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710. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport

Questions listed for this sitting: -

711. Mr R.S. Love to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I refer to the \$900 million Digital Capability Fund:

- (a) Of the original \$500 million committed:
 - (i) How much has actually been spent;
 - (ii) How much is committed to projects expected to start in the next financial year; and
 - (iii) Please detail the expenditure by funding commitment, timeline for completion, whether a budget revision was required;
- (b) Of the additional \$400 million committed in the 2022-23 Budget:
 - (i) How much has actually been spent; and
 - (ii) Please detail the expenditure by funding commitment, timeline for the funding commitment;
- (c) How many projects in total are being funded through the \$900 million allocation;
- (d) How many projects will not start before 2025; and
- (e) Does the fund cater for any Information and Communication Technology (ICT) upgrades at Gold Corporation or the Department of Mining, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)?

712. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports:

I refer to the *Main Roads Act 1930* and the provision under Part 3 and the First Schedule for the formation of the Main Roads Advisory Board (the Board):

- (a) For the following years, please detail the board members both voting and ex-officio of the Board:
 - (i) 2017-18;
 - (ii) 2018-19;
 - (iii) 2019-20;
 - (iv) 2020-21;
 - (v) 2021-22; and
 - (vi) 2022-23 to date;
- (b) For all years in (a), please detail the number of meetings held by the Board;
- (c) Will the Minister please table the minutes of all meetings held by the Board; and
- (d) Does the CEO of Main Roads attend Board meetings:
 - (i) If yes, please detail the meetings that the CEO attended?

713. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government:

- (1) I refer to the Off-Road Vehicle Special Purpose Account (ORV SPA), and ask:
- (a) Each project name;
 - (b) The year each project was funded through the ORV SPA;
 - (c) Project location's;
 - (d) Whether works have started at each project;
 - (e) Whether works have been completed at each project;
 - (f) The recommendation's from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as to whether to proceed with the project's or not; and
 - (g) Whether the Minister intervened to authorise expenditure for a project that was not supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries?
- (2) What is the current balance of the Off-Road Vehicle Special Purpose Account (ORV SPA)?
- (3) What funding has been allocated to licensing:
- (a) Is there work underway for electronic licensing and if yes, please detail expenditure to date and the status of the electronic licensing process?

714. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

I refer to Questions on Notice 613 and 652, and ask:

- (a) Does the Gold Corporation Insurance policy become void if the entity is found to have committed offences under the Anti-Money Laundering Counter Terrorism Funding (AMLCTF) legislation;
- (b) What are the most significant risks covered under this policy as outlined in the abovementioned question;
- (c) Please outline any current exclusions;
- (d) Is there an insurance cover cap on the current policy:
 - (i) If so, what is this figure;
- (e) Does Gold Corporation have an updated figure for remediation costs in light of recent revelations:
 - (i) If so, what is the amount and how is this being funded; and
- (f) Does being removed from the London Bullion Market Association Good Delivery List impact the current insurance policy in any way?

715. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

I refer to funds, earnings and accounts with Gold Corporation as of 28 March 2023, and ask:

- (a) What are the current Gold Corporation retained earnings;
- (b) If fines are accrued greater than this amount, are there mechanisms to pay those fines? If yes, please detail;
- (c) What are the current number of active Gold Pass Accounts;
- (d) What is the dollar value of Perth Mint gold sitting in these accounts;
- (e) How many active account holders are there with Gold Corporation as at 31 January 2023:
 - (i) Gold Pass;
 - (ii) Perth Mint Gold Token;
 - (iii) Gold Bullion; and

- (iv) Gold Coins; and
- (f) How many active account holders are there with Gold Corporation as at 28 March 2023:
 - (i) Gold Pass;
 - (ii) Perth Mint Gold Token;
 - (iii) Gold Bullion; and
 - (iv) Gold Coins?

716. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

I refer to staff at Gold Corporation, and ask:

- (a) How many staff have resigned from Gold Corporation between January 31 and March 29 of this year;
- (b) How many staff are currently on extended periods of personal leave, regardless of reason;
- (c) How many staff have started periods of extended personal leave since January 31 2023;
- (d) Between March 2021 and March 29, 2023, on what dates has the Minister:
 - (i) Met with any board or staff Member of Gold Corporation;
 - (ii) Spoken on the phone to any Member of the Gold Corporation Board or staff; and
 - (iii) Visited Gold Corporation offices or any site managed by Gold Corporation; and
- (e) Has the Minister or his office spoken to the Federal Treasurer since May 1 2022 to discuss any aspect of Gold Corporation:
 - (i) If so, on what dates did these communications take place;
 - (ii) What was the mode of communication; and
 - (iii) What was the topic of discussion?

717. Mr R.S. Love to the Premier:

I refer to staff at Gold Corporation, and ask:

- (a) On what dates has the Premier met with any board or staff member of Gold Corporation between March 2021 and March 29, 2023;
- (b) On what dates has the Premier visited Gold Corporation offices or any site managed by Gold Corporation between March 2021 and March 29, 2023; and
- (c) Has the Premier or his office spoken or contacted in any way the Prime Minister or Federal Treasurer to discuss any aspect of Gold Corporation since May 1 2022:
 - (i) If so, on what dates did these communications take place;
 - (ii) What was the mode of communication; and
 - (iii) What was the topic of discussion?

