



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2023**

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**QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS**

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 13 June 2023**

1473. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO108(2) response due 17 August 2023*)

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 8 August 2023**

1494. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

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1497. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

1498. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer

1499. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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1501. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services

1502. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

1503. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 9 August 2023**

1504. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government

1505. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General

1506. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs

1507. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Road Safety

1508. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

1509. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

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1510. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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1511. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

1512. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning

1513. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1514. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

1515. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1516. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1517. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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**Notice Given** **Tuesday, 15 August 2023**

1519. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services

1520. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

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1527. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education

1528. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1529. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning

1530. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water

1531. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

1532. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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1533. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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**1534. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water:**

I refer the Minister to page 12 of the Water Corporation's Mdoor Modelling Study contained in the Water Corporation's Amendment Report dated 31 March 2010 relating to the *Greater Bunbury Region Scheme Amendment* and the reduction of its wastewater treatment plant odour buffer which states under section 9 in the eighth bullet point, "there is not a strong argument to change the boundary of the buffer zone"; and "applying the precautionary principle is warranted because there is always a degree of uncertainty about the predictions of odour modelling for plants that are still to be designed, constructed and operated", and I ask:

- (a) given the above statements, why did the Water Corporation agree to the amendment to the *Greater Bunbury Region Scheme* to reduce the odour buffer;
- (b) why did the Water Corporation agree to further reduce the odour buffer from what is shown in Figure 18 of the Study (Further Reduction); and
- (c) did the Department of Housing or any other government agency ask or represent to the Water Corporation to consider reducing its odour buffer or agree to the Further Reduction?

**1535. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to Extinction Rebellion, and the August 5 2021 incident where six members of the group spray chalked a footbridge in the central business district, and I ask:

- (a) is Extinction Rebellion classified as a gang or organised criminal entity;
- (b) if yes to (a), what was the decision to classify them as such based on; and
- (c) what was the total cost to Western Australian Police for the investigation, arrest, charging and prosecution of those involved in the incident, if available?

**1536. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to an answer from the Minister for Commerce to question without notice 689 asked on 20 June 2023, and I ask<br><br>:

- (a) How many additional staff have been allocated to "manage the timely processing of building complaints in the building and energy division of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety";
- (b) What is the average wait time for answers to complaints in the building and energy division of the DMIRS for:
  - (i) 2023;
  - (ii) 2022; and
  - (iii) 2021;

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- (c) Which projects were "smoothed" to free up skilled labour;
- (d) How many applications for work has the \$1.5 million overseas marketing campaign attracted; and
- (e) How many of the \$2000 construction apprentice completion grants have been awarded?

**1537. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the Minister for Regional Development and I ask on how many occasions since 14 December 2022 has the Minister travelled on official business to each of the following regions:

- (a) Kimberley region;
- (b) Gascoyne region;
- (c) Mid West region;
- (d) Goldfields-Esperance region;
- (e) South West region;
- (f) Great Southern region;
- (g) Peel region;
- (h) Pilbara region; and
- (i) Wheatbelt region?

**1538. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the long-awaited release of the consolidation of emergency service acts, and I ask:

- (a) noting that Cabinet approved the consolidation of the acts in 2019 what is the status of the initiative;
- (b) when is it anticipated that an exposure draft bill will be released for stakeholder consideration;
- (c) has any external stakeholder to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services been exposed to the draft Bill to date;
- (d) is the Minister cognisant of the approaching southern High Threat Period and will sufficient time be allowed for stakeholders to consider the Bill in light of this;
- (e) I note the DFES website advised that drafting instructions have been issued to Parliamentary Counsel's Office, on what date were such instructions issued; and
- (f) when is it expected that a Bill will be introduced to the Parliament of Western Australia?

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I refer to the proposed privately-funded Kimberley Marine Support Base (KMSB) at Broome Port, previously named the 'Kimberley Marine Offloading Facility', the proponent of which is Kimberley Marine Support Base Pty Ltd, and I ask:

- (a) has the Minister for Ports (or their predecessor) or the Minister's staff met with any shareholders or representatives of KMSB in the past two years;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please table a list of what date/s these meetings occurred, who attended the meeting/s, and what was discussed at the meeting/s;
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister table the briefing notes and minutes or notes from the meeting or meetings;
- (d) if not to either (b) or (c), why not;
- (e) have any representatives of KMSB met with the Department of Transport or Port of Broome in relation to the Kimberley Marine Support Base in the past two years;
- (f) if yes to (e), will the Minister please table a list of which departments, the date/s of the meeting/s, who attended the meeting/s, and what was discussed at the meeting/s;
- (g) does the Minister expect that profits from the operations of the Kimberley Marine Support Base will flow to shareholders living outside of Australia;
- (h) is the Minister aware that an article appeared in the *Australian Financial Review* on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 about the Kimberley Marine Support Base which stated, in relation to the company's 2030 financial forecasts: "It's an ambitious forecast, and one that prospective investors in the equity raising would treat with the grain of salt given KMSB's history of troubles in trying to get the construction off the ground.";
- (i) given that industries which were projected to underpin the Kimberley Marine Support Base have not materialised, does the Minister expect this will make it less likely the Kimberley Marine Support Base will go ahead as planned;
- (j) if so, will the Minister please detail the projects, proponents and potential markets that will underpin the Kimberley Marine Support Base;
- (k) if not to (j), why not;
- (l) has the Kimberley Marine Support Base provided a revised business case to the government for the project;
- (m) if yes to (l), will the Minister please provide the document;
- (n) If no to (l), why not;
- (o) if no to (l), will the Minister request a revised business case;
- (p) If no to (l), why not;

