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Tuesday, 27 February 2007

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- 1805. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1821. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training

Tuesday, 20 March 2007

- 1839. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- 1840. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Treasurer
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1914. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Education and Training
1915. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
1916. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Energy
1917. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Education and Training
1918. Mr T.K. Waldron to the Minister for Education and Training
1919. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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- 1937. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister representing the Minister for the the Mid West and Wheatbelt
- 1938. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Peel
- 1939. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 1944. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources
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- 1947. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Tourism
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- 1964. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering
- 1965. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 1966. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Education and Training
- 1967. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health
- 1968. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
- 1969. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism
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1997. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food
1999. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health
2000. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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2002. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier
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2012. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training; South West

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2014. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Local Government; Racing and Gaming; Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Goldfields-Esperance; Youth

2015. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

2016. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations

2017. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering

2018. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier; Minister for Federal-State Relations; Trade; Innovation; Science; Public Sector Management

2019. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development

2020. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern

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2070. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Premier
2071. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister representing the Minister for Women's Interests

Wednesday, 21 March 2007

2072. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
2073. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Energy
2074. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Housing and Works
2075. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
2076. Mr M.J. Birney to the Premier
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2085. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
2086. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism
2087. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism
2088. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Education and Training

Thursday, 22 March 2007

2089. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Education and Training
2090. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Water Resources

- 2091. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Water Resources
- 2092. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Water Resources
- 2093. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2094. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

Tuesday, 27 March 2007

- 2097. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2098. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Health
- 2100. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Corrective Services
- 2101. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Wednesday, 28 March 2007

- 2102. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer
- 2103. Mrs D.J. Guise to the Minister for Water Resources
- 2104. Dr E. Constable to the Treasurer
- 2105. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism
- 2106. Mr T.R. Sprigg to the Minister for Energy
- 2107. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Corrective Services
- 2108. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment
- 2109. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy
- 2110. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Energy

Thursday, 29 March 2007

- 2111. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer
- 2112. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer
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- 2113. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
- 2114. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Health
- 2115. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Community Safety
- 2116. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2117. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2118. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Community Safety
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- 2126. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2127. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Attorney General
- 2128. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2129. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Tuesday, 3 April 2007

- 2130. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Premier
- 2131. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2132. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health
- 2133. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2134. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health
- 2135. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Consumer Protection
- 2136. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Heritage
- 2137. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2138. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2139. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2140. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 2141. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Disability Services
- 2142. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2143. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Tourism

Wednesday, 4 April 2007

- 2144. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Treasurer
- 2145. Mr J.E. McGrath to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2146. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Education and Training
- 2147. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Treasurer
- 2148. Mr G. Snook to the Minister for Energy
- 2149. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Science
- 2150. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Science

Questions listed for this sitting: -

- 2151. Mr A.J. to the Treasurer

Can the Treasurer advise what funds were specifically allocated to be spent by the Western Australian State Government on projects and works in the 2006-2007 budget in the following electorates -

- (a) Albany;
- (b) Kenwick;

- (c) Joondalup;
- (d) Ballajura;
- (e) Balcatta;
- (f) Victoria Park;
- (g) Southern River;
- (h) Bassendean;
- (i) Yokine;
- (j) Cockburn;
- (k) Greenough;
- (l) Avon;
- (m) Wagin;
- (n) Merredin;
- (o) Stirling;
- (p) Churchlands;
- (q) Alfred Cove;
- (r) North West Coastal; and
- (s) Armadale?

2152. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Has the Minister received the outcomes from the working group investigation which was established on the phase-out of highly soluble phosphate fertilisers from environmentally sensitive areas?
 - (a) If not, why not; and
 - (b) If so, will a copy of the outcomes be tabled with the response?
- (2) As suggested by the previous Minister for Environment, is a stakeholder symposium still planned to be held?
 - (a) If so, what stakeholder groups will be invited to attend; and
 - (b) when and where is the symposium to be held?

2153. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

I refer to the daily 'access block' 8-hour wait for admission for people presenting to emergency departments, and I ask -

What is the current, most recent monthly chart (2006-2007 financial year to date) from the following hospitals -

- (a) Royal Perth;
- (b) Sir Charles Gairdner;
- (c) Fremantle; and
- (d) Princess Margaret?

2154. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many patients were removed from tertiary and non-tertiary waiting lists without having had their surgery between -
 - (a) 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2004;
 - (b) 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2005;
 - (c) 1 January 2001 to 31 December (or nearest available date) 2006; and
 - (d) 1 January 2007 to 31 March 2007 (or nearest date)?
- (2) How many patients have been sent back to General Practitioners for reassessments?