718. Mr R.S. Love to the Treasurer:

- (1) On what dates has the Premier met with any board or staff Member of Gold Corporation between March 2021 and March 29, 2023?
- (2) On what dates has the Premier visited Gold Corporation offices or any site managed by Gold Corporation between March 2021 and March 29, 2023?
- (3) Has the Premier or his office spoken or contacted in any way the Prime Minister or Federal Treasurer to discuss any aspect of Gold Corporation since May 1 2022:
 - (a) If so on what dates did these communications take place;

- (b) What was the mode of communication; and
- (c) What was the topic of discussion?

719. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

(1) In reference to Gold Corporation:

- (a) I refer to the Incident Review Process underway into Gold Corporation by the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) and I ask:
 - (i) What is the financial impact to the business if the Gold Corporation is no longer on the Good Delivery List; and
 - (ii) Has Gold Corporation sought legal advice on the trade and business ramifications of not being on the Good Delivery List;
- (b) Have any cases of legal action been instigated against Gold Corporation by customers since January 31 2023;
- (c) Did Shanghai Gold Exchange instigate legal action against Gold Corporation once the alloying concerns were raised;
- (d) Have extra staff been appointed to the Gold Corporation legal team since January 2023; and
- (e) Have any international customers cancelled any business or trading relationships with Gold Corporation since January 31 2023?

(2) In reference to the agreement to facilitate the Perth Mint Gold Token with trovio:

- (a) Did trovio instigate any legal action before any agreement to end the relationship between trovio and Gold Corporation;
- (b) Were there any breaches of an agreement between, and if so please outline;
- (c) As part of the terms of settlement did Gold Corporation have to pay trovio to end the previous agreement; and
- (d) Did Gold Corporation have to pay any damages, and if yes please detail?

720. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to Question on Notice 1001 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge MLC last year:

- (a) Can the Minister provide an updated timeline for a green bill in relation to the proposed Assisted Reproduction Treatment (ART) and Surrogacy legislation;
- (b) What advertising occurred for the public consultation forum on 13 September 2022 and subsequently:
 - (i) What dates the advertisement(s) ran;
 - (ii) The form of media; and
 - (iii) The public health groups contacted directly to make them aware of the forum;
- (c) Since 11 October 2022, has any consultation occurred with LGBTIQ+ stakeholder groups and if yes, please detail:
 - (i) The groups met with;
 - (ii) The date(s) of those meetings; and
 - (iii) Any issues raised as an outcome of those meetings;
- (d) Since 11 October 2022, has any consultation occurred with Health Consumer stakeholder groups and if yes, please detail:
 - (i) The groups met with;
 - (ii) The date(s) of those meetings; and

- (iii) Any issues raised as an outcome of those meetings;
- (e) How many direct consumer consultations occurred between individual consumers and the Ministerial Expert Panel:
 - (i) How many of these individual consumers were consulted more than once;
- (f) Has the Minister received a final report as suggested in the October update;
- (g) If yes to (f), when will the Minister table the report;
- (h) If the Minister will not table the report, when will the report be made publicly available;
- (i) When is it anticipated that the Government will respond to the report;
- (j) Has the Minister received any further Ministerial Expert Panel Updates:
 - (i) Please table those updates; and
 - (ii) Why are the updates from November 2022 (Ministerial Expert Panel Update 6) to present not available as of 28 March 2023;
- (k) Is the Ministerial Expert Panel still operational? If not, when did it disband; and
- (l) For LGBTIQ+ individuals impacted by the Bill who feel they have not been adequately heard, what opportunities are there for them to provide further feedback and input into the drafting process?

721. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to all public hospitals, including public hospitals with private operators, and I ask:

- (a) How many elective surgeries were cancelled in each of the following months:
 - (i) December 2022;
 - (ii) January 2023;
 - (iii) February 2023; and
 - (iv) March 2023; and
- (b) For each month listed in (a) (i-iv), what was the total number of cancelled elective surgeries by area health service?

722. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports:

I refer to the Dongara-Geraldton-Northampton Bypass (the route), and ask:

- (a) Can the Minister confirm that Main Roads is preparing a standalone business case for the Northampton Bypass section of the route:
 - (i) If yes, has the Minister submitted this to State or Federal Government for funding approvals;
- (b) Have any traffic counts on the North West Coastal Highway and Hampton Road been conducted in Northampton townsite;
- (c) If yes to (b) please detail traffic counts for each month for the following years:
 - (i) 2017;
 - (ii) 2018;
 - (iii) 2019;
 - (iv) 2020;
 - (v) 2021;
 - (vi) 2022; and
 - (vii) 2023 to date;
- (d) Please provide projected freight traffic data in relation to truck movements from new sand and garnet operations to the North of Northampton townsite; and
- (e) When is the Northampton bypass section of the route going to commence construction and when is it due to be completed?

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KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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