

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 8**

**Wednesday, 3 December 2008**

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109. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services
110. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Road Safety
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112. Hon Sally Talbot to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
113. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
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- 178. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Corrective Services

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179. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Police  
180. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands

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181. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Lands  
182. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries  
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193. Hon Ed Dermer to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

I refer to the \$1 714 billion royalty income for the Western Australian Government for the 2007-08 financial year, as revised in the Department of Treasury and Finance document entitled the 2008-09 Pre-Election Financial Projections Statement, and I ask -

- (1) Does \$1 714 billion remain the most accurate available figure for the Western Australian Government royalty income for the 2007-08 financial year?
- (2) If no to (1), what is the most accurate available figure for the Western Australian Government royalty income for the 2007-08 financial year?
- (3) What is the Treasurer's best available estimate of the reduction in Commonwealth Government grants to the Western Australian Government that will result as a consequence of the royalty income received by the Western Australian Government in the 2007-08 financial year?
- (4) What is the most accurate available figure for the impact of this reduction on the revenue received by the Western Australian Government in the 2007-08 financial year?
- (5) What is the Treasurer's best available estimate of the impact of the reduction referred to in (3), on the revenue to be received by the Western Australian Government in each of the following financial years, -
  - (a) 2008-09;
  - (b) 2009-10;
  - (c) 2010-11;
  - (d) 2011-12;
  - (e) 2012-13;
  - (f) 2013-14; and
  - (g) 2014-15?

194. Hon Sue Ellery to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

Following from the recent announcement that BHP Billiton would no longer merge with RIO Tinto, can the Premier advise -

- (1) Who in Government knew about this decision prior to the public announcement?
- (2) When were they advised of the pending announcement?
- (3) Who advised them of the pending announcement?

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- (4) Can the Premier guarantee no Member of his Government who may have a shareholding in these companies would have been briefed on this matter prior to a formal announcement being made to the stock exchange?

195. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Government's Royalties for Regions Funding Program, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister advise the total mining royalties received from each of the following regions for each of the financial years, -
- (a) 2005-2006;
  - (b) 2006-2007; and
  - (c) 2007-2008

for the -

- (i) South West region;
  - (ii) Great Southern region;
  - (iii) Peel region;
  - (iv) Goldfields-Esperance region;
  - (v) Gascoyne region;
  - (vi) Wheatbelt region;
  - (vii) Mid West region;
  - (viii) Pilbara region;
  - (ix) Kimberley region; and
  - (x) Perth Metropolitan area?
- (2) For each of the regions and financial years identified in (1), will the Minister advise how much of the total mining royalties were kept by Western Australia and how much were paid to the Commonwealth Government?
- (3) For each of the financial years specified in (1), will the Minister advise how much of the total mining royalties generated were paid to Western Australia and how much were paid to the Commonwealth Government?

196. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Liberal's commitment to the Bunbury Waterfront Development, and ask -

- (1) Are you the Government Minister with responsibility for and/or carriage of the Bunbury Waterfront project?

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- (2) If no to (1), who is?
- (3) If yes to (1), -
  - (a) will you give a commitment to the people of Bunbury that the Government will commence Stage One, the Eastside Precinct in the current term of Government;
  - (b) what is the commencement date and the completion date for Stage One; and
  - (c) will the minority Liberal Government be undertaking further community consultation on the development?
- (4) If yes to (3) (c), please detail the nature and timing of the community consultation?
- (5) Will LandCorp be undertaking the Bunbury Waterfront development?
- (6) (e) If no to (5), who will be undertaking the development?
- (7) Will LandCorp be undertaking the community consultation on the Bunbury Waterfront development?
- (8) If no to (7), who will be undertaking the community consultation?
- (9) How does LandCorp's current proposed Bunbury Waterfront development differ from the City of Bunbury's City Vision?

197. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Planning

I refer to the Government's commitment to undertake a 'community driven planning process' for the redevelopment of the Busselton foreshore, and ask -

- (1) Are you the Minister with responsibility for and/or carriage of the 'community driven planning process' for this project?
- (2) If no to (1), who is the responsible Minister?
- (3) As Minister for Planning will you undertake to implement the planning outcomes of the 'community driven planning process' for the Busselton foreshore (whatever that may be)?
- (4) What funding assistance will the Government provide towards the Busselton foreshore redevelopment?

198. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

I refer to the Busselton Jetty Restoration Project, and ask -

- (1) Can the Treasurer state how much it will cost to maintain the Busselton Jetty in a 'like new' condition for the next 50 years?
- (2) Does the Treasurer believe that the Government's funding proposal provides sufficient funds to enable the Shire of Busselton to maintain the Jetty in a 'like new' condition for the next 50 years?
- (3) If yes to (2), can the Treasurer provide financial analysis to support his view?