2155. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many adult funded ventilated beds are available in Western Australia's public hospitals (including regional hospitals)?
- (2) How many paediatric Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ventilated beds are at Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (3) What is the ratio of specialist doctors to ICU beds in Western Australia?
- (4) What is the ratio of FTE nurses per ICU bed?
- (5) To what occupancy level are ICUs funded to operate?
- (6) What has been the occupancy of Intensive Care Units in the following financial years -
 - (a) 2003-2004;
 - (b) 2004-2005;
 - (c) 2005-2006; and
 - (d) 2006-2007?
- (7) How many ICU beds are there at each public hospital in Western Australia (please list number at each hospital)?

2156. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many children in foster homes were, at any stage, absent without leave from their foster home or hostel?
- (2) In what area were these children located for foster care?
- (3) For what period of time were these children in care absent?

2157. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many surgeries were carried out for each quarter of the following financial years -
 - (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006; and
 - (c) 2006-2007?
- (2) How many people have been removed from the all categories of the surgery waiting list without having surgery carried out in the following years -
 - (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006;
 - (c) 2006-2007 (year to date)?

- (3) How many people removed from the waiting list have been directed back to General Practitioners for reassessment for a position on the waiting list?

2158. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How much is being spent on the Health Department's full-page advertising campaign featuring in community newspapers?
- (2) How many pages have been booked and over what period of time?
- (3) How many different editions (variations in layout) are being produced?
- (4) Are the pages being produced and placed in-house or via a third party organisation?

2159. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Attorney General

- (1) How many of the children removed from Northbridge via the curfew in the following years were wards of the State -
- (a) 2004-2005;
- (b) 2005-2006; and
- (c) 2006/2007 (year to date)?
- (2) How many of those wards of the State, that were removed via the curfew, were absent without leave from their foster or hostel care?

2160. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many of the children removed from Northbridge via the curfew in the following years were wards of the State -
- (a) 2004-2005;
- (b) 2005-2006; and
- (c) 2006/2007 (year to date)?
- (2) How many of those wards of the State, that were removed via the curfew, were absent without leave from their foster or hostel care?

2161. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many of the children removed from Northbridge via the curfew in the following years were wards of the State -
- (a) 2004-2005;
- (b) 2005-2006; and
- (c) 2006/2007 (year to date)?
- (2) How many of those wards of the State, that were removed via the curfew, were absent without leave from their foster or hostel care?

2162. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

With reference to Kaleeya and Galliers Hospitals, I ask -

- (1) What is the current number of beds available for patients at each hospital?
- (2) How many un-staffed beds are at each hospital?

- (3) For each Wednesday in 2006 and each Wednesday so far in 2007 -
- (a) what was the number of beds available; and
 - (b) what was the number of beds in use by patients?

2163. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many instances of wrongful medication occurred in the following hospitals -
- (a) Royal Perth;
 - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner;
 - (c) Fremantle;
 - (d) Princess Margaret; and
 - (e) Joondalup,

in the following years -

- (i) 2004-2005;
 - (ii) 2005-2006; and
 - (iii) 2006-2007 (year to date)?
- (2) How many instances of wrongful medication occurred in public hospitals other than the abovementioned facilities in the following years -
- (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006; and
 - (c) 2006-2007 (year to date)?

2164. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

With reference to Royal Perth, Sir Charles Gairdner, Fremantle, Princess Margaret and Joondalup Hospitals, I ask -

- (1) What is the current number of beds available for patients at each hospital?
- (2) How many un-staffed beds are at each hospital?
- (3) For each Wednesday in 2006 and each Wednesday so far in 2007 -
 - (a) what was the number of beds available; and
 - (b) what was the number of beds in use by patients?

2165. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many Allied Health employees were owed backpay as a result of owed back pay arising from the review of Specified Callings at the Department of Health?
- (2) As at 1 April 2007, how many of these cases have been fully resolved with complete backpay being dispersed?

2166. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Director General of Health and the relationship between Paradigm, Neale Fong and Brian Burke, and I ask -

What investigation have you undertaken into the nature of this relationship and the legitimacy of the awarding of the contract to Paradigm since these damaging revelations came to light?

