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4696. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry In the last financial year, in the combined three forest regions, Swan, South-West and Warren -

- (1) How many hectares of forest were cleared as part of mining operations?
- (2) How many tonnes of forest products (by product type and species) came from mine sites?
- (3) What stumpage per tonne and total stumpage did the Forest Products Commission (FPC) receive for each of these products?
- (4) Which companies conducted the mining operations from which the FPC sold forest products?
- 4697. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment I refer to the prescribed burn in Sharpe/Deep blocks and Shannon and Granite Peaks State Forest, both with burn identification F008, in summer 2010-2011, and I ask -
- (1) In regard to the Shannon and Granite Peaks State Forest burn -
 - (a) how many hectares are within the planned burn area;
 - (b) how many hectares were burnt as a result of this fire;
 - (c) on what days in 2010 and 2011 was fire applied to the planned burn area;
 - (d) was ground ignition on the perimeter of regrowth cells the only method of ignition utilised for this burn;
 - (e) was regrowth protection the primary purpose of this burn;
 - (f) what were the other purposes of this burn, in order of priority;
 - (g) what fire intensity did the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) intend to apply to this area;
 - (h) was the intended fire intensity achieved;
 - (i) if no to (1)(h), what explanation does DEC provide for the inconsistency;
 - (j) what percentage of the total area did DEC intend to burn;
 - (k) was the intended percentage achieved;
 - (l) if no to (1)(k), what explanation does DEC provide for the inconsistency;
 - (m) what was the intended percentage of crown scorch for the burn area;
 - (n) what percentage of the total burnt area was crown scorched;
 - (o) if the intended percentage of crown scorch was not achieved, what explanation does DEC provide;

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- (p) were flora and fauna surveys conducted in the burn area before and/or after the prescribed fire in 2010 and/or 2011;
- (q) if yes to (1)(p), when and with what outcome;
- (r) what species of threatened and priority flora and fauna and/or threatened ecological communities are known to be within the burn area and how were these values managed by DEC before, during and after the fire;
- (s) what was the anticipated financial cost of carrying out this burn; and
- (t) what has this burn cost to date?
- (2) In regard to the Sharpe/Deep burn, also with burn identification number F008, I ask -
 - (a) how many hectares are within the planned burn area;
 - (b) on what days in 2010 and, if applicable 2011, was fire applied to the burn area;
 - (c) how many hectares were burnt as a result of this fire;
 - (d) what were the intended purposes of this burn;
 - (e) what fire intensity did the department intend to apply to this area;
 - (f) was the intended fire intensity achieved;
 - (g) if no to (2)(f), what explanation does DEC provide for the inconsistency;
 - (h) what percentage of the total area did DEC intend to burn;
 - (i) was the intended percentage achieved;
 - (j) if no to (2)(i), what explanation does DEC provide for the inconsistency;
 - (k) what was the intended percentage of crown scorch for the burn area;
 - (l) what was the percentage of crown scorch over the total area burnt;
 - (m) if the intended percentage of crown scorch was not achieved, what explanation does DEC provide for the inconsistency;
 - (n) were flora and fauna surveys conducted in the burn area before and/or after the prescribed fire in 2010 and/or 2011;
 - (o) if yes to (2)(n), when and with what outcome;
 - (p) what species of threatened and priority flora and fauna and/or threatened ecological communities are known to be within the burn area and how were these values managed by the department before, during and after the fire;
 - (q) what was the anticipated total financial cost of planning and carrying out this burn; and
 - (r) what is the total cost of this burn to date?

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- 4698. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Mental Health
- (1) Is the Minister aware that suicide rates among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities have been found to be 3.5 to 14 times higher than the general community?
- (2) Will the Minister please provide details of any programs that her Government has funded that attempt to reduce the number of suicides in these communities?
- (3) Has the Minister been advised by LGBTI advocates of the need for programs to lower the risk of youth suicide in these communities?
- (4) Please provide advice of any programs in Western Australia targeted at LGBTI young people for the purpose of suicide prevention.

4699. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Housing Our Workforce program allocation to Child Protection workers in the Mid West, and ask -

- (1) How many homes have commenced construction since June 2011?
- (2) What is the progress of these homes to date?
- (3) Have any tenders been let on any of the properties?
- 4700. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- (1) How many so called 'fracking' applications have been received by the Department of Mines and Petroleum?
- (2) What areas of Western Australia show the greatest prospectively for fracking and shale gas?

4701. Hon Jon Ford to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to Western Australia public sector employees who work and domicile outside of the metropolitan region and I ask, for each of the nine regions defined under the *Regional Development Commission Act 1993* -

- (1) What is the number, including ongoing and non-ongoing, of employees as at 30 June 2011 by -
 - (a) each classification level (including salary ranges);
 - (b) full-time/part-time status;
 - (c) gender; and
 - (d) location?

