



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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**QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS**

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 8 August 2023**

- 1494. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1495. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1496. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1497. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 1498. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer
- 1499. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1500. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1501. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 1502. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 1503. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 9 August 2023**

- 1504. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 1505. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government
- 1506. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 1507. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Road Safety
- 1508. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 1509. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
- 1510. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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**Questions Awaiting Answers****Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 10 August 2023**

- 1511. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 1512. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning
- 1513. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1514. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
- 1515. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1516. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1517. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health
- 1518. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 15 August 2023**

- 1519. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services
- 1520. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1521. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1522. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Community Services
- 1523. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1524. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1525. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1526. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 1527. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education
- 1528. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 1529. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning
- 1530. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water
- 1531. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum
- 1532. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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**Questions Awaiting Answers****Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 16 August 2023**

1533. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 17 August 2023**

1534. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Water

1535. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1536. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce

1537. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development

1538. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

1539. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports; Local Government; Road Safety; Minister assisting the Minister for Transport

1540. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1541. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1542. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment

1543. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1544. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

1545. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

1546. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1547. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

1548. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry

1549. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

1550. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness

1551. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services

1552. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

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**Questions Awaiting Answers****Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 29 August 2023**

1553. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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1559. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Corrective Services
1560. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports
1561. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
1562. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1563. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
1564. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Hydrogen Industry; Industrial Relations
1565. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development
1566. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development
1567. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
1568. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Treasurer
1569. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health
1570. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services
1571. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming
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1581. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 30 August 2023**

1582. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

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1584. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

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1588. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health

1589. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

1590. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

1591. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues

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**QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY**

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**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 31 August 2023**

**1592. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Climate Action:**

I refer to the Clean Energy Future Fund (CEFF) which was announced in April 2020 with a budget of \$19 million to fund "innovative clean energy projects in Western Australia which offer high public value", and I ask:

- (a) has the CEFF been discontinued;
- (b) if yes to (a), does the Cook Government have any plans to replace the CEFF;
- (c) if no to (a), why not;
- (d) why has only \$13.9 million of the \$19 million CEFF been expended; and
- (e) will the Cook Government commit to investing the remainder of the earmarked \$19 million in projects that align with the original intentions of the CEFF?

**1593. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer the Minister to a recent study, highlighted in the May edition of *Nature Magazine*, which has shown that a fast growing sunflower plant used as a traditional herbal medicine in South Africa produces some of the same compounds found in the cannabis plant, and I ask:

- (a) would the roadside tests commonly undertaken by the Western Australian Police be able to differentiate between the compounds now shown to be present in *helichrysum umbraculigerum*, and those detected when the user has consumes cannabis; and
- (b) of no to (a), given the size of the South African community her in Western Australia, will the Minister now be forced to give sunflowers a category of their own in the schedules that underpin the *Misuse of Drugs Act*, rather that admit to the potential for false positives?

**1594. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport:**

In each year since 2013, what has the Department of Transport, including Main Roads WA spent on:

- (a) cycling infrastructure; and
- (b) initiatives to change and improve behavior towards cycling?

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**1595. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to the answer to question without notice 86 asked on 16 February 2023, which indicated that three of 73 powerline bays have been remediated, with the rest to be completed by end of 2023, and I ask:

- (a) how many of the 73 bays have been remediated as of 31 August 2023;
- (b) if they have not all been remediated, is the Minister confident this will be complete by the end of 2023; and
- (c) now that Building and Energy has completed its investigation, is the Minister now able to provide the locations of each of the 73 bays:
  - (i) If no to (c), why not?

**1596. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the Forest Products Commission's production statistics for 2021-2022 which were belatedly released on 25 July 2023, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister give a commitment to release the 2022-23 production statistics report together with the Annual Report in the last quarter of this year as has usually been the case?

**1597. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the Forest Products Commission, and I ask:

- (a) Did the Minister direct the Forest Products Commission to focus on the production of firewood (as opposed to sawlog) for the remainder of 2023, yes or no?

**1598. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the answer to question without notice 933 on 29 August 2023, when the Minister identified the volumes of alternative species to make up for the shortfall in pine resource, and I ask:

- (a) what percentage of the alternative volume identified in each of the past 5 years were native timber species;
- (b) what percentage of the total sawlog and veneer supply to pine customers was from native species for each of those years;
- (c) by comparing contractual commitments to provide sawlogs and veneer logs to pine customers, and the predicted availability of pine resource, what is the current estimated supply shortfall over the next five years:
  - (i) if the calculation method outlined in (c), cannot be used, why not; and
- (d) is the government planning on using native forest species to make up any of that shortfall?

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**1599. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to comments from the Minister that the Government's \$350 million spend on softwood plantations "is not replacing agriculture, it is replacing some of the previously harvested plantation areas", and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please confirm whether any land which has been used as agricultural land has been purchased as part of the \$350 million program since it was announced; and
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide the postcode, total hectares and the year most recently used as agricultural land, for each purchase?

**1600. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the article "what does publicly available data reveal about changes in jarrah forest structure and density since 2001" written by Dr Lachie McCaw and published in the forestry profession journal *The Forester*, and I ask:

- (a) how does the Minister respond to the statement in the article "these data demonstrate jarrah forest subject to timber harvesting and silvicultural treatment has regenerated successfully and continues to grow despite potential adverse effects of climate change"; and
- (b) will the Minister make available the full range of Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' data on forest growth since 2001?

**1601. Hon Steve Martin to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the Government's decision to ban native hardwood forestry and concerns raised that this greatly reduces the number of experienced timber industry workers available to assist Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) crews during bushfires, and I ask:

- (a) has any modelling been done to measure the numbers of timber industry workers who have assisted with bushfire responses over the past 5 years:
  - (i) if yes to (a), please provide; and
  - (ii) If no to (a), why not; and
- (b) does DBCA maintain a list of timber industry workers or ex-timber industry workers who can be called upon to assist where required:
  - (i) if yes to (b), please provide the number of names on this list; and
  - (ii) If no to (b), why not?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council