

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 25**

**Tuesday, 12 May 2009**

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## POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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*Notice Given*                      *Tuesday, 31 March 2009*

- 432. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
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- 447. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 450. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 455. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 465. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport
- 467. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 468. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 474. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport

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- 475. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Disability Services
- 478. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Child Protection
- 479. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Community Services
- 480. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering
- 481. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Women's Interests
- 486. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier
- 487. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
- 488. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 493. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 494. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism
- 495. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 496. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Commerce
- 497. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Science and Innovation
- 498. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works
- 509. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 510. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 520. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport
- 530. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 531. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development
- 533. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
- 534. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 548. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 555. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 556. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 574. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment
- 585. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 586. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

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- 601. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 602. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 612. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport
- 620. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment
- 624. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Deputy Premier
- 625. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
- 626. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 631. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education
- 632. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism
- 645. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Attorney General
- 646. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 647. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 648. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health
- 656. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport
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**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 1 April 2009**

- 664. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police
- 665. Hon Carolyn Burton to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water
- 670. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 2 April 2009**

- 672. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 7 April 2009**

- 675. Hon Shelley Archer to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

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677. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

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681. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

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682. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

***Notice Given*** ***Thursday, 9 April 2009***

683. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development

***Notice Given*** ***Tuesday, 5 May 2009***

684. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works

685. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Transport

686. Hon Anthony Fels to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

687. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

688. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

689. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning

690. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

691. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

692. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Environment

693. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training

694. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Training

695. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning

696. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming

697. Hon Ken Travers to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation

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699. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

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- 704. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport
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***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, 6 May 2009***

- 709. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Child Protection
- 710. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport
- 711. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Tourism
- 712. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning
- 713. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport
- 714. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
- 715. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
- 716. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport
- 717. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning
- 718. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 719. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development
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- 725. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health
- 726. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, 7 May 2009***

- 727. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Local Government
- 728. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

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- 729. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development
- 730. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Environment
- 731. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 732. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 733. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 734. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 735. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning
- 736. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 737. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

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738. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Environment

I refer to the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) recent request for Cockburn Cement Limited, to investigate dust fall out events and options for prevention. I also refer to the DEC's current consideration of Cockburn Cement Limited's licence re-issue, and I ask -

- (1) Is Cockburn Cement obliged to respond to the DEC's request?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), by what date is a response required?
- (4) Will the Minister please table a copy of the response, if one is received?
- (5) What environmental guidelines currently apply in respect of emissions and/or discharges from Cockburn Cement Limited?
- (6) What licence conditions currently apply in respect of emissions and/or discharges from Cockburn Cement Limited?
- (7) Do the answers given to (5) and (6), set an environmental standard for Cockburn Cement Limited that is, -
  - (a) lower than the environmental standard applicable to Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited; and
  - (b) lower than the environmental standard applicable to any other lime or cement producer that operates in Australia?
- (8) How frequently does the DEC assess Cockburn Cement Limited's level of compliance with environmental guidelines, licence conditions and further or other legal requirements applicable to its discharges and/or emissions?
- (9) By what means does the DEC assess Cockburn Cement Limited's level of compliance with environmental guidelines, licence conditions and further or other legal requirements applicable to its discharges and/or emissions?
- (10) On how many occasions has the Department found Cockburn Cement Limited to be in breach of environmental guidelines, licence conditions or further/other legal requirements applicable to its discharges and/or emissions?
- (11) Regarding each breach (if any) described in (10), please describe, -
  - (a) the environmental guideline, licence condition or other legal requirement that was breached;
  - (b) the nature of the breach;
  - (c) any action taken by the DEC against Cockburn Cement Limited as a result of the breach;

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- (d) any rectification implemented by Cockburn Cement Limited as a result of the breach; and
  - (e) the time taken between the original allegation of the breach and the DEC's finalisation of the complaint?
- (12) To the best of the DEC's knowledge, -
- (a) what substances are currently discharged or emitted by Cockburn Cement Limited;
  - (b) in approximately what quantity is each substance referred to in (12)(a) entering the environment;
  - (c) what if any adverse synergistic chemical reactions are occurring between the substances referred to in (12)(a); and
  - (d) what if any adverse synergistic chemical reactions are occurring between any substance referred to in (12)(a) or (c) and any other substance already present in the environment?
- (13) In respect of the answers given to (12)(a) to (d) inclusive, -
- (a) has this information been provided to the Department of Health;
  - (b) what is the likely impact on the environment; and
  - (c) what is the likely impact on human health?
- (14) Which organisations/interests are currently represented on the Environmental Improvement Plan Group, apart from the Department of Environment and Conservation and Cockburn Cement Limited?

739. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Ministers answer to question without notice No. 379, which was asked in the Legislative Council on 9 April 2009, and I ask -

- (1) Has the Minister sought further information to see whether something occurred which could be avoided in the future?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is it?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council