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- (4) If no to (2), can the Treasurer state what will be the shortfall to be funded by the Shire of Busselton over the next 50 years, the shortfall being the difference between the Jetty maintenance cost (for the next 50 years) and the surplus from the Jetty operations (for the next 50 years), which is to be directed towards Jetty maintenance?

199. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Busselton Jetty restoration project, and ask -

- (1) Will the Government provide to the Shire of Busselton, four new foreshore lease sites to assist the Shire with the cost of completion of the restoration works and future maintenance of the Busselton Jetty?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will the four new foreshore lease sites be provided to the Shire of Busselton?
- (3) Will the provision of any of the four new foreshore lease sites require the purchase and redevelopment of the Nautical Lady site?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the minority Liberal Government pay the purchase costs and demolition costs for the Nautical Lady?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Will the Government meet the costs of delivering services to the four new foreshore lease sites?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?
- (8) Are you the Minister with responsibility for the identification and creation of the four new foreshore lease sites?
- (9) If no to (8), who is the responsible Minister?

200. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the National Party's election pledge to provide regional seniors with a \$500 fuel card, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that seniors living in the following regional areas will be eligible for the \$500 fuel card -
  - (a) the Greater Bunbury area;
  - (b) the Cape to Cape region; and
  - (c) the Peel region?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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201. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the National Party's election pledge to provide regional seniors with a \$500 fuel card, and ask -

- (1) Will the \$500 fuel card be issued annually to regional seniors?
- (2) Will it be increased annually by CPI?
- (3) What are the qualifying terms and/or conditions to receive the \$500 fuel card?
- (4) Given the current economic circumstances, the cost of fuel and the fact that many regional seniors have to travel to Perth or regional centres to access a range of services, why hasn't the minority Liberal Government moved to immediately provide this much needed and promised relief to regional seniors?

202. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

I refer to the Treasurer's media statement of 21 October 2008, concerning land tax cuts for property investors, and ask -

- (1) Are the announced land tax cuts incorporated in the land tax rates specified in the Department of Treasury and Finance 'Land Tax 2008-09' brochure?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), why has the Treasurer issued the information brochures specifying the new land tax rates before the Parliament has considered legislation enabling the cuts?
- (4) How many 'Land Tax 2008-09' brochures have been printed and what is the total printing cost?
- (5) How many 'Land Tax 2008-09' brochures have been distributed and to whom?
- (6) What is the production and printing cost of the 'Land Tax 2008-09' brochures which were printed before the Land Tax cut announcement and had to be discarded?

203. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Ministers' media statement of 20 October 2008 concerning Royalties for Regions, and ask -

- (1) When will the 'geographic blueprint defining Royalties for Regions applicant eligibility' be publicly released?
- (2) What information will be provided in the 'geographic blueprint'?
- (3) Will the decision making process for determining funding grants under the Royalties for Regions Program be open to the public and fully accountable?

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- (4) With regards to the recent funding announcements under the Royalties for Regions Program, will the Minister explain the basis on which the Minister and/or Cabinet made each of these funding decisions, given that the geographic blueprint is not yet in place?
- (5) If the 'geographic blueprint' is in place, why hasn't it been publicly released?

204. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the Government's Royalties for Regions Funding Program, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that the whole of the South West Region will be considered a 'Region' under the Royalties for Regions Funding Program and that infrastructure projects, community services and SW local governments located in the Greater Bunbury area and the Cape to Cape region will be eligible for funding under the Royalties for Regions Funding Program?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm that the Peel Region will be considered a 'Region' and that infrastructure projects, community services and local governments in the Peel Region will be eligible for funding under the Royalties for Regions Funding Program?

205. Hon Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to Royalties for Regions funding announcements for various projects recently made by the Minister and the Premier, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister confirm that the Royalties for Regions Program is administered through three funds, the Regional Infrastructure and Headworks Fund; the Country Local Government Fund; and the Regional Community Services Fund?
- (2) Will the Minister specify the total funds available in each of three funds?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) For each of the three funds, will the Minister specify -
  - (a) the procedure for applying for funding from the Fund, including the close date for applications, if applicable;
  - (b) the maximum funding grant available from the Fund;
  - (c) the application eligibility criteria for the Fund; and
  - (d) whether a successful application under one Fund precludes funding for either or both of the other two Funds (for the same project)?
- (5) If no to (4), -
  - (a) why not;
  - (b) when will this information be made publicly available;

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- (c) will the Minister explain the basis on which the Government determined to provide funding grants under the Royalties for Regions Program for the recently announced Royalties for Regions projects and the procedure followed in selecting these projects for Royalties for Regions funding; and
- (d) if no to (5)(c), why not?

206. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Fisheries

I refer to the Straits Salts Pty Ltd solar project proposal and ask, will the Minister table the advice provided by the Department of Fisheries to the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the proposal?

207. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Straits Salts Pty Ltd solar project proposal and ask, will the Minister table the advice provided by the Department of Industry and Resources to the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the proposal?

**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council