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- 6130. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Tourism
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- 6177. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Treasurer
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- 6205. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 6206. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport
- 6207. Mr M. McGowan to the Premier
- 6208. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Premier
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- 6210. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Education
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- 6212. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Tourism
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- 6214. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Regional Development
- 6215. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Water
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- 6217. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing

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- 6218. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
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- 6220. Mr M. McGowan to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
- 6221. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
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- 6246. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Housing
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- 6248. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Regional Development

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6291. Mr W.J. Johnston to the Minister for Police

I refer to the your answer to the Question Without Notice by the Member for Girrawheen on 28 September 2011 regarding calls to the 131 444 police assistance number and your answer that many people had dialled and then changed their mind about calling this number and rung another number, and I ask:

- (a) how did you come to this conclusion;
- (b) what percentage of abandoned calls were made up of people who changed their minds after dialling; and
- (c) on what date did Western Australia Police advise you that many people dialling 131 444 had changed their mind about calling this number?

6292. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Housing

In relation to the sewage issues affecting housing at Ngallagunda Aboriginal Community as a result of the recent flooding, will the Minister advise:

- (a) what plans does the Minister have to fix the issue in the short term given the immediate impact it has on the health and safety of residents;
- (b) does the Minister have a long term plan to fix this issue, and if yes what is it and when will it start?

6293. Mr M. McGowan to the Minister for Transport

I refer to upgrade works of the Coalfields Highway, and ask:

- (a) what is the total cost of the upgrades;
- (b) did the Minister receive advice concerning the cost of making the highway a complete, or near complete, dual carriageway; and
- (c) if yes to (b) what was the cost of making the highway a complete, or near complete, dual carriageway?

6294. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) How is a prisoner assessed to determine their security classification level and therefore which prison will suit their security requirements?
- (2) Who assesses a prisoner to determine their security classification level?
- (3) What checks and balances are in place to ensure that a prisoner is classified correctly?

- (4) What is the total assessment process (including psychiatric and medical reviews) to determine the security classification of a prisoner?
- (5) How does an Individual Management Plan for a prisoner with a sentence over six months differ from an assessment for a prisoner that is incarcerated for less than six months?
- (6) Does this process differ for privately run prisons and publically run prisons and if so, how?
- (7) What is the process of assessment for a prisoner deemed suitable for a work camp?

6295. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

I refer to the 'It All Starts at School' program and ask:

- (a) what consultation did the Department do prior to putting this program into place;
- (b) how many schools are participating in the program;
- (c) which schools are participating in the program;
- (d) how many students are participating in the program;
- (e) how many students have been rewarded pursuant to this program;
- (f) how many organisations (such as the West Coast Eagles Football Club) have joined the program to provide special incentives to those students rewarded under the program;
- (g) what are the names of the organisations referred to in (f) above;
- (h) what has been the entire amount spent on the program;
- (i) what is the total budget allocation to this program for each of the financial years:
 - (i) 2011–12;
 - (ii) 2012–13; and
 - (iii) 2013–14;
- (j) how many Full Time Equivalents have been allocated to the program?

6296. Mr P.C. Tinley to the Minister for Housing

I refer to the Department of Housing's new pricing structure for materials for housing maintenance issued on 1 July 2011, and I ask;

- (a) is the Minister aware that the fee paid to a sub-contractor by Transfield for installing four deadlocks is \$5.50 after deduction of costs, while the fee paid to Transfield by the Department of Housing is \$92.85?
- (b) why is Transfield paid thirteen times what a sub-sub contractor is paid; and what is the justification for this;
- (c) is the work being done by Transfield and its sub-contractors or by sub-sub contractors; and
- (d) how is the current practice saving taxpayer money and improving the lives and living standards of trades people and Homeswest tenants?

6297. Mr A.P. O'Gorman to the Minister for Transport

- (1) How many vehicle crashes have been reported at the Joondalup Drive/Shenton Avenue intersection in Joondalup in each month since January 2010?

