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- 2852. Mr J.N. Hyde to the Minister for the Environment
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- 2854. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Water Resources
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- 2856. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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- 2859. Dr K.D. Hames to the Minister for Health
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- 2861. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2862. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 2863. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2864. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for the Environment
- 2865. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health
- 2866. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Health

Thursday, 25 October 2007

- 2867. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 2868. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Corrective Services

**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

- 2869. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

In reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 2700, given on 16 October 2007, can the Minister advise whether the commodities boom and resultant economic growth caught the Minister by surprise; and

- (a) if not, shouldn't the Minister and the Department for Planning and Infrastructure have had adequate time to properly undertake the necessary research, consultation, development and transition activities for a public Expression of Interest concerning the mandatory vehicle inspections; and
- (b) if the Minister was aware that the commodities boom and all that it entails was going to impact on the licensing services conducted by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, why did the Minister's office and the Department not plan for contingencies earlier?

- 2870. Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan to the Minister for Health

For the latest date possible, can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many beds were funded on that date in Royal Perth Hospital and under which categories;
- (b) how many beds of each category were occupied on that date;
- (c) of all the patients occupying beds in the hospital on that date, how many specifically required tertiary level care; and
- (d) how many people were examined in the accident and emergency ward on that day and, of these:
  - (i) how many were admitted into the hospital;
  - (ii) how many were transferred to other public hospitals on the same day; and
  - (iii) how many were transferred to private hospitals on the same day?

2871. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Premier

- (1) The Premier is on record as saying that there is no bigger threat to Western Australia's environment, economy and unique lifestyle than climate change, and I ask:
  - (a) within the 2008–2009 State Budget what does the Premier consider to be adequate recognition of the massive \$12 billion annual financial contribution to the State's economy provided by the local Agri-Food Industry; and
    - (i) what form will any recognition take?
- (2) Based on the major threat posed to the future of the Agri-Food Industry by climate change, what climate adoption measures will be contained within the Budget to protect the Agri-Food Industry including:
  - (a) research funding; and
  - (b) other measures; and
    - (i) what does the Premier consider to be other measures; and
    - (ii) in real terms, how much financial assistance will be offered annually to support such:
      - (A) research funding; and
      - (B) other measures?
- (3) The United States Government considers the US Agri-Food Industry as being an integral part of 'Homeland Security', requiring future assurance of quality, quantity, variety, self-sufficiency and sustainability in Agri-Food production within its borders. What is the Premier's policy regarding the local Agri-Food Industry as it directly relates to Western Australian State Security including:
  - (a) quality;
  - (b) quantity;
  - (c) variety;
  - (d) self-sufficiency; and
  - (e) sustainability?

2872. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training

How many teachers is the Department of Education short in the following areas, in both FTE and absolute numbers:

- (a) Shire of Capel;
- (b) Shire of Collie;
- (c) Shire of Dardanup; and
- (d) Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup?

2873. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Health

- (1) What are the bed averages for occupancy for 2006–2007 for the Donnybrook-Balingup Hospital and Collie Hospital?
- (2) What is the leakage rate of patients from Collie and Donnybrook hospitals in the major diagnostic related groupings?
- (3) What services, including laundry and autoclaving, have been removed from Collie Hospital since 2001?

- (4) What services, including laundry, have been removed from Donnybrook Hospital since 2001?
- (5) What purpose will the building currently housing nursing home type patients in Collie Hospital be put to after the construction of the new premises?
- (6) What staff shortage exists in Collie Hospital?
- (7) What is the total number of FTE nurses employed in Collie Hospital and Donnybrook Hospital?

2874. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Water Resources

- (1) Is the Government or its departments investigating taking water from the Collie Basin to Perth; and
  - (i) if so, does this relate to mine dewatering?
- (2) What has been the level of lowering of groundwater in the Collie Basin over the last 25 and five years?

2875. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Are Government departments required or expected to report their contaminated sites liabilities in their annual reports?
- (2) If so, how many departments complied with those requirements, and how many failed to comply?
- (3) How many contaminated sites have now been reported?
- (4) How many contaminated sites have now been classified?
- (5) How many reported sites nominated for the register have not yet been assessed?
- (6) How many contaminated sites have been remediated?
- (7) How many current and previous landfill sites have been classified as contaminated sites?
- (8) How many current and previous landfill sites exist in Western Australia?

2876. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) how many applications were received in each round of the Combined Application Program (CAP) in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 up to the 3 August 2007 round;
- (b) of these applications, how many were successful in each of the rounds of the same years;
- (c) what was the total dollar amount funded in each of the rounds for the same years;
- (d) of the successful applications, how many received recurrent funding packaged in the following categories:
  - (i) under \$10,000;
  - (ii) between \$10,000 and \$20,000;
  - (iii) between \$20,000 and \$30,000;
  - (iv) between \$30,000 and \$50,000;
  - (v) between \$50,000 and \$70,000;
  - (vi) between \$70,000 and \$100,000; and



- (vii) over \$100,000; and
- (e) of those who were not successful in the 3 August 2007 round, are those applicants eligible to re-apply for funding; and
  - (i) if yes, when will be the earliest they can re-apply?

