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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 114**

**Thursday, March 4 2004**

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1663. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
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1664. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
1665. Hon John Fischer to the Minister for Government Enterprises
1666. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy
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1675. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
1676. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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1680. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development
1681. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Heritage
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1683. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance
1684. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works
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1686. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Government Enterprises
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1688. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1689. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
1690. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal Affairs
1691. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science
1692. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
1693. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Deputy Premier
1694. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy
1695. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
1696. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
1697. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Treasurer
1698. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection
1699. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management
1700. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Attorney General
1701. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Electoral Affairs

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1702. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
1703. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Justice
1704. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Community Safety
1705. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1706. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training
1707. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
1708. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Small Business
1709. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
1710. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Peel and the South West
1711. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
1712. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
1713. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
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1715. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
1716. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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1718. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1719. Hon Dee Margetts to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
1720. Hon Dee Margetts to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
1721. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
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1723. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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1724. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
1725. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
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1731. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
1732. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy
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1735. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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1736. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the Minister's reply to the question I asked on Tuesday, March 2 2004 regarding dust from the CSR Limited Quarry at Gosnells, and I ask -

- (1) What evidence available to the EPA and the DEP led to the conclusion 'there has been some indication that the surrounding areas may, on occasions, be in breach of a National Environmental Protection Measure (NEPM) for fine dust'?
- (2) Does the DEP/EPA consider the data which indicated these occasional breaches to be reliable?
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1737. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Will the Minister provide -

- (1) A list of Budget allocations for each Ministerial office (including the Leader of the Opposition's office) for 2003-2004?
- (2) The total amount expected to be spent on Salaries and Allowances for each Ministerial office (including the Leader of the Opposition's office) for 2003-2004?
- (3) The total amount expected to be spent on Fringe Benefits Tax for each Ministerial office (including the Leader of the Opposition's office) for 2003-2004?
- (4) The total amount expected to be spent on the lease of motor vehicles for each Ministerial office (including the Leader of the Opposition's office) for 2003-2004?

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1738. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Will the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many design and construction contracts did the State Government enter into in the following years -
  - (a) 1999-2000;
  - (b) 2000-2001;
  - (c) 2001-2002;
  - (d) 2002-2003; and
  - (e) 2003-2004 (to date)?
- (2) How many of those contracts were fixed price contracts, in which the State Government accepted absolutely no risk (for each financial year)?
- (3) How many of those contracts were alliance contracts, in which the State Government and the contractor shared risks (regardless of how the risk was divided between the State Government and the contractor for each financial year)?
- (4) How many of the total number of contracts referred to in (1) were paid out over the original contract price (excluding those contracts that were the subject of legal action in each financial year)?
- (5) What was the average additional cost, in percentage terms, over and above the original contract price, for the contracts referred to in (4) (in each financial year)?
- (6) How many of the total number of contracts referred to in (1) were the subject of legal action resulting from disputes over increased costs (in each financial year)?
- (7) If those legal actions referred to in (6), in how many was the contractor successful in obtaining additional funds over and above the agreed contract price (for each financial year)?
- (8) Of those contracts which were the subject of successful legal action on behalf of the contractor, as referred to in (7), what was the average additional cost, in percentage terms, over and above the original contract price (for each financial year)?
- (9) How many of the total number of contracts referred to in (2) were paid out over the original contract price (excluding those contracts that were the subject of legal action in each financial year)?
- (10) What was the average additional cost, in percentage terms, over and above the original contract price, for the contracts referred to in (9) (in each financial year)?
- (11) How many of the total number of contracts referred to in (2) were the subject of legal action resulting from disputes over increased costs (in each financial year)?
- (12) Of those legal actions referred to in (11), in how many was the contractor successful in obtaining additional funds over and above the agreed contract price (for each financial year)?

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- (13) Of those contracts which were the subject of successful legal action on behalf of the contractor, as referred to in (12), what was the average additional cost, in percentage terms, over and above the original contract price (for each financial year)?
- (14) How many of the total number of contracts referred to in (3) were paid out over the original contract price (excluding those contracts that were the subject of legal action in each financial year)?
- (15) What was the average additional cost, in percentage terms, over and above the original contract price, for the contracts referred to in (14) in each financial year?
- (16) How many of the total number of contracts referred to in (3) were the subject of legal action resulting from disputes over increased costs (in each financial year)?
- (17) Of those legal actions referred to in (16), in how many was the contractor successful in obtaining additional funds over and above the agreed contract price (for each financial year)?
- (18) Of those contracts which were the subject of successful legal action on behalf of the contractor, as referred to in (17), what was the average additional cost, in percentage terms, over and above the original contract price (for each financial year)?
1739. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
- (1) In what way does the new Ministerial Advisory Council on Child Protection (MACCP) differ from its predecessor the Child Protection Council?
- (2) The Community Representatives appointed to the MACCP (as were those of its predecessor) are endorsed for two year terms -
- (a) when was the last round of nominations;
  - (b) why have the Community Representatives completely changed each year for the past three years;
  - (c) were nominations called for publicly on each of these occasions;
  - (d) if so, will you identify the manner and place of calling for them;
  - (e) if not, why not; and
  - (f) how were they selected?
1740. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
- (1) Is the Minister aware that in the 2002-03 financial year there were 198 355 formal child protection notifications nationally?
- (2) Can the Minister offer any explanation as to why approximately only one per cent of those notifications came from Western Australia?

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- (3) Has the Minister enquired whether this very small proportion of notifications from Western Australia is related to the absence of mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse in Western Australia?
- (4) If so, what is the result of the enquiry?
- (5) If it is not the reason, what is the reason?
- (6) If it is the reason, what are the reasons for not then adopting mandatory reporting?
- (7) Is the Minister aware that the AMA supports mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse?

1741. Hon Peter Foss to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

I refer to the Minister's statement on *Stateline ABC* September 5 2003 that Western Australia's Child Welfare Agencies are 'stretched' -

- (1) Can the Minister give assurances that the 32 child deaths 'not tagged' for investigation by the Child Death Review Committee were adequately assessed by child welfare workers in the first instance?
- (2) If so, what is the basis of that assurance?
- (3) Has the Minister stated that one of the reasons the Government is reluctant to introduce mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse is that in Western Australia we have such excellent inter-agency reporting that mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse is not warranted?
- (4) If so, is the Minister concerned about this statement in the light of the 52 West Australian children that died in unusual circumstances in the first six months of 2003?
- (5) How many cases of child deaths in unusual circumstances have been referred to the Coroner since June 30 2003?
- (6) How much are the members of the Child Death Review Committee paid and how often do they meet?

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Clerk of the Legislative Council