



QUESTIONS BOOKLET

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2022

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

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664. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the John Forrest Tavern in John Forrest National Park, and I ask:

- (a) is the Government closing down the tavern by not having its lease renewed;
- (b) if yes to (a), why;
- (c) can the Minister confirm that food and beverage vans will be used to replace to tavern, as per media reports;
- (d) why are vans preferred to provide food and drinks to a building;
- (e) what compensation has been offered to the leaseholders of the tavern;
- (f) what community consultation was undertaken prior to this decision, and what input was received during that consultation on the proposal to close the tavern; and
- (g) what is the Government's rationale for this decision?

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

I refer to the commitment made by the then Health Minister at a Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia forum on 4 March 2021 that, should the McGowan Government be re-elected, the Government would immediately convene an inter-agency taskforce for the removal of unhealthy food and drink promotions from State assets as per recommendation 2a of the *Sustainable Health Review Final Report*, and I ask:

- (a) has the taskforce been convened as promised;
- (b) if yes to (a):
 - (i) who are the members of the taskforce;
 - (ii) who has the taskforce sought advice from, or consulted with, to date;
 - (iii) has the taskforce made any recommendations regarding the establishment of a policy to ban or otherwise limit the advertising of unhealthy food and drinks on State assets; and
 - (iv) if yes to (iii), will the Minister table those recommendations;
- (c) has a draft policy to ban unhealthy food and drink advertising from State assets been prepared;
- (d) will public consultation be undertaken on a draft policy to ban unhealthy food and drink advertising from State assets;
- (e) when does the Minister anticipate that a policy to ban unhealthy food and drink advertisements from State assets to be implemented; and
- (f) since the Minister's appointment as the Minister for Health, has the Minister:

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- (i) been contacted by the Outdoor Media Association;
- (ii) met with the Outdoor Media Association; and
- (iii) scheduled any future meetings with the Outdoor Media Association?

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

I refer to the Department of Health's Community Child Health Program, and I ask, in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, how many eligible children in the Perth metropolitan area received a child health check, by number and in percentage terms, across the following categories:

- (a) 0 - 14 days;
- (b) 8 weeks;
- (c) 4 months;
- (d) 12 months; and
- (e) 2 years?

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

I refer to the Department of Health's Community Child Health Program, and I ask, in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, how many eligible children in regional Western Australia via the WA Country Health Service received a child health check, by number and in percentage terms, across the following categories:

- (a) 0-14 days;
- (b) 8 weeks;
- (c) 4 months;
- (d) 12 months; and
- (e) 2 years?

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

I refer to the Department of Health's Community Child Health Program, and I ask, in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, what was the overall 'Did Not Attend' rate of parents who did not keep appointments for a scheduled child health check?

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

- (1) I refer to the Child and Adolescent Health Service's School Entry Health Assessment, which is offered to all children in the year they start school, and I ask, how many School Entry Health Assessments were conducted in 2021?
- (2) Of those assessments referred to in (1), how many resulted in a referral to the following services provided by the metropolitan Child Development Service:
 - (a) physiotherapy;
 - (b) occupational therapy;
 - (c) speech pathology;

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- (d) audiology;
 - (e) paediatrician; and
 - (f) clinical psychology?
- (3) Of those assessments referred to in (1), how many resulted in a referral to the following services provided by the WA Country Health Service:
- (a) physiotherapy;
 - (b) occupational therapy;
 - (c) speech pathology;
 - (d) audiology;
 - (e) paediatrician; and
 - (f) clinical psychology?

670. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Department of Education's teacher flying squad that is utilised by Government schools to fill urgent teaching vacancies, and I ask, will the Minister provide a breakdown, by headcount and FTE, the total number of teaching staff included within this flying squad in the following years:

- (a) 2019;
- (b) 2020;
- (c) 2021; and
- (d) 2022 (to date)?

671. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

(1) I refer to the answer given to question without notice 178, asked on 17 March 2022, in relation to air purifiers fitted with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters that have been provided by the Department of Education to schools, and I ask, since the commencement of Term 1, have any requests by schools for additional air purifiers been rejected:

- (a) if yes to (1), how many?

(2) With respect to the 223 additional air purifiers provided by the Department on request, will the Minister table a list of the recipient schools?

672. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

(1) I refer to Western Australian Government primary and secondary schools and the Department of Education, and I ask, how many incidents of assault or physical threatening behaviour against public school staff, including teachers, were reported to the Department in the following years:

- (a) 2017;
- (b) 2018;
- (c) 2019;

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- (d) 2020; and
- (e) 2021?
- (2) Of those figures referred to in (1)(a-e), please advise:
 - (a) how many incidents were reported to occur against a school principal and/or deputy principal;
 - (b) how many incidents involved a weapon or physical object;
 - (c) how many incidents required medical assistance; and
 - (d) how many incidents were reported to the police?

673. Hon Donna Faragher to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) I refer to the Department of Communities Education and Care Regulatory Unit, and I ask, how many requests has the Department received from childcare providers for registration in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020; and
 - (d) 2021?
- (2) Of the requests referred to in (1)(a)-(d), how many were approved?
- (3) How many childcare providers had their registration suspended by the Department in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020; and
 - (d) 2021?

674. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

- (1) I refer to the Department of Education and violence in school policies, and I ask, in 2021, how many recommendations were received by the Department from Government school principals for a student to be excluded?
- (2) In 2021, how many exclusions were approved by the Department?
- (3) Of the exclusions referred to in (2), please advise:
 - (a) the total number of students who were permanently excluded from a particular school; and
 - (b) the total number of students who were permanently excluded from all schools?
- (4) In 2021, what was the average period of time students were excluded for?

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675. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

- (1) How many qualified teacher librarians are currently employed in public primary and secondary schools in Western Australia?
- (2) For those teacher librarians referred to in (1), will the Minister provide a breakdown by qualification?

676. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE), and I ask, will the Minister provide a breakdown, by headcount and FTE, of each category of staff employed at SIDE in the following years:

- (a) 2019;
- (b) 2020;
- (c) 2021; and
- (d) 2022 (to date)?

677. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE), and I ask, can the Minister advise the total number of students enrolled at SIDE during the following years:

- (a) 2017;
- (b) 2018;
- (c) 2019;
- (d) 2020; and
- (e) 2021?

678. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE), and I ask, what was the total amount of funding allocated by the Department of Education to SIDE in the following years:

- (a) 2017;
- (b) 2018;
- (c) 2019;
- (d) 2020; and
- (e) 2021?

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

I refer the Minister to question without notice 250, asked 24 March 2022, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total number of documents allegedly leaked by the Aboriginal woman whose home was raided by police on Friday, 18 February 2022; and

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- (b) what is the total number of documents allegedly leaked by the eight public officers employed by the Department of Communities that were reported to the Western Australia Police Force?

680. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer the Minister to the answer to question without notice 165, asked 16 March 2022, and I ask:

- (a) how many documents were alleged to have been accessed by the 13 public officers in the internal investigation; and
- (b) apart from allegedly accessing documents, what other forms of 'serious misconduct' were allegedly committed by the 13 public officers in the internal investigation?

681. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) Quarterly Performance Report of December 2021. In Western Australia, the subsidies for 447 allocations (dwellings) ceased by the end of last year and a further 4847 affordable dwellings are set to lose their subsidies over the next five years (2022-2026). I therefore ask:

- (a) has the Government done any modelling on how many of these properties will be lost to the market and the impact on Western Australia;
- (b) has the Government made any plans to address the loss of these properties:
 - (i) if yes to (b), will the Minister share what these plans are; and
 - (ii) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) has the Government advocated to the Federal Government to extend or replace the scheme;
- (d) will the Government look to replace the NRAS with a State scheme;
- (e) what will the Government do to manage the impact on tenants as the subsidies end; and
- (f) how does the Government plan to increase the supply of affordable rental housing in the State now and on an ongoing basis?

682. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *State Administrative Tribunal Amendment Regulations 2022*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about these amendments to the regulations;
- (b) who was consulted prior to these amendment regulations being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to (c), what were these concerns;
- (e) have the finalised amendment regulations addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

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683. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Amendment Rules 2022*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about these amendments to the rules;
- (b) who was consulted prior to these amendment rules being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to (c), what were these concerns;
- (e) have the finalised amendment rules addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

684. Hon Nick Goiran to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Criminal Procedure Act 2004*; *Freedom of Information Act 1992*; *Legal Profession Act 2008 (Attorney General Regulations Amendment (Work Health and Safety) Regulations 2022*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about these amendments to the regulations;
- (b) who was consulted prior to these amendment regulations being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to (c), what were these concerns;
- (e) have the finalised amendment regulations addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

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