- (2) When were red light/speed cameras installed at the Joondalup Drive/Shenton Avenue intersection?
- (3) Has the vehicle crash rate decreased since the installation of the red light/speed cameras at the intersection and by how much?
- (4) What was the severity of each vehicle crash in (1)?
- (5) Are any improvements planned for the Joondalup Drive/Shenton Avenue intersection?
- (6) What improvements are planned?
- (7) How much funding has been allocated for improvements at this intersection and when will works commence?

6298. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

In relation to alcohol fuelled violence resulting in continual glassing incidents in entertainment venues (pubs and clubs), I ask:

- (a) how many pubs and clubs have accepted to voluntarily adopt the system of using tempered or shatterproof glass;
- (b) how many people have been glassed since the Minister's announcement of an agreement with Australian Hotels Association (Western Australia) on the voluntary introduction of safer glass-ware; and
- (c) will the Minister consider imposing glass restrictions (especially after 11.30 pm) on clubs or pubs that have repeated occurrences of glassing incidents?

6299. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

- (1) What powers does an independent public school have that other schools in the Government school system do not have?
- (2) Can an independent public school dismiss or compulsorily transfer a teacher or any other staff member and if so what is the mechanism used to achieve this?
- (3) Can an independent public school deviate in any way from the Enterprise Bargaining Agreements applying to employees of the Education Department?
- (4) Can an independent public school change the numbers or duties of school cleaners or gardeners or decide to contract out these services?
- (5) Can an independent public school opt out of the national curriculum?
- (6) Can an independent public primary school decide not to enrol year seven students?

6300. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Education

- (1) How many demountable classrooms were in place in Western Australian public schools in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (2) What is the total stock of demountable classrooms held by the Department of Education in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (3) How much was spent on purchasing new demountable classrooms in the financial year 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11?
- (4) How much is expected to be spent on new demountable classrooms in the financial year 2011–12?
- (5) How much was spent on maintenance and refurbishment of demountable classrooms in the financial years 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11?

- (6) How much is expected to be spent on the maintenance and refurbishment of demountable classrooms in the financial year 2011–12?
- (7) How much was spent on relocating demountable classrooms in the financial years 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11?
- (8) How much is expected to be spent on relocating demountable classrooms in the financial year 2011–12

6301. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for State Development

In relation to the Department of State Development advertising for a Regional Director for the newly created Singapore Trade Office, I ask:

- (a) when did Western Australia's last Trade Office in Singapore close down;
- (b) what other staffing and accommodation arrangements will be made for the Singapore office;
- (c) what is the status of the Malaysian Trade Office which previously serviced Singapore;
- (d) what other Trade Offices have been closed in Asia, South-east Asia, North Asia and South Asia since the election of the Barnett Government;
- (e) which Trade Office services trade opportunities for
 - (i) Western Australia/Thailand;
 - (ii) Western Australia/Vietnam;
 - (iii) Western Australia/Cambodia;
 - (iv) Western Australia/Laos; and
 - (v) Western Australia/Burma?

6302. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Culture and the Arts

- (1) What is the progress on the forecourt development for the West Australian Symphony Orchestra at Perth Concert Hall?

6303. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to the genetically modified (GM) wheat trials being conducted by the CSIRO and Grains Research & Development Corporation, on a property in the wheatbelt town of Merredin, I ask:

- (a) what amount of funding is the Department of Agriculture and Food receiving from CSIRO to conduct the wheat trial at Merredin;
- (b) how much in funding has the West Australian government committed to the wheat trials at Merredin;
- (c) have security or anti-contamination measures been put in place at the 0.3904 hectare site at Merredin, and
 - (i) what was the total cost of these security measures;
 - (ii) who paid for the security measures; and
- (d) why is the Department of Agriculture and Food WA supporting the CSIRO and the Office of Gene Technology Regulator field trial when the Grain Growers Limited Stakeholder Report of 2011, titled *What the World Wants from Australian Wheat* says "GM wheat would not be acceptable for the Australian, North Asian and European markets in the foreseeable future?"