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- (q) if the Kimberley Marine Supply Base were to go ahead, would it reduce the projected income for the Port of Broome;
- (r) will the Minister table the future income projections for the Port of Broome should the Kimberley Marine Supply Base go ahead;
- (s) what is the increase in shipping projected for 2030 for the Kimberley Marine Support Base;
- (t) how much government funding has been given to the Kimberley Marine Support Base to date;
- (u) has any state government funding been allocated to the Kimberley Marine Support Base in forward years, and if so, where is this funding allocation detailed;
- (v) will the Minister rule out a government subsidy to the Kimberley Marine Support Base;
- (w) if no to (v), why not;
- (x) is the Minister aware that marine invasive species have recently been detected at the Port of Broome; and
- (y) what measures will be put in place to prevent more marine invasive species from colonising the Port of Broome, the adjacent seagrass beds and Nagulagun Roebuck Bay Marine Park?

**1540. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to charges laid against climate and environmental protestors in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to the Roe 8 protests in 2017;
- (b) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to the Extinction Rebellion "Flood the City" protest against climate change in October 2019;
- (c) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to the Extinction Rebellion action on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 where a footbridge in the CBD was spray chalked; and
- (d) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to any action taken by members of Disrupt Burrup Hub to date?

**1541. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer prescribed burns conducted by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) in the Walpole Wilderness from 1 October 2021 and now, and I ask:

- (a) has DBCA assessed the intensity or severity of the burns, and if yes:
  - (i) are the assessments recorded;
  - (ii) if yes to (a)(i), will the Minister table the records; and

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- (iii) if no to (a)(i), why not;
- (b) has DBCA assessed the scorch height and defoliation resulting from the burns, and if yes:
  - (i) are the assessments recorded;
  - (ii) if yes to (b)(i), will the Minister table the records; and
  - (iii) if no to (b)(i), why not;
- (c) has DBCA had aerial photographs taken of the area following the completion of any of the prescribed burns, and if yes:
  - (i) which areas have been photographed;
  - (ii) will the Minister table the photographs; and
  - (iii) if no to (c)(ii), why not;
- (d) has DBCA completed all of the actions described in the Post Burn Checklists for any of the prescribed burns, and if yes:
  - (i) which prescribed burns;
  - (ii) will the Minister table the Post Burn Checklist for each burn; and
  - (iii) if not, why not; and
- (e) as DBCA completed the Burn Evaluation Summary in the *Prescribed Fire Plan* for any of the prescribed burns, and if yes:
  - (i) which prescribed burns;
  - (ii) will the Minister table the Burn Evaluation Summary for each burn; and
  - (iii) if not, why not?

**1542. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

As previously published in the former Department of Environment and Conservation Yearbooks, I ask will the Minister table the following information in relation to prescribed burning within the three south-west forest regions (as defined by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)) for the years 2021-22, and 2022-23 in table form:

- (a) the area and number of prescribed burns:
  - (i) in each land category (as classified by DBCA); and
  - (ii) the total area and total number; and
- (b) the area of prescribed burns in each region broken down by the following:
  - (i) dominant purpose;
  - (ii) season (ha);
  - (iii) grand total by season (ha);
  - (iv) seasonal (percentage); and
  - (v) grand total (ha)?



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**1543. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to climate change protests undertaken in Western Australia and I ask:

- (a) What was the total cost to WA Police to date for the investigation, arrest, charging, and prosecution of people alleged to have been involved in the attempted protest during the Woodside Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2023;
- (b) What was the total cost to WA Police to date for the investigation, arrest, charging, and prosecution of people alleged to have been involved in the protest outside of the Woodside headquarters in the CBD on 1 June 2023; and
- (c) What was the total cost to WA Police to date for the investigation, arrest, charging, and prosecution of people alleged to have been involved in the attempted protest outside the City Beach residence of the CEO of Woodside on 1 August 2023?

**1544. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to answers provided on 17 May about Keystart's Urban Connect program and ask:

- (a) How many of the eleven approved and pre-approved home loans have been granted to first home buyers;
- (b) How many loans currently on Keystart's total loan book have been granted to first home buyers;
- (c) Are there any agreed key performance indicators for Urban Connect and if so, what are they; and
- (d) If yes to (c), is Urban Connect meeting its key performance indicators?

**1545. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience, and I ask:

- (a) Was any employee, volunteer or volunteer association discouraged or prevented from giving evidence to the Select Committee by the Minister, his office or an agency under his control?