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- (2) What is the employment type based on gender of those employees; for example, but not limited to -
 - (a) permanent;
 - (b) fixed-term; and
 - (c) casual?
- (3) How many employees identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- (4) How many employees receive housing assistance, for example, but not limited to -
 - (a) rental subsidy; and
 - (b) housing provided?
- (5) In relation to (1), what is the number of full time equivalent employees (FTE), and the total employment package for each FTE including, but not limited to -
 - (a) base wage;
 - (b) regional and other allowances;
 - (c) subsidies; and
 - (d) non salary benefits?
- 4702. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General
- (1) For the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 -
 - (a) how many people with an identified mental health issue have been incarcerated;
 - (b) how many people with an identified intellectual disability have been incarcerated; and
 - (c) how many people who have been diagnosed with both an identified mental health issue and an identified intellectual disability have been incarcerated?
- (2) Of those people who have been incarcerated -
 - (a) how many were subject to involuntary orders by the Mental Health Review Board under the *Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996*; and
 - (b) how many were incarcerated under the *Criminal Code*?
- 4703. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to employment for recovering mental health consumers, and I ask -

- (1) What initiatives are being undertaken to support new employment opportunities for those consumers engaged in recovery?
- (2) How much funding is provided for each of those initiatives?
- (3) If none to (1), why not;

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4704. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to each hospital that holds mental health consumers, and I ask -

- (1) How often are mental health consumers seen by a psychiatrist during their stay in hospital?
- (2) How long are the consultations with the psychiatrist?
- (3) How often are the mental health consumers seen by a psychologist during their stay in hospital?
- (4) How long are the consultations with the psychologist?

4705. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health

I refer to the discharge of mental health consumers after an extended stay in a ward, and I ask -

- (1) Is it ensured that a patient that is discharged is financially sound upon discharge?
- (2) Is it ensured that a patient that is discharged has food and other essential items available upon discharge?
- (3) Is it ensured that a patient that is discharged has transportation to home upon discharge?
- (4) If no to (1), (2), and (3), why not?
- 4706. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning
- (1) Can the Minister advise whether a senior officer of the Department of Planning emailed planning consultant Greg Rowe's office on 25 June 2009 stating that the existence of other possible aged care sites in the Shire of Kalamunda would have no bearing on the assessment of Amendment 18 on Gayour Road, Wattle Grove?
- (2) Did the same senior officer send a briefing note to the Minister for Planning on 6 October 2009 stating that the Council should identify six alternative sites for aged persons development and rank them?
- (3) Why have the following unprecedented conditions been placed on Amendment 18 -
 - (a) identify six alternative sites and rank them in priority; and
 - (b) comprehensive planning for the wider locality?
- (4) What is the estimated value of the total development?
- (5) Following the advertising of Amendment 18, what percentage of the submissions reflected support for the proposal?
- (6) How many submissions were received in total?
- (7) Has the Minister received overwhelming evidence, inclusive of letters from local medical practitioners and Aged and Retirement Associations, that the community, shire officers and the Kalamunda Shire Council support this proposal?
- (8) What groups have lobbied against the proposal?