6304. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Local Government

I refer to new housing developments in Western Australia and I ask:

- (a) does the Government have any policy for new estates to ensure native flora is used for landscaping in new developments;
 - (i) if not why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, will you table a copy of the policy;
- (b) does the Government have any involvement in ensuring developers use native flora;
 - (i) if not why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, please outline;
- (c) has the Government taken any action to ensure native vegetation or waterwise plants are used in public spaces in Ellenbrook?

6305. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Planning

I refer to new housing developments in Western Australia and I ask:

- (a) does the Government have any policy for new estates to ensure native flora is used for landscaping in new developments;
 - (i) if not why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, will you table a copy of the policy;
- (b) does the Government have any involvement in ensuring developers use native flora;
 - (i) if not why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, please outline;
- (c) has the Government taken any action to ensure native vegetation or waterwise plants are used in public spaces in Ellenbrook?

6306. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Lands

Minister, I refer to new housing developments in Western Australia and I ask:

- (a) does the Government have any policy for new estates to ensure native flora is used in new developments;
- (b) does the Government have any involvement in ensuring that developers use native flora;
 - (i) if not why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, please outline;
- (c) has the Government taken any action to ensure native vegetation is used in public spaces in Ellenbrook?

6307. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Corrective Services

On Thursday 29 September the Minister discussed a partnership between the Department of Corrective Services and the African community aimed at diverting young African immigrants away from the justice system, and I ask:

- (a) has the department allocated any funds to mentor immigrants who find themselves in trouble with the law; and

- (b) if no, are there any plans to provide funding to a migrant resources centre like the Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre in Mirrabooka to provide mentoring programs?

6308. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry

In relation to staffing levels in the Forest Products Commission (FPC), I ask:

- (a) how many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff was there employed at the FPC when the Liberal-National Government came into office in September 2008;
- (b) how many FTE staff are there currently employed at the FPC;
- (c) in what areas within the organisation are the current employees placed;
- (d) if there are fewer employees currently working for the FPC than stated in answer a), what areas within the organisation did the reduction come from; and
- (e) within the abovementioned timeframe of September 2008 to present day, how many FTE positions have;
 - (i) been made redundant;
 - (ii) not been advertised and filled after a substantive position holder has tendered a resignation; and
 - (iii) been newly created?

6309. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

In relation to your advice in June 2009 of your intention to implement a new organisational structure for the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) establishing five new directorates, those being natural resource management and biosecurity services; industry development, including food and research; regional services; trade and market services; and business services, I ask,

- (a) now that these five new directorates have been established, please advise if they are now fully operational and if so;
 - (i) when did the posts become operational;
 - (ii) how many consultants have been appointed to fill the five posts;
 - (iii) are the consultants working for an outside agency or are they consulting full-time for DAFWA;
 - (iv) how many of these consultants are working full time for the department;
 - (v) how many are working for the department on a part-time basis;
 - (vi) what is the contractual term of each consultant;
 - (vii) what is the funding allocation for each consultant for the full term of their contract?
- (b) has the request for funding these five new directorates been approved and if so;
 - (i) on what date did the department receive the approval;
- (c) at the completion of each consultant's contract, what strategy is in place to evaluate the success of the restructure?

6310. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry

In relation to timber mills in the South-West of the State, I ask,

- (a) what subsidy or royalty relief has, or will the Government offer to any incoming buyer of the closed Deanmill facility in Manjimup if it is sold;
- (b) what will be the breakdown of timber quality and quantity made available to the purchasers of 1st grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade Jarrah and Karri;
- (c) where will the timber come from;
- (d) what practices are in place – or will be implemented - to ensure timber quality and quantity will be kept up to ensure the industry's long-term future;
- (e) if a variation in timber quality and quantity is given to Deanmill will other mills be offered the same variation; and
- (f) if assistance in terms of subsidy or royalty relief is made available to Deanmill will existing mills be offered the same terms and conditions if they differ from current industry arrangements?