2167. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) With reference to the intersection of McDonald Street and Charles Street in Kalgoorlie, can the Minister advise how many accidents have been recorded at this intersection in the last 20 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) With reference to the intersection of Meldrum Avenue and Charles Street in Kalgoorlie, can the Minister advise how many accidents have been recorded at this intersection in the last 20 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) With reference to the intersection of Cheetham Street and Charles Street in Kalgoorlie, can the Minister advise how many accidents have been recorded at this intersection in the last 20 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) With reference to the intersection of Egan Street and Charles Street/Congdon Street in Kalgoorlie, can the Minister advise how many accidents have been recorded at this intersection in the last 20 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2168. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration License 38/1114, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that an Application for Exemption from expenditure conditions was lodged on 16 August 2001 and then refused on 6 February 2002?
 - (a) If not, what specifically is correct?
- (2) Did the Department of Industry and Resources recommend to the Minister that exemption number LE175/012 be refused?
 - (a) If not, what did the Department of Industry and Resources do in relation to this matter; and
 - (b) If yes, what are the reasons as to why the Department of Industry and Resources recommended to the Minister that the exemption application be refused?
- (3) Can the Minister state the reason(s) why application for exemption, number LE175/012 was refused?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What was the amount in dollars that was claimed in application for exemption, number LE175/012?
- (5) Can the Minister state what was the minimum expenditure amount in dollars, required to be spent under the *Mining Act 1978* for exploration license 38/1114?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2169. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration License 38/1113, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that an Application for Exemption from expenditure conditions was lodged on 16 August 2001 and then refused on 6 February 2002?
 - (a) If not, what specifically is correct?

- (2) Did the Department of Industry and Resources recommend to the Minister that exemption number LE161/012 be refused?
 - (a) If not, what did the Department of Industry and Resources do in relation to this matter; and
 - (b) If yes, what are the reasons as to why the Department of Industry and Resources recommended to the Minister that the exemption application be refused?
- (3) Can the Minister state the reason(s) why application for exemption, number LE161/012 was refused?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What was the amount in dollars that was claimed in application for exemption, number LE161/012?
- (5) Can the Minister state what was the minimum expenditure amount in dollars, required to be spent under the *Mining Act 1978* for exploration license 38/1113?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2170. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration License 38/303, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that an Application for Exemption from expenditure conditions was lodged on 12 January 2001 and then refused on 6 July 2001?
 - (a) If not, what specifically is correct?
- (2) Did the Department of Industry and Resources recommend to the Minister that exemption number LE627/001 be refused?
 - (a) If not, what did the Department of Industry and Resources do in relation to this matter; and
 - (b) If yes, what are the reasons as to why the Department of Industry and Resources recommended to the Minister that the exemption application be refused?
- (3) Can the Minister state the reason(s) why application for exemption, number LE627/001 was refused?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What was the amount in dollars that was claimed in application for exemption, number LE627/001?
- (5) Can the Minister state what was the minimum expenditure amount in dollars, required to be spent under the *Mining Act 1978* for exploration license 38/303?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2171. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to Exploration License 38/1176, I ask -

- (1) Is it correct that an Application for Exemption from expenditure conditions was lodged on 16 August 2001 and then refused on 6 February 2002?
 - (a) If not, what specifically is correct?

- (2) Did the Department of Industry and Resources recommend to the Minister that exemption number LE162/012 be refused?
 - (a) If not, what did the Department of Industry and Resources do in relation to this matter; and
 - (b) If yes, what are the reasons as to why the Department of Industry and Resources recommended to the Minister that the exemption application be refused?
- (3) Can the Minister state the reason(s) why application for exemption, number LE162/012 was refused?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What was the amount in dollars that was claimed in application for exemption, number LE162/012?
- (5) Can the Minister state what was the minimum expenditure amount in dollars, required to be spent under the *Mining Act 1978* for exploration license 38/1176?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2172. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) With reference to the intersection of McDonald Street and Charles Street in Kalgoorlie, can the Minister advise how many accidents have been recorded at this intersection in the last 20 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Department of Planning and Infrastructure consider placing stop signs at the intersection mentioned in (1), to improve safety?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) With reference to the intersection of Meldrum Avenue and Charles Street in Kalgoorlie, can the Minister advise how many accidents have been recorded at this intersection in the last 20 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Department of Planning and Infrastructure consider placing stop signs at the intersection of Meldrum Avenue and Charles Street to improve safety?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Will the Department of Planning and Infrastructure consider establishing stop signs or give way signs on all other roads accessing Charles Street in Kalgoorlie, to improve safety?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2173. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Do all Department of Environment and Conservation staff have an obligation and a responsibility under the public sector Code of Ethics and *Public Sector Management Act 1994* to provide impartial, correct, honest advice to the Minister on all matters?
 - (a) If not, why not; and
 - (b) If yes, why?