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- (9) Now that the Local Planning Strategy has been advertised identifying urban development for Wattle Grove, what is the timeframe for the Minister to approve Amendment 18?
- 4707. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Has the Public Transport Authority (PTA) commenced investigations into extending light rail to High Wycombe?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If the PTA has not commenced investigations into light rail to High Wycombe, when will this work commence and what is the expected completion date?
- (4) Does the State Government acknowledge that the current population east of the Perth Airport is in excess of 200, 000 people, and if not, what is the current population figure for that area?
- (5) Does the State Government acknowledge that Directions 2031 estimates that the area referred to in (4) will grow to in excess of 400,000 people, and if not, what are the Government estimates for that figure?
- (6) Would the State Government acknowledge that, given these population estimates, infrastructure east of the airport warrants inclusion in the Public Transport Strategy?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Is the State Government aware of the projected significant increases in traffic movement east of the airport along Grogan Road and Hudswell Close once Terminal Western Australia is complete?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Does the State Government accept that the Perth Airport Eastern Access Planning study highlights the significance of this increase in traffic movement?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?
- (12) Does the State Government acknowledge that the preferred site for Kewdale Site T2, if developed, will significantly increase heavy traffic north through the Forrestfield industrial area?
- (13) If no to (12), why not?
- (14) Have these traffic demands been factored into the need for significant investment in road infrastructure through Forrestfield
- (15) If no to (14), why not?
- (16) Does the State Government acknowledge the impact on the Forrestfield industrial area of the Kewdale Site T2 will be significant?
- (17) If no to (16), why not?
- (18) Does the Gateway Western Australia Project have funds allocated to the Forrestfield industrial area?
- (19) If no to (18), why not?
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- (20) Does the funding include the Berkshire Road-Roe Highway intersection?
- (21) If no to (20), why not?
- (22) Does the funding include the intersection of Grogan Road and Abernethy Road?
- (23) If no to (22), why not?
- (24) Is the Berkshire Road-Roe Highway intersection one of the three top 10 intersections that will receive funding as reported in the *Sunday Times* on 21 August 2011?
- (25) If no to (24), why not?
- (26) Has the Shire of Kalamunda been advised that the Gateway Western Australia project does not include funds for road infrastructure in the Forrestfield industrial area?
- (27) If no to (26), why not?
- (28) Has the preparation of the Metropolitan Freight and Intermodal Network Plan commenced yet?
- (29) If no to (28), why not?
- (30) Has the State Government requested the Shire of Kalamunda to sit on the Steering Committee for the Plan referred to in (28)?
- (31) If no to (30), why not?
- (32) Has the Shire of Kalamunda been notified of the Gateway Traffic Studies?
- (33) If no to (32), why not?
- (34) Have the studies been extended to include the Forrestfield Industrial area?
- (35) If no to (34), why not?
- (36) Is the State Government aware that the seat of Hasluck, which includes Forrestfield, has the fourth highest number of Fly-In, Fly-Out and Drive-In, Drive-Out workers, as at the 2006 census in the State?
- (37) If yes to (36), will the State Government acknowledge the significance of this factor in consideration of the Public Transport Strategy?
- (38) If no to (37), why not?
- (39) Is the State Government aware that Co-operative Bulk Handling is located in the Forrestfield Industrial area?
- (40) Has the State Government factored the impact on road infrastructure in the Forrestfield industrial area resulting from Tier 3 rail decisions which will increase grain freight from rail to road?
- 4708. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Treasurer
- (1) Can the Minister identify any changes in valuation methodology by any Government agency or corporation, in the total public sector, that had an impact on the real net worth of the total public sector by more than \$100 million, in any of the financial years ending -

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- (a) 30 June 2011;
- (b) 30 June 2010:
- (c) 30 June 2009; and
- (d) 30 June 2008?
- (2) If yes to (1), for each year, what was -
 - (a) the name of the agency;
 - (b) the impact on the real net worth of the change; and
 - (c) the reason for the change in methodology?

4709. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the four Authorised Inspection Centres (AIC) to replace the O'Connor Inspection Centre and ask -

- (1) How much of the inspection fees paid by users will the operators of the AIC keep, and how much will they pay to the State Government?
- What is the total amount the Government expects to receive in payments from these four AIC for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years?
- (3) What is the estimated number of vehicles that will be inspected each year at the four new AIC?
- (4) Where will people with vehicles that were previously able to be inspected at the O'Connor Centre, but cannot be inspected at the new AIC, be able to get their vehicles inspected?
- (5) Have any additional resources been allocated to conduct audits of these AIC?
- (6) If yes to (5), how much money and how many new FTE's have been allocated?
- (7) What was the total revenue collected from inspection fees at the former O'Conner Inspection Centre in the 2010-11 financial year?
- (8) What was the cost of running the O'Conner Inspection Centre last year?
- (9) How much did the O'Connor Inspection Centre contribute to corporate overheads last year?
- (10) How many inspections were conducted at the O'Connor Inspection Centre last financial year?
- (11) How many of these inspections were for vehicles under 4.5 tonnes?
- (12) How many of these inspections were for motorcycles?

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4710. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport I refer to Note 24 on page 117 of the 2009-10 Annual Report, and ask -

- (1) How much of the 2010 'At Fair Value' figure of \$5,084,088,000 allocated to Freight Network Infrastructure relates to the -
 - (a) total narrow gauge rail network;
 - (b) rail lines that have been classified as tier one or two;
 - (c) rail lines that have been classified as tier three;
 - (d) rail line running from Bunbury to Manjimup;
 - (e) rail line running from Quairading to Bruce Rock; and
 - (f) rail line running from Katanning to Nyabing?
- (2) How much of the 2010 'Accumulated Depreciation' figure of \$3,710,930,000 allocated to Freight Network Infrastructure relates to the -
 - (a) total narrow gauge rail network;
 - (b) rail lines that have been classified as tier one or two;
 - (c) rail lines that have been classified as tier three;
 - (d) rail line running from Bunbury to Manjimup;
 - (e) rail line running from Quairading to Bruce Rock; and
 - (f) rail line running from Katanning to Nyabing?
- (3) How much of the 2010 'Carrying amount as at 30 June 2010' figure of \$1,373,158,000 allocated to Freight Network Infrastructure relates to the -
 - (a) total narrow gauge rail network;
 - (b) rail lines that have been classified as tier one or two;
 - (c) rail lines that have been classified as tier three;
 - (d) rail line running from Bunbury to Manjimup;
 - (e) rail line running from Quairading to Bruce Rock; and
 - (f) rail line running from Katanning to Nyabing?