6311. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Lands

Regarding the price of land offered for sale by the Department of Regional Development and Lands along Jabiru and Packsaddle Roads in Kununurra, I ask:

- (a) why is there such a major discrepancy in price per hectare for adjoining lots that are similar in size ie Lots 543, 544 & 545 on Packsaddle Road where lot 544 is over \$40,000 more;
- (b) why is there such a major discrepancy in price per hectare for adjoining lots that are smaller in size ie Lots 51, 564 and 478 on Jabiru Road where Lot 564 is almost half the size of the lots either side yet 5 times the price;
- (c) explanations offered to potential buyers include that the blocks were increased substantially in size and gave river frontage. Is the Minister aware that all the blocks have river frontage, and if so how does the Minister explain the apparent incorrect explanation;
- (d) why is there such a major discrepancy in price per hectare for adjoining lots that were increased by a similar amount and have similar river frontage, ie Lots 543 and 544 for which there is a \$44,000 difference; and
- (e) can the minister explain what methodology is used in pricing the blocks?

6312. Mr E.S. Ripper to the Minister for Environment

I refer to tourism operators licences for whale shark interaction tours and I ask:

- (a) when were licences for tourism operators of this kind first introduced;
- (b) have any reviews of these licences been undertaken and if yes, when;
- (c) is the Department of Environment planning to conduct a review into the licence conditions of whale shark interaction tours in the future; and
 - (i) if not, why not; and
 - (ii) if yes, when;
- (d) what is the maximum amount of passengers a vessel is allowed to carry on whale shark interaction tours;
- (e) has the Department of Environment had any consultation with operators to review passenger number caps on vessels; and
- (f) will the Minister table a standard copy of tourism operator whale shark interactive tour licenses and if not, why not?

6313. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Water

My question is in relation to the utility account holders of WaterCorp and I ask,

- (a) how many Water Corporation customers are currently in default of payments on their water usage accounts;
- (b) since the Liberal-National Government gained office has there been an increase from historical numbers when compared to the three years prior to forming government of customers defaulting on these accounts; and
 - (i) if yes to (b) what is the number of increases; and
 - (ii) what does the increase equate to in dollar terms;
- (c) how many customers have accessed the Hardship Utility Grants Scheme (HUGS) to pay their water usage accounts; and
- (d) apart from the HUGS program, does the Government have any other strategic plans to assist people that continue to struggle to meet their utility payments?

6314. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

In relation to the recently announced Diverse WA Cultural Competency online cultural training package for public sector employees, I ask:

- (a) does the package include training for assisting with Australian Aboriginals and if not why not;
- (b) is the Minister aware that there are many different Aboriginal languages and cultures that public sector employees also should be aware of;
- (c) what plans does the Minister have for cultural competency training for assisting Indigenous West Australians; and
- (d) what consultation was undertaken to develop the training package and was the peak advocacy body, the Ethnic Communities Council of WA involved?

6315. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to the 2011 log of claims by the State School Teachers Union Western Australia (SSTUWA), I ask:

- (a) what is the reason for the disparity between a primary school teacher (years 1 to 7) receiving 240 minutes per week for Duties Other Than Teaching (DOTT) while Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and High School teachers, get 320 minutes per week;
- (b) how are disputes currently dealt with in the following disciplines, and are there any proposed changes that may affect these dispute areas:
 - (i) permanency of staff;
 - (ii) behavioural management;
 - (iii) class sizes; and
 - (iv) occupational Health and Safety;
- (c) is the Minister aware that there are now an extra three meetings per term, a total of 20 per year, that equates to a maximum of 5 one-hour meetings per term;
- (d) are teachers required to attend these extra 12 one-hour meetings for no remuneration;
- (e) in terms of the Department of Education seeking to get a separate administrators' agreement, can the Minister outline the purpose of distinguishing between non-teaching and teaching administrators; and

- (f) can the Government be confident that it meets its responsibility to provide the best possible working conditions and relationships between our educators and management?

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PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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