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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS

No. 133

Thursday, 3 May 2007

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.
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POSTPONED QUESTIONS

Notice Given **Wednesday, 6 December 2006**

4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

Notice Given **Tuesday, 20 March 2007**

4448. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4453. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
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4458. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4459. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4460. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
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4464. Hon George Cash to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4469. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4478. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4498. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4509. Hon Peter Collier to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4514. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4515. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4519. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4520. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4521. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4533. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4564. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4570. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)
4574. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4576. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4588. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4608. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4609. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4619. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4624. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4625. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4643. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4663. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4671. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4674. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4679. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*
4680. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West *(SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007)*

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4695. Hon George Cash to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations
4697. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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4699. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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4700. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

4701. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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4702. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

4703. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

4704. Hon Helen Morton to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health

4705. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

4706. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

4707. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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Notice Given ***Wednesday, 4 April 2007***

4710. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

4711. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

4712. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

4713. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources

4714. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

4715. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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4718. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

4719. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise

4720. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

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- 4721. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4722. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4723. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4724. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4725. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Minister for Local Government
- 4726. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4727. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 4728. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 4729. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Notice Given **Thursday, 5 April 2007**

- 4731. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4732. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4734. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Employment Protection
- 4735. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4736. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4737. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4738. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
- 4739. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4740. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
- 4741. Hon Anthony Fels to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

Notice Given **Tuesday, 1 May 2007**

- 4742. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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- 4743. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4744. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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- 4746. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 4747. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 4748. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4749. Hon George Cash to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 4750. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4751. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 4752. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4753. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4754. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
- 4755. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 4756. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 4757. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
- 4758. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 4759. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
- 4760. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4761. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry
- 4762. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4763. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Notice Given***Wednesday, 2 May 2007***

- 4764. Hon Ken Baston to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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- 4765. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
- 4766. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4767. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry
- 4768. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4769. Hon Helen Morton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 4770. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
- 4771. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY

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4772. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

On 19 April 2007, the Department of Water (DoW) provided information to a meeting in Manjimup of the statutory Warren Water Management Area Advisory Committee, showing that under proposed water licence fees applying from July 2007, of the 428 licences in the Manjimup and Pemberton area, eight licences or 1.9 percent will be subject to a \$200 annual fee and 190 licences or 44.4 percent will be subject to a \$325 annual fee.

Six days later on 25 April 2007, the DoW ran an advertisement on page nine of the *Manjimup-Bridgetown Times* headed 'Water Licensing Administration Fees' stating – 'The change means 82 percent of the 13 000 existing licensees will pay an annual fee of less than \$325.'

Noting the only fee of less than \$325 in the proposed fees is \$200; this statement suggests 82 percent of 13,000 existing licensees will pay an annual fee of \$200. I ask -

- (1) Is the Minister for Water Resources and the DoW aware of the concern farmers in the Manjimup and Pemberton area have expressed in regard to the water licence fees to be introduced from July 2007?
- (2) Did the DoW lodge the advertisement with the *Manjimup-Bridgetown Times* to address what it perceived as the expressed concern of people in the Manjimup and Pemberton area in regard to water licence fees?
- (3) With what other newspapers did the DoW lodge the same advertisement implying 82 percent of 13 000 existing licensees will pay an annual fee of \$200, and on what dates were those advertisements published?
- (4) Recognising that only 1.9 percent of water licence holders in the Manjimup and Pemberton area will be subject to \$200 licence fees, does the Minister for Water Resources acknowledge the advertisement may have misled and deceived readers in the Manjimup and Pemberton area?
- (5) Will the Minister confirm that table seven page 35 draft Blueprint for Water Reform July 2006 shows 10940 of a total 18674 water licences in Western Australia in the less than 5000 kilolitres class and now \$200 fee class; which is 58 percent not 82 percent subject to \$200 fees?
- (6) What action will be taken by the Minister for Water Resources and the DoW to correct misleading advertising on water licence administration fees?

4773. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
In relation to the Wellington Dam -

- (1) How much money has been spent on the saline diversion program for the Wellington Dam?
- (2) What cost sharing arrangements have been made between any private and Government organisations for the program?

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(3) How much money went into this program that was -

- (a) private; and
- (b) Government?

4774. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources

(1) What is the total annual extraction from -

- (a) all groundwater resources;
- (b) the Gnangara Mound; and
- (c) the Jandakot Mound?

(2) How does this compare with the Water Corporations projected demand, based on 156 kilolitres per person for the next year?

4775. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

With reference to the mining activities, rehabilitation activities and residue disposal areas for each of Alcoa World Alumina and Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd, I ask -

- (1) How many hectares are currently mined for bauxite each year?
- (2) How many hectares will be mined each year when the company expands to its fully approved rate of production?
- (3) What is the total area mined to date?
- (4) How many hectares have been rehabilitated to date?
- (5) How much of the total area mined required the clearing of native forest?
- (6) How much of this area has been rehabilitated with jarrah forest species?
- (7) What is the current annual production of -
 - (a) bauxite; and
 - (b) alumina?
- (8) When the company has expanded to its fully approved rate what will be the annual production of -
 - (a) bauxite; and
 - (b) alumina?
- (9) How many hectares are currently used as Residue Disposal Areas each year?
- (10) How many hectares will be used as Residue Disposal Areas when the company expands to its fully approved rate of production?
- (11) How much residue is currently produced each year?

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- (12) How much residue will be produced each year when the company expands to its fully approved rate of production?
- (13) What is the total amount of residue produced to date?
- (14) For how much longer does its mining lease extend?

4776. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to question on notice number 3758 of 29 June 2006 and the answer provided which in part states 'Refer to questions on notice ...' followed by approximately 100 question numbers of which question numbers 2888, 3406, 3544 and 1269 are included -

- (1) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 2888, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3758?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 3406, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3758?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 3544, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3758?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 1269, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3758?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Would the Minister please now supply an answer to question 3758 that is clear, concise, relevant and free from argument?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

4777. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to question on notice number 3753 of 29 June 2006 and the answer provided which in part states '(1-11) Refer to questions on notice ...' followed by approximately 100 question numbers of which question numbers 393, 576, 3544 and 1269 are included -

- (1) Can the Minister explain why the answer refers to questions '1-11', when there were only 9 questions asked?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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- (3) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 393, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3753?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 576, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3753?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 3544, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3753?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Can the Minister quote the specific text from the answers to question on notice number 1269, and explain how this answer is directly relevant to the question asked in question number 3753?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Would the Minister please now supply an answer to question 3753 that is clear, concise, relevant and free from argument?
- (12) If no to (11), why not?

4778. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

With respect to the Department of Environment and Conservation's support of prescribed burning of our native forest -

- (1) What peer-reviewed research is undertaken by the Department of Environment and Conservation and Climate Change to determine the impact of prescribed burning of our native forest on the southwest's water balance, rainfall and climate?
- (2) What are the key parameters being measured?
- (3) If no such research is being done, given the current climate change situation, and the declining southwest rainfall since 1950, why not?

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