ask:

- (1) What structural damage, if any, has been identified in the existing school buildings?
- (2) Will there be any transportable classrooms at the new school, and if so how many?
- (3) Is an art room and computer room included in the design work that has been done?
- (4) In the new design what is the size of:
  - (a) the hall;
  - (b) the canteen; and
  - (c) the outdoor undercover area?
- (5) Will there be covered walkways?

1032. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education

The Department of Education and Training has identified \$53,016,000 of savings for 2009–2010 in Education and Training Support programs and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide details of how these savings will be made?

1033. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education

I refer to the 2009–2010 Budget papers and note that primary schools will be down 49 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and secondary schools will be down 31 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide detail of the areas from which these FTEs will be taken?

1034. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Department of Education and Training's Asset Investment Program in the 2009–2010 Budget and ask:

- (a) in the new works (primary and secondary) program, which areas have been identified as having potential for private commercial involvement?

1035. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the following:

- (a) permanent and casual FTE school cleaners between 1–20 May 2008 and 1–20 May 2009;
- (b) permanent and casual FTE school gardeners and maintenance workers between 1–20 May 2008 and 1–20 May 2009; and
- (c) permanent and casual FTE Education Assistants between 1–20 May 2008 and 1–20 May 2009?

1036. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Budget Papers on page 359, line item *School Support Services: Reduction in Budget for 2010–2011* of \$96.1 million and ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide definitions of *School Support Services* and details of savings to be made?

1037. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Does the budget estimate for 2009–2010 and the forward estimates include provision for funding free public transport 24/7 for all seniors card holders and other concessionary fare-users?

- (2) Given the Liberal Party plan to extend eligibility for the WA Seniors Card, what provision in the forward estimates has the Government made for funding further additional free public transport?
- (3) What provision has been made in the forward estimates for the purchase of additional railcars which would improve services to Gosnells on the Armadale line and on the Thornlie line?
- (4) Is it possible for a Disability Pensioner to get a SmartRider card without parting with any money? Can they use the free public transport for free?
- (5) Why is there no mention in the publicity nor the application form of the fact that a minimum \$5 must be loaded onto the card, or it will not be issued?
- (6) Is the Government denying the card to needy pensioners, who have no intention of travelling outside the free period?
- (7) Does the Western Australia Community Crime Prevention Program (anti-hoon) incorporate speed cushions?
- (8) What criteria are used by Main Roads to determine which projects are funded?
- (9) In my electorate, the City of Gosnells submitted a much-needed proposal for Stennett Street mobile speed humps? Why was this project bid not successful?
- (10) What volumes of traffic are projected over the forward estimates period to use the Nicholson Road - Garden Street, Langford/Thornlie crossing over the Kewdale-Fremantle freight rail line?
- (11) Irrespective of the potential extension of the Thornlie spur electrified line to Nicholson Road and Canning Vale, is a road overpass to ease traffic congestion being considered?

1038. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) Does the Government intend to appoint a Commissioner for Mental Health?
- (2) If yes to Question 1:
  - (a) will the proposed Commissioner head a Commission or be a sole appointee comparable in role and powers to the existing Children's Commissioner;
  - (b) will the proposed Commissioner be on the payroll of the Health Department or will the Office of Commissioner be established in its own right and operate independently of the Health Department and the Minister for Mental Health or the Minister for Health;
  - (c) would the proposed Commissioner report to Parliament;
  - (d) will the role and powers of the proposed Commissioner be enshrined in the new Mental Health Act or in a separate new Act;
  - (e) will the proposed Commissioner for Mental Health be granted legislated authority to inspect and report on the quality and standards of mental health care and require changes in line with established prior outcome measures;
  - (f) would the appointment of a Commissioner involve changes to the functions of or abolition of the Office in Chief Psychiatrist and the Council of Visitors in terms of their existing roles in the monitoring of standards and the management of complaints from consumers and families in the care of Mental Health Services;
  - (g) will the external Consultants engaged to advise on the development of a WA Mental Health Strategy be provided with full details of the establishment of the proposed Commissioner for Mental Health and the role and powers of that Office prior to finalizing their report to the Government; and



- (h) will the Consultants also be provided with a firm outline of any proposed new arrangements in the administration of Mental Health Services, including the clear lines of accountability between the Ministers for Health and Mental Health and between the respective Ministers and the Director General of Health and an Assistant Director General (Mental Health); and
- (i) what lines of accountability will apply between the proposed Commissioner for Mental Health and the two relevant Ministers and the Assistant Director General (Mental Health) and the Director General of Health?