**1546. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) Has the Department of Health undertaken or commissioned an assessment of the health impacts of prescribed burning operations?
- (2) In each of the past three years, how many instances of the following have been caused by (i) prescribed burns and (ii) wildfires respectively:
  - (a) deaths;
  - (b) hospital admissions; and
  - (c) Emergency Department attendances?

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**1547. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the public housing wait times, and I ask:

- (a) what is the average wait time to access public housing by region as at 30 July 2023;
- (b) what is the average wait time for the public housing priority waitlist by region as at 30 July 2023;
- (c) please provide the state-wide figure for (a) and (b);
- (d) how many individuals and applications are on the public housing waitlist as at 17 August 2023; and
- (e) how many individuals and applications are on the priority public housing waitlist as at 17 August 2023?

**1548. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the closure of the Redmond Sawmill, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide the amount of timber supplied by the Forest Products Commission (FPC) to contracted sawmills by the end of July, as a percentage of their annual supply, for:
  - (i) 2019;
  - (ii) 2020;
  - (iii) 2021;
  - (iv) 2022; and
  - (v) 2023; and
- (b) can the Minister outline if it is usual FPC practice to deliver 50% of a sawmill's annual timber allocation in the first half of a calendar year?

**1549. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:**

I refer to the Regional Modular Build Program, and I ask:

- (a) for the 2021-2022 Financial year and 2022-2023 Financial Year to date, please list how many properties were:
  - (i) under contract;
  - (ii) under construction; and
  - (iii) completed?

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**1550. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness:**

I refer to joint venture housing estates that the State Government is involved with, and I ask:

- (a) for each of the estates listed in (b), will the Minister please provide the:
  - (i) number of lots proposed for the development;
  - (ii) the size of the landholding in its entirety (in hectares); and
  - (iii) the stage of development that each project is at; and
- (b) Estates:
  - (i) Alkimos Beach;
  - (ii) Alkimos Vista;
  - (iii) Banksia Grove;
  - (iv) Ferndale Allure;
  - (v) Byford Beenyup Grove/Parcel Property Group;
  - (vi) Girrawheen Blackmore Park Estate;
  - (vii) Bradbham;
  - (viii) Birghton Estate;
  - (ix) Seville Grove Carissa;
  - (x) Kwinana Cassia;
  - (xi) Casuarina;
  - (xii) Beaconsfield old Challenger TAFE;
  - (xiii) Champion Lakes;
  - (xiv) Claremont on the Park;
  - (xv) Cockburn Coast;
  - (xvi) Freo East Village Knutsford;
  - (xvii) Ellenbrook;
  - (xviii) Golden Bay;
  - (xix) Harrisdale Green;
  - (xx) Jane Brook Highland Range;
  - (xxi) Yanchep Jindowie;
  - (xxii) Treeby Kara;
  - (xxiii) Lot 912 Bushmead;
  - (xxiv) Forrestdale Mahala;
  - (xxv) Shenton Park Montario Quarter;

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- (xxvi) Ocean Reef Marina;
- (xxvii) Hamilton Hill OneOneFive;
- (xxviii) Jolimont Parkside Walk;
- (xxix) Floreat Perry Lakes;
- (xxx) Subiaco PMH site 1909;
- (xxxi) Subi East (formerly Subi Oval);
- (xxxii) North Coogee Salt Lane (part of Shoreline development);
- (xxxiii) Seville Grove;
- (xxxiv) Hilbert Sienna Wood;
- (xxxv) Mt Claremont St Johns Wood;
- (xxxvi) Wellard The Village;
- (xxxvii) Craigie The Vibe;
- (xxxviii) Girrawheen The Amble Estate;
- (xxxix) Wundowie; and
- (xl) White Gum Valley?

**1551. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to hand held radios supplied to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and Local Government BGU's and I ask:

- (a) when will the ageing VHF handheld radios be replaced;
- (b) are sufficient spare parts and spare radios available for the ageing radios;
- (c) what is the training duration for the Complex Structural Firefighting Radios;
- (d) has a volunteer focused course been developed and what is the training duration;
- (e) How many Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service brigades are yet to receive and be trained on the Complex Structural Firefighting Radios; and
- (f) if those identified in (e) when will they be issued with Complex Structural Firefighting Radios?

**1552. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to a study undertaken by Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA), which showed that the Western Triology generated \$6 million in revenue for the state in 2023, referred to in an *Australian Racing Greyhound* article published on 06 August 2023, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table this study? If not, why not;
- (b) was this study performed by RWWA or an external party;

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- (c) if an external party, which one;
- (d) how much profit was generated by each code in the study;
- (e) for the the 2023 Sandgroper, Nullarbor and Quokka events respectively, how much did the State Government spend in total on:
  - (i) advertising for the events;
  - (ii) hospitality and gala events during the weekend for RWWA staff, Board of Directors, Ministers, club staff and out of state representatives; and
  - (iii) travel and accommodation for RWWA staff, Board of Directors, Ministers, club staff and out of state representatives;
- (f) how many animals at each of the above events were:
  - (i) injured and stood down for more than 40 days; and
  - (ii) euthanised, either on track or subsequently as a result of injury incurred; and
- (g) for each of the above events, how much of the prize money won from each remained within WA?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council