(2) Is it appropriate for the Chief Executive Officer or any other staff member to provide incorrect and misleading information to the Minister and in turn to the Parliament of Western Australia which may constitute a breach of discipline under the Public Sector Code of Ethics and the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*?

(a) If not, why not; and

(b) If yes, why?

2174. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the Kaltails Tailings Dam, the lakeside conservation reserve for the preservation of sandalwood and the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines (KCGM) environmental scoping document dated 20 January 2006, titled *Fimiston Gold Mine Operations Extension (stage 3) and Mine Closure Planning*, I ask -

(1) Will the Minister release the full text of the scoping document?

(2) Is it correct that the operator of the Kaltails facility was issued a works approval to construct the Tailings Dam with a condition which stated that all matter containing saline, alkaline, or cyanide constituents shall be retained within impervious holding facilities such that there is no discernible impairment of surface or underground waters?

(a) If no, will the Minister release the full text of the works approval issued to construct the Tailings Dam; and

(b) If yes, on what specific date was this works approval condition imposed?

2175. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to the Works Approval 4248 in the Pilbara region issued to the Manager of Wedgetail Exploration NL dated 8 February 2007 signed by Sharon Clark, Acting Assistant Director Regional Services, Environment from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), I ask -

(1) Can the Minister state how the DEC is going to ensure that there is only minor or no seepage beneath the surface of the Tailings Dam?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) Is it correct that the DEC is concerned about seepage from the Tailings Dam reaching the surface and underground natural groundwater?

(a) If not, why not; and

(b) If yes, why?

(3) Is it correct that the DEC is concerned with the flooding of Cajuput Creek interacting with the Tailings Dam?

(a) If not, why not; and

(b) If yes, why?

(4) Can the Minister state what the specific concerns of the DEC are in relation to the overtopping and runoff from the Tailings Dam entering groundwater or Cajuput Creek?

(a) If not, why not?

(5) Can the Minister state what the current depth in metres is of the natural groundwater below the surface?

(a) If not, why not?

- (6) Can the Minister explain how the solid tailings assist the Non Acid Forming (NAF) liner in preventing seepage?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (7) Can the Minister state how much seepage in litres is expected to occur beneath the Tailings Dam and how far in metres it is expected to travel from the perimeter of the dam during the operation of the Tailings Dam?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (8) In the event that seepage does occur will all of the seepage beneath the Tailings Dam be collected to ensure that there is no detrimental impact from seepage on contaminating surrounding groundwater or impacting on the Cajuput Creek?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2176. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for the Environment

With reference to an unauthorised spillage/discharge of hypersaline solution containing cyanide onto Optimum Resources tenement near Kalgoorlie, first identified on Saturday morning 25 February 2006 and later reported to the Department of Environment, I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister state who authorized this spillage/discharge of hypersaline solution containing cyanide onto Optimum Resources tenement?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the Department of Environment and Conservation prosecute the alleged offender for breaching the *Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations Act 2004*?
 - (a) If not, why not?

2177. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister for Resources

With reference to the July 1993 'Guidelines for Preparation of a "Notice of Intent" Tailings Disposal facility, vat leach, heap leach or extensions to existing structures' produced by the Department of Minerals and Energy, and the March - May 2007 *Prospect Magazine* with the article on page 16 titled 'WA water challenges are nothing new', I ask -

- (1) Can the Minister explain why the above referred to guidelines dated July 1993 stated that regardless of the quality of the natural groundwater at the site, contamination is to be prevented at all times?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does the Department of Industry and Resources still support the statement that regardless of the quality of the natural groundwater at the site, contamination is to be prevented at all times?
 - (a) If not, why not and on what specific date did this change; and
 - (b) If yes, can the Minister quote the specific text of current guidelines, policies and *Mining Act 1978* legislation which supports this statement?
- (3) Does the Department of Industry and Resources consider that super-saline ground water around Coolgardie and other places on the Goldfields to be a resource which can be potentially used for both mineral processing and also for drinking purposes by pastoralists and other users?
 - (a) If not, why has this changed; and
 - (b) If yes, can the Minister explain why?

2178. Mr J.H.D. Day to the Minister for Water Resources

With reference to the Kemerton Industrial Park, and the associated groundwater and surface water bodies, I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns that water from the area flows into drinking water sources in adjacent area, for example the Leschenault district?
- (2) Has the area been designated as a Public Drinking Water Source area?
 - (a) If so, when; and
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) What action is being taken to protect the quality of the water supplies in the area for the future?

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