1039. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) Is it the Government's intention to appoint an Assistant Director General (Mental Health) in the Department of Health who will report to the Director General of Health?
- (2) If yes to Question 1:
  - (a) to which Minister will the proposed Assistant Director General (Mental Health) be directly accountable;
  - (b) what governance structure is proposed to clarify the lines of accountability between the Assistant Director General of Mental Health in the Health Department and the Minister for Mental Health and the Minister for Health and between the two Ministers;
  - (c) is it proposed that the holder of that Office in the Health Department will have executive responsibility for Mental Health Services Statewide;
  - (d) will the roles and powers of the Minister for Mental Health and the Assistant Director (Mental Health) be defined in the new Mental Health Act;
  - (e) how will the Assistant Director (Mental Health) relate to the Area Directors of Health and the Area Directors of Mental Health;
  - (f) which of these Officers will be the budget holder for Area Mental Health Services;
  - (g) what accountability measures will be in place to ensure that funds allocated for Area Mental Health Services are fully expended on these services; and
  - (h) how will administrative costs for Area Mental Health Services be apportioned by Area Health Service Directors?
- (3) Does the Government propose that funding for Mental Health Services will be allocated to a separate budget with declared outcomes that is quarantined and separately audited?
- (4) If yes to Question 3, which senior executive officer will sign off on the Mental Health Services Budget and which Minister will be directly responsible for resource allocation and expenditure outcomes for the planning and delivery of Mental Health Services in Western Australia?

1040. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Mental Health

- (1) Do Western Australian Mental Health Services have an implemented *Policy on Open Disclosure* in line with the *National Standard on Open Disclosure* endorsed by all Australian Health Ministers in 2003; and
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) If yes to Question 1:
  - (a) is this policy applied as a mandated practice subject to monitoring;
  - (b) what provisions are in place to measure compliance with this policy in practice; and

- (c) is the policy required to be applied in the management of complaints by consumers and carers?
- (3) Does the Chief Psychiatrist apply this policy in his enquiries into complaints about clinical management of patients by consumers and carers?
- 1041. Mr J.J.M. Bowler to the Minister for Water
  - (1) After supporting the proposed UUA desalination plant and water pipeline to Kalgoorlie-Boulder when in opposition, when will the Minister sign off on this project, which will be at no capital cost to the Government?
  - (2) Given the continuing problems relating to metropolitan and South West water supplies, and the sub-standard water that people in the Minister's home town of Esperance are forced to drink, what reasons are there for not signing?
  - (3) Is the Minister aware this project could save up to 40 megalitres a day being pumped to the Goldfields and therefore a saving to the metropolitan area?
  - (4) Has the Minister changed his stance on this project and if not, when will he sign?
- 1042. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Police
  - (1) How many of the police officers provided for in the State Budget will be additional to current staffing levels at:
    - (a) Gosnells Police Station;
    - (b) Canning Vale Police Station; and
    - (c) Cannington Police Station?
  - (2) When will the officers be deployed?
- 1043. Mr C.J. Tallentire to Minister for Housing and Works
  - (1) How many Department of Housing properties in the suburbs of Gosnells, Huntingdale and Thornlie will be transferred to the community housing sector?
  - (2) How many public housing dwellings in the suburbs of Gosnells, Huntingdale and Thornlie will be refurbished from the Federal Funding of \$40.7 million allocated for this purpose?
  - (3) How many social housing dwellings in the suburbs of Gosnells, Huntingdale and Thornlie will be built from the \$116 million allocated from the State Budget 2009–2010?
  - (4) How many social housing dwellings in the suburbs of Gosnells, Huntingdale and Thornlie will be built from the \$606 million (over four years) allocated from the Federal Government?
- 1044. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Agriculture and Food
  - (1) In what years has the Auditor General received independent advice regarding the volume and quality of standing timber?
  - (2) What are the names and qualifications of the various independent experts used?
  - (3) Can the Minister provide a copy of the independent expert reports?
- 1045. Mr A.P. O'Gorman to the Premier
  - (1) Can the Premier provide names of all those Members of Parliament who have presented reports of their travel since June 2007 to the Department of Premier and Cabinet which have not yet been tabled?
  - (2) When does the Premier expect to table these reports?

- (3) When will the Premier make a media statement to clarify the public perception that certain Members have not submitted reports?

1046. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport

- (1) Is the Minister aware of health risks posed by the diesel fumes emitted by the TransWA Australind train when it departs from platform 3 at Perth Central Railway Station?
- (2) What action will the Minister take to ensure people waiting on platform 4 for trains travelling on the Thornlie line do not have to breathe the diesel emissions from the Australind?

1047. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

Given the Federal Government has contributed \$280,000 this year already, the highest amount to any State, for the four-year Artists in Residence (AIR) pilot program, what is the Western Australian Government's financial contribution to AIR?

1048. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the backlog facing residents of Tom Price and Paraburdoo seeking access to speech pathologists?
- (2) What step is the Minister taking to ensure that a speech pathologist is recruited and appointed and based in Tom Price to service the needs of this inland Pilbara town?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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