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- (4) How much of the 2009 'At Fair Value' figure of \$303,218,000 allocated to Freight Network Infrastructure relates to the -
 - (a) total narrow gauge rail network;
 - (b) rail lines that have been classified as tier one or two;
 - (c) rail lines that have been classified as tier three;
 - (d) rail line running from Bunbury to Manjimup;
 - (e) rail line running from Quairading to Bruce Rock; and
 - (f) rail line running from Katanning to Nyabing?
- (5) How much of the 2009 'Accumulated Depreciation' figure of \$37,122,000 allocated to Freight Network Infrastructure relates to the -
 - (a) total narrow gauge rail network;
 - (b) rail lines that have been classified as tier one or two;
 - (c) rail lines that have been classified as tier three;
 - (d) rail line running from Bunbury to Manjimup;
 - (e) rail line running from Quairading to Bruce Rock; and
 - (f) rail line running from Katanning to Nyabing?
- (6) How much of the 2009 'Carrying amount as at 30 June 2009' figure of \$266,096,000 allocated to Freight Network Infrastructure relates to the -
 - (a) total narrow gauge rail network;
 - (b) rail lines that have been classified as tier one or two;
 - (c) rail lines that have been classified as tier three;
 - (d) rail line running from Bunbury to Manjimup;
 - (e) rail line running from Quairading to Bruce Rock; and
 - (f) rail line running from Katanning to Nyabing?
- 4711. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) Does the James Price Point development require an upgrade to existing road infrastructure or an entirely new road built?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is required and what is the estimated cost?
- (3) When is construction expected to commence and be completed?
- (4) Will construction commence prior to all final government approvals and private sector final investment decisions?

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- 4712. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

 How many transit officers, revenue protection officers and customer service officers were located at

 McIver Station in -
 - (a) September 2008; and
 - (b) September 2011?
- 4713. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Does the Department of Transport have a phone number that passengers can call to make a complaint regarding taxi drivers?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the number?
- 4714. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Has the Minister received any complaints about noise since the new car parks were built on the Joondalup rail line?
- (2) If yes to (1), has the Minister raised those complaints with the relevant department?
- 4715. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) When are statistics of boating accidents/incidents recorded by the Department of Transport?
- What is the severity of an accident/incident before it needs to be reported to the Department of Transport?
- (3) What is the severity of the accident/incident before it is recorded by the Department of Transport?
- (4) What information about accidents/incidents does the Department of Transport record or keep statistics on?

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4716. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport For each of the Perth Urban rail network, metropolitan bus services and regional bus services -

- (1) How many inspectors are employed to monitor fare evasion?
- (2) In each month of 2009, 2010 and 2011 what were the -
 - (a) total number of infringements issued;
 - (b) categories of offences for which infringements were issued;
 - (c) total number of infringements cancelled;
 - (d) total number of cautions issued;
 - (e) rate of fare evasion;
 - (f) value of fares evaded;
 - (g) value of fines issued;
 - (h) value of fines paid; and
 - (i) value of fines written off?
- 4717. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the first of the taxi lease plates will expire in May 2012?
- (2) Does the Minister intend to renew or reissue these lease plates?
- (3) Will the existing lessee be given first right to the renewed or reissued lease plate?
- (4) If no to (3), what process does the Government intend to undertake to renew or reissue these plates?
- (5) How much notice will taxi drivers be given that their lease will or will not be renewed?
- (6) When will the Minister advise the taxi industry of what the Government intends to do when these leases expire?
- 4718. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

Did the Government receive any advice on the estimated cost of converting the Graham Farmer Freeway Tunnel to three lanes in each direction, prior to making a decision on the Perth Foreshore development?

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- 4719. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) What is the estimated cost to convert the Graham Farmer Freeway Tunnel to three lanes in each direction?
- (2) What associated works are required to enable the widening to occur?
- (3) What is the estimated expenditure in the 2011-12 financial year and each year of the forward estimates for this work to occur?
- (4) Is any additional recurrent expenditure required for the Graham Farmer Freeway to operate with three lanes in each direction?
- (5) If yes to (4), how much is required annually?
- 4720. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) When is it expected that the widening of the Graham Farmer Freeway to three lanes will commence?
- (2) When will it be completed?

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