2877. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Disability Services

Can the Minister advise:

- (a) in the CAP round of 3 August 2007, how many applicants were eligible for Young People Residential Accommodation Care (YPRAC) funding;
- (b) of these applicants, how many were successful;
- (c) of the successful applicants, what was the average dollar value of the individual funding package;
- (d) of those unsuccessful, when will they be able to re-apply for funding;
- (e) what is the total amount of clients to be funded under the YPRAC program per year for the next five years;
- (f) of these clients, how many are anticipated to be relocated clients, and how many are anticipated to be clients prevented from entering aged care facilities;
- (g) what is the total amount of funding provided under the COAG agreement for Western Australia for YPRAC or YPINH (Young People in Nursing Homes) by the:
  - (i) Federal Government; and
  - (ii) State Government;
- (h) are there any requirements by either the State or Commonwealth for the funding to be divided in any way in regards to relocation or prevention;
- (i) is funding readily available for capital costs for construction of the facilities to house the relocated clients; and
  - (i) if yes, who is responsible for this funding; and
- (j) will all applications for YPRAC funding be required to be processed through the CAP rounds?

2878. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Energy; Resources; Industry and Enterprise

I refer the Minister to the *Review of the Project Development Approvals System* (Keating Review), consisting of 56 recommendations, and I ask:

- (a) how many of these recommendations have been implemented by the State Labor Government;
- (b) which recommendations have been implemented in full; and
- (c) which recommendations have not been implemented in full?

2879. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Premier

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- (a) how many of these recommendations have been implemented by the State Labor Government;
- (b) which recommendations have been implemented in full; and

- (c) which recommendations have not been implemented in full?

2880. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Water Resources

What is the total volume of water of the five river systems in the Kimberley region of Western Australia?

2881. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Energy

What is the total volume of water of the five river systems in the Kimberley region of Western Australia?

2882. Mr C.J. Barnett to the Minister for Resources

In relation to the mining industry in Western Australia:

- (a) what was the total construction expenditure in the industry for each of the past ten years; and
- (b) what is the current on-going operational expenditure per annum across the industry?

2883. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister representing the Minister for Government Enterprises

In relation to Mr Darryl Daniels of 11 McMillan Drive, Dalyellup:

- (a) did the Insurance Commission of Western Australia (ICWA) make an arrangement with Mr Daniels' employer at the time, Amerind Pty Ltd, which involved not paying lost wages of at least four weeks;
- (b) did his employer refuse to sign a return to work plan because the proposed plan had no liability disclaimer for that employer;
- (c) why has Mr Daniels' small claim for lost wages been held up; and
- (d) will the Minister examine the dealings of ICWA with Mr Daniels, who feels he has not been given due respect and consideration?

2884. Ms K. Hodson-Thomas to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Given the concerns the City of Stirling has in regard to the methodology employed to fill and stabilise Lot 1004 Gribble Road, Gwelup, would the Minister advise:

- (a) how did the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) reach its decision to clear conditions 10, 11 and 12 of the subdivision of Lot 1004 (HN 100) Gribble Road, Gwelup;
- (b) will the WAPC agree to place notifications on the certificates of title for Lot 1004, and the lots created by the subdivision, outlining concerns regarding the fill, stability and contamination of the site, in accordance with Section 165 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*; and
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (c) will the WAPC take responsibility for structural problems that may occur in houses being constructed on this subdivision in the future given the City of Stirling's concerns with the stability of the land; and
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (d) will the WAPC take responsibility for structural problems that have already occurred in adjacent homes that were constructed before this subdivision was given approval to proceed; and

- (i) if not, why not; and
- (e) whether the Minister intends to meet with the City of Stirling in the immediate future; and
  - (i) if not, why not?

2885. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Attorney General

- (1) What is the average waiting period to get a half-day criminal case to trial at the Bunbury Magistrates Court?
- (2) What is the average waiting period to get a full-day criminal case to trial at the Bunbury Magistrates Court?
- (3) What is the average waiting period to get a Family Court case to trial at the Bunbury Magistrates Court?
- (4) Since being appointed this year how many full days, and over what period, has the floating magistrate at the Bunbury Magistrates Court worked in Bunbury?
- (5) Is the Department of Justice seeking to appoint a third full-time magistrate in Bunbury; and
  - (i) if so, when is that expected to happen?
- (6) What is the average waiting period for a Children's Court case to get to trial at Bunbury Magistrates Court?
- (7) How many criminal court cases are currently awaiting trial at Bunbury Magistrates Court (break down into classifications of time they are scheduled into for e.g. half-day)?
- (8) How many Family Court cases are currently awaiting trial at the Bunbury Magistrates Court?
- (9) How many Children's Court cases are currently awaiting trial at the Bunbury Magistrates Court?

2886. Dr S.C. Thomas to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Is the building of the Dalyellup Secondary College on target to open at the beginning of School Term 1 in 2009?
- (2) Has a decision been made whether to accept students from the area who had intended to commence schooling at Dalyellup Secondary College in 2008 in year eight, for year nine in 2009?
- (3) Has a decision been made regarding the Dalyellup Primary School year seven students attendance at Dalyellup Secondary College?
- (4) Has a decision been made regarding the Capel Primary School year seven students attendance at Dalyellup Secondary College?

2887. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

In reference to the current State Government's actions on graffiti and vandalism in the electoral district of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, can the Minister advise:

- (a) what actual programs and initiatives has the Government implemented to stop the occurrence of these crimes in this area (include actual funding allocated to these programs and the years for which the funding was provided);
- (b) when these crimes have occurred, what actual programs and initiatives have been implemented to repair the damage caused by them in this electorate (include actual funding allocated to these programs and the years for which the funding was provided); and

- (c) if no actual programs have been implemented for Serpentine-Jarrahdale, why is this?

2889. Mr A.J. Simpson to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

In reference to the current State Government's actions on hoon drivers in the electoral district of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, can the Minister advise:

- (a) what actual programs and initiatives has the Government implemented to stop the occurrence of these crimes in this area (include actual funding allocated to these programs and the years for which the funding was provided); and
- (b) if no actual programs have been implemented for Serpentine-Jarrahdale, why is this?

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**PETER J. McHUGH**

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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