

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

No. 7

**Tuesday, September 10 2002**

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Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.  
When a question has been answered it is removed from the postponed list.

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### POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, August 13 2002*

1. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
2. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
3. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises
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16. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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38. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
40. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
41. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
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43. Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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46. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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54. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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91.     Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1)     What is the average weekday number of bus passengers boarding the Kwinana Freeway bus service to the CBD at Murdoch?
- (2)     What is the travelling time from Murdoch to CBD?
- (3)     What is the average weekday number of bus passengers boarding the Kwinana Freeway bus service to the CBD at the Canning station?
- (4)     What is the travelling time from Canning station to CBD?
- (5)     What is the average weekday total number of bus passengers travelling to the CBD via Kwinana Freeway?

92.     Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer the Premier to his reply in Question Time on August 21 when he berated the previous Government for not adopting two day a week water restrictions in 1998 and 1999, and ask -

Can the Premier explain his rationale in arguing that the previous Government should have adopted the water restrictions in those years?

93.     Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Government Enterprises

Can the Minister provide a list, for each ground water supply bore field developed in the Perth region since 1995, of all companies involved in the development of those fields?

94.     Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Deputy Premier

- (1)     Can the Deputy Premier provide a list of all current native title claims over land in Western Australia showing -
  - (a)     the region(s) in which the land lies for each claim;
  - (b)     identifying the claimant group(s) or individual(s) for each claim; and
  - (c)     postal address of the claimant group(s) or individual(s) for each claim?
- (2)     Can the Deputy Premier indicate if any State funding has been provided to claimants?
- (3)     If so, -
  - (a)     which claimants;
  - (b)     when; and
  - (c)     how much?

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95.     Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General  
Can the Attorney General provide, in relation to the years 2000-01 and 2001-02, the following information -

- (1)     Number of individuals sentenced to prison terms of two years or less?
- (2)     Number of those individuals by most serious criminal act for which they were charged?

96.     Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Government Enterprises

With regards to the sewage outfall from the Subiaco Waste Treatment Plant at the northern end of Swanbourne beach, I ask -

- (1)     What are the license conditions on this sewage outfall?
- (2)     Will you provide a copy of these license conditions?
- (3)     How far offshore does the outfall discharge the waste?
- (4)     Has sewage that has not completed the required secondary treatment ever been released from this outfall?
- (5)     If yes to (4), will you provide details of these incidents over the last five years including -
  - (a)     volume of waste;
  - (b)     composition of waste;
  - (c)     duration of any incident; and
  - (d)     extent and/or distribution of any plume?
- (6)     Please provide details of the monitoring programme for this outfall including -
  - (a)     how often does monitoring occur;
  - (b)     who carries out the monitoring; and
  - (c)     what criteria are monitored?
- (7)     Have there been any public complaints regarding visible sewage slicks?
- (8)     If yes to (7), please give details?
- (9)     Has the incidence of disposal of incompletely treated sewage increased following the progress of infill sewage in the Subiaco Waste Water Treatment catchment?
- (10)    What action will you take to ensure -
  - (a)     there are no further discharges of inadequately treated sewage;
  - (b)     public health is protected on Swanbourne and City Beaches; and
  - (c)     that monitoring is carried out regularly by a body or authority independent of the Water Corporation?

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97. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

With regards to Bushplan/Bushforever, I ask -

- (1) Have you signed the National Strategy for the Conservation of Australia's Biological Diversity bilateral agreement to meet national guidelines on the maintenance of biodiversity in Western Australia?
- (2) What is the target percentage of any given ecosystem type to be conserved?
- (3) Do the requirements of this agreement dictate that Bushplan/Bushforever sites must be protected?
- (4) How will you be able to meet the requirement of this agreement if Bushplan/Bushforever sites are not protected?
- (5) Will you put in place legislative protection for Bushplan/Bushforever sites?
- (6) If yes to (5), when?

98. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regards to Bushplan/Bushforever, I ask -

- (1) Is the Government committed to implementing Bushplan/Bushforever?
- (2) If so, what is the estimated cost of implementation?
- (3) Where does the Government intend to obtain the funds identified in (2)?
- (4) Will the Government increase the rate of tax for the Metropolitan Regional Improvement Fund scheme to obtain these funds?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?



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99.     Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education

Can the Minister provide the substance of the Will of the Late Winthrop Hackett in respect of the terms of the Philanthropist's bequest to the University of Western Australia?

100.    Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the answer to question without notice No. 86 dated August 21 2002 in respect of the land formerly comprised in CT Volume 1138 Folio 74 which was acquired from the Temopolous family in 1979 -

Would the Minister have the relevant file annotated to indicate that the family remains keen to negotiate to re-acquire that portion of the subject land not required for road purposes?

101.    Hon George Cash to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to the appeal lodged by the Burns Beach Property Trust in respect to certain EPA recommendations related to the Western Cell of this land, and ask -

- (1)     What is the current status of this appeal?
- (2)     Does the Minister support a negotiated development of this land given the Trust has already committed to providing 120 ha for community, conservation and parkland purposes?

102.    Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In relation to the Review of the Kwinana Air Quality Buffer -

- (1)     What air pollutants were taken into consideration when formulating the new buffer zones?
- (2)     Will the Minister detail -
  - (a)     what industries were taken into consideration when developing the new buffer zones; and
  - (b)     what were the air pollutants considered from each of these industries?

103.    Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1)     Will the Minister table all weighbridge dockets for waste delivered by Atlas to the Tamala Park waste facility from the City of Stirling on -
  - (a)     December 21 2001;
  - (b)     January 8 2002;
  - (c)     January 10 2002;

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- (d)     March 20 2002;
  - (e)     April 4 2002;
  - (f)     April 23 2002; and
  - (g)     April 25 2002?
- (2)     Has the DEP carried out any testing on the compost product to verify that the compost meets Australian Standards?
- (3)     If yes, will the Minister table those tests?
- (4)     Will the Minister detail the Australian Standards for compost?

104.    Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- (1)     Did the Government place conditions on the allocation of timber resources to the Nannup and Greenbushes timber mills?
- (2)     If yes, what are those conditions?
- (3)     If yes, how are they being audited?
- (4)     Would the Minister table the relevant documentation which demonstrates compliance?

105.    Hon Christine Sharp to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Would the Minister provide a list of the names of all new Agriculture Department staff appointments of Level 5 and above over the past twelve months with the following details -

- (a)     name;
- (b)     the section those officers work in;
- (c)     what programme they are employed under; and
- (d)     previous employment?

106.    Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

With regard to the shared use path currently being constructed adjacent to the railway between Graham Farmer Freeway and Caledonian Avenue, Maylands, can the Minister advise -

- (1)     Were tenders called for this project?
- (2)     If so, on what date were the tenders called?
- (3)     How many tenders were submitted?
- (4)     What were the tender prices submitted?
- (5)     Who were the tenderers?
- (6)     Who won the tender?

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107. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to the allocation of \$14 million in the 2001-02 Budget papers for the establishment of high wide load corridors, and ask -

- (1) How much of this allocation was expended in the 2001-02 financial year?
- (2) What works were undertaken as a result of this expenditure?
- (3) How much of the balance of any unexpended funds were carried forward to the current financial year?
- (4) Have any further allocations been made for the high wide load project in the 2002-03 Budget within the Minister's portfolio?

108. Hon Murray Criddle to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

On September 4 2002, the Minister announced that she has requested Main Roads to bring forward \$1.5 million from next year's Budget to commence the upgrading of Lime Sands Route 2, which will cost an estimated \$7 million -

Can the Minister advise the cost of the consultation process, including, the Community Workshops, the Steering Group and the preparation and distribution of the Final Report into the Lime Sands Routes?

109. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

- (1) How many Contract Superintendents does Main Roads WA have?
- (2) In each case, will the Minister please detail the experience the Contract Superintendent has?
- (3) In each of the last five years -
  - (a) how much has been paid for legal advice on contract or engineering disputes;
  - (b) to which firms has this money been paid;
  - (c) how much has been paid to each firm;
  - (d) how many disputes have been resolved as a result of completed court action;
  - (e) in how many of the disputes referred to in (d) above was MRWA required to pay money to the opposing party; and
  - (f) referring to the amount paid for legal advice on contract or engineering disputes and to the amount paid as described in (e) above, is this money budgeted for separately or is it paid from general MRWA revenue?
- (4) In each of the last five years -
  - (a) how much has been paid to train MRWA personnel on contract administration procedures;

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- (b) to which firms has this money been paid; and
  - (c) how much has been paid to each firm?
- (5) In each of the last five years -
- (a) how many expert consultants have been retained in the course of contract disputes;
  - (b) in each case, were the consultants retained by MRWA or by the legal advisers retained by MRWA; and
  - (c) what was the total amount paid to legal advisers retained by MRWA in respect of expert consultants have been retained in the course of contract disputes?
- (6) Referring to major engineering contracts, what qualifications are required of MRWA personnel who -
- (a) prepare specifications for these contracts;
  - (b) administer them; and
  - (c) administer them on site?

**L B MARQUET**

Clerk of the